

March 29, 2016  
COA Board Meeting

**Agenda:**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Report of President
3. Report of Vice-President
4. Report of Secretary
5. Report of Treasurer
6. Report of Immediate Past President
7. Report of CQ Editor
8. Report of Bench Chair
9. Report of Membership Chair
10. Report of Registrar
11. Report of Publicity & Advertising Chair
12. Report of Rescue Chair
13. Report of Historian
14. Report of Health & CrossBreeding Chair
15. Report of Working Dog Program Chair
16. Report of Committees
17. Unfinished Business
18. New Business
19. Schedule Next Meeting
20. Approval of Minutes
21. Adjournment

**1. Roll Call**

Present:

Kathleen Riley-Daniels  
Karen Hinchy  
Karen Schiller  
Vicky Delfino  
Kim Kramer  
Jon Jolly  
Kristy Jolly  
Corine Lindhorst  
Dan Silvertree  
David Hassilev

Absent

Mary Malkiel

**2. Report of the President**

The President had nothing new to report.

**3. Report of the Vice-President**

The Vice-President had nothing new to report.

**4. Report of the Secretary**

• Minutes

The February 16, 2016 Board meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent and have been uploaded to the COA website.

- Constitution & Bylaws Vote  
Debby Willis, the ballot counter for the last election, has agreed to accept and count ballots. The ballots will be mailed to the membership in early April. The Board discussed the logistics of the mailing.

#### **5. Report of the Treasurer**

- 2016 Budget  
The Treasurer presented a monthly budget report for 2016 and asked for input on any necessary adjustments.
- Current Club Activity
  - Memberships  
There was significant activity in January and February.
  - Bank Accounts  
As time allows, the Treasurer will look into changing banks, issuing credit cards and purchasing CDs.
  - Form 1024 for 501(c)(7) status  
The Treasurer will be completing 1024 in the near future.
- Future Items
  - Directors & Officers Insurance  
To be done after nonprofit status is secured
  - §501(c)(3) status for Rescue portion of the organization or full organization  
To be done after nonprofit status is secured.

#### **6. Report of Immediate Past President**

- Constitution & Bylaws Review  
The IPP presented the final version of the revised COA Constitution & Bylaws. The Secretary will send a copy to all current members, along with a ballot for approving the document, in early April.
- Chinook Centennial  
The Committee has decided to start with a January 13-16 (Friday-Monday) 2017 event to celebrate Chinook's birthday. The Board was provided with details about the anticipated site: Camp Cody in Freedom, NH. The Board will discuss Camp Cody's required deposit in the April Board meeting.

A second New Hampshire event is being considered for fall of 2017. It is hoped that there will be a West Coast event to coordinate with the January New Hampshire event, and perhaps on-line celebrations as well. Jon Jolly will create the Centennial logo; Kim Kramer is creating a budget.

#### **7. Report of CQ Editor**

- Website  
The CQ Editor/Webmaster is refining the member dog functions/pages and breeder kennel functions/pages.
- Centennial Logo  
Currently working with Kim Kramer on the Centennial logo, as well as pulling out an element of that logo for a 'Chinook 100' t-shirt.

#### **8. Report of Bench Chair**

- 2016 Specialty  
The Premium is being finalized, and should be going out in early April. Awards and ribbons are being ordered. Protocol will be reviewed for choosing the winner of the Chesterh Sweetie award.

- New Titles  
No new titles to report at this time.

## 9. Report of Membership Chair

- Members
  - New Members (4): Kelly Hall (WA), Caitlin Gibson (MA), Tracy Haskell (ME), Michael Ching & Sherry Hung (WA)
  - Renewals (26): David & Karen Schiller (CO), Michael Venti (NH), John & Carylnn Booth (MI), Karen Bourque & Robert Horton (VT), Noreen Irving (CA), Pam McMillan & Len Carver (WA), Jennifer Esposito (NY), Debra Meese & Thomas Goldthwait (CO), Susan Fletcher (WA), Cindy Mattson (MA), Bobbie Kenney (OR), Jean Bouteiller (CT), Patricia Martel (NH), Amanda Bays (IL), Rick Skoglund & Rick Skoglund Jr. (ME), Walter Madden & Bert Myrin (CO), Margi Nowak (WA), Rhea Moore (VA), Dan Silvertree & Lindsay McCann (OR), Carol Carlson (NH), Nancy Fishinger & Sandy Smith (FL), Ashton & Stephanie Reynolds (AL), Monica Aden (CO), Brandy & Peter Allen (NC), Nicole Colbath (NH), Cindy Lee & Scott Morgan (OR)
  - Puppy Members (1): Bashaba Chinooks: Pamela Mulveyhill (MA)
- Membership Drive  
Renewal email went out to the remaining expiring members on 3/12/16. Last minute renewals are coming in. A final reminder will be sent before the end of the month.
- 2016 COA Calendar  
As of 03/22/16 there were 108 orders totaling 148 calendars sold, with a profit of \$1,130.50.
- COA Chinook Store  
In process

