



February 25th 2021

COA Executive Board Meeting and Board Meeting

New Zoom meeting link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89498330667>

COA Mission Statement (adapted from Constitution and Bylaws):

To promote the public's knowledge and appreciation of dogs in general and Chinooks in particular; To produce, publish, and distribute to the general public educational materials about the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development and training of Chinooks; To support and promote study and research on the history, character, breeding, genetics and particular health problems of Chinooks; To establish a national data base of resource materials about the Chinook; To further understanding of the disease, defects, injuries and other ailments that afflict dogs in general and Chinooks in particular; To acknowledge and advance the critical role of an UKC National breed club in providing education, health research and support of rescue for the benefit of the general public, purebred dogs, and Chinooks in particular; To conduct activities including sporting events, licensed events, specialty shows, working certificate tests, obedience, agility and tracking trials, and other such activities and events as may be held under the rules of the United Kennel Club, in furtherance of the above purposes; To urge members and breeders to be guided by principals of good sportsmanship, including fair and honest conduct, and to accept the standard of the breed as established by the COA and the United Kennel Club (UKC) as the only standard of excellence by which the Chinook shall be bred and judged. To otherwise preserve and protect the Chinook and to do all things possible to promote its natural qualities, including the encouragement of regional activities and/or interest/study groups

Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Board Meeting
 - a. Present:
 - i. Denise Reed
 - ii. Brendan Aldrich (joined 6:17pm)
 - iii. Taylor Scanlon
 - iv. Vicky Delfino
 - v. Kim Kramer
 - vi. Jon Jolly
 - vii. Kristy Jolly
 - viii. Karen Hinchy
 - ix. Bob Cottrell
 - x. Corine Lindhorst
 - b. Absent:
 - i. John Habermehl
 - ii. Laurel Wilkinson
2. Report of President
 - a. Nothing new to report.
3. Report of Vice-President
4. Report of Secretary
 - a. Nothing new to report
5. Report of Treasurer
 - a. Financials sent out earlier today. This tends to be a quieter time financially. Income is coming in from membership. Insurance paid in January (roughly \$500USD). Another cheque of approx. \$450USD from the calendar sales also came in.
6. Report of Bench Chair
 - a. The deposit has been paid to American K9 Country for the 2021 Specialty. Next steps will be the formation of a host committee, and choosing a judge.
 - b. Show chair needs to be appointed/decided upon per bylaws

- c. The judge for last year's show had been chosen, and would perhaps be someone to choose first for the 2021 specialty (judge Rick Gane).
 - d. Denise: Patti messaged earlier in the week and offered to be show secretary for the specialty. Denise will reply back to Patti to arrange.
7. Report of Communications Chair
- a. CQ will be published for the beginning of March.
 - b. Karen reached out about adding the new founders to the website and it is on Jon's list
8. Report of Membership Chair
- a. Membership Report – February 2021
 - i. **Current Membership Total:** 231
 - ii. **New Members (2):** Alexandra Freeman (CA), Jenny Chow (NJ).
 - iii. Renewed Members (15): Lee Ann Simonson (TX), Laurel Wilkinson (MA), James Donnelly (BC, CA), Ashley Lutz (VA), Margaret Hughes (NH), Mary Ellen Newport (MI), Frank Grunthamer (NV), Patricia Cancellier (MD), Ruth Lind (ME), Jim Kucik (GA), Andrew Hafitz (NY), Pam Turner (TN), Kelly Hall (WA), Mary Malkiel (CO), Kim Kramer (NJ).
 - iv. **Puppy Memberships (0):**
 - b. **Membership Goals/Updates for 2020-2021:**
 - i. Look into small membership trinkets/rewards for new members and/or long standing members or periodically send surprises (postcards, stickers, magnets, etc.) – 2021 project
 - ii. I will send out an email to lapsed members from the last 6 months to see if we can get any stragglers to renew
 - c. **2021 Calendar Contest**
 - i. Check for January 2021 calendar sales has been mailed to Vicky for \$60.50.
 - ii. One more straggler sale came in February so it seems we'll probably be final at 162 calendars sold for a profit of \$986.00.
 - d. **Chinook Merchandise Store**
 - i. No new updates