## 10. Report of Registrar

### 11. Report of Publicity & Advertising Chair

Position vacant.

### 12. Report of Rescue Chair

Rescue had nothing to report.

## 13. Report of Historian

### 14. Report of Health & CrossBreeding Chair

- Genetic Testing
  - The genetic test for dwarfism has been officially validated, and is noted as a Known Condition in the Chinook breed. Thanks to everyone that participated in the testing. Dr. Jonas Donner, one of the head geneticists at Genoscoper, is preparing to publish this finding.
  - A Chinook has tested as a carrier for a mutation that causes glaucoma in Norwegian Elkhounds. Genoscoper is re-testing the dog to see if this was a false positive. If it checks out, they will expand testing to the dog's relatives. Genoscoper will continue research here.
  - There are now 100 Chinooks tested by Genoscoper, which means we will start to get breed prevalence reports on mutations and conditions.
- Litter Badging Program  
The Committee Chair presented the program to the Board and made a motion for its approval, as well as a motion to approve the cost of a webinar. **\*See New Business**

- Chinook Breed Conservation Program  
The Committee is actively drafting the next generation CrossBreeding Program, a/k/a the CBCP. It is important to align with the UKC on what degrees of freedom the COA has, and what capability we can leverage from the UKC's existing programs. The Board was asked to support the Registrar and the Health & Cross Chair in reaching out to the UKC to identify the correct representative with which to work on this important endeavor.
- Belgian Shepherd Genetic Seizure Test Study  
The Committee has identified the five participants for this activity, and they have been notified. It is anticipated that test kits will be ordered in the next month.

#### **15. Report of Working Dog Program Chair**

Position vacant

#### **16. Report of Committees**

- Constitution & Bylaws Committee **\*See Reports of IPP and Secretary**
- 2016/2017 Events Committee **\*See Report of IPP**
- 501(c)(3) Committee **\*See Report of Treasurer**
- 2016 Specialty Committee **\*See Report of Bench Chair**
- Nominating Committee – Karen Hinchy  
The Nominating Committee awaits a vote on the new Constitution and Bylaws.

#### **17. Unfinished Business**

- UKC Chinook Breed Standard
- Vacant Board Positions
  - Publicity & Advertising Chair
  - Working Dog Program Chair
- Registry of Merit
- Chesterh Sweetie Award Plaque  
The Bench Chair is working to complete this memorial.
- Chinook Store – Kristy Jolly/Kim Kramer  
In process
- COA On-line Auction  
The Board is considering holding an on-line auction to coincide with Centennial celebrations in 2017.

#### **18. New Business**

##### **Motion 2016-10 – Litter Badging Program (Passed 10 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent)**

Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Karen Schiller:

*I move the Board approve the final draft of the Litter Badging Program for implementation starting with litters planned in the second half of 2016, with the first annual checkpoint to be in July of 2017.*

##### **Motion 2016-11 – Litter Badging Program Webinar (Passed 10 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent)**

Motion by Karen Hinchy, Second by Karen Schiller:

*I move the Board approve up to \$25 to cover a webinar service for the month of April for the Health & Crossbreeding Committee to run a webinar on the Litter Badging Program.*

#### **19. Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the 2014-2016 COA Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. EDT.

**20. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion 2016-12 (Passed by Unanimous Consent)**

Motion by Karen Schiller, Second by Kim Kramer:

*I move that the March 29, 2016 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.*

**21. Adjournment**

**Motion 2016-13 (Passed by Unanimous Consent)**

Motion by Karen Schiller, Second by Jon Jolly:

*I move that the March 29, 2016 Board meeting be adjourned by unanimous consent following email approval of the minutes. If there are no objections by the conclusion of the vote on the minutes the meeting will be adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Schiller, Secretary  
Chinook Owners Association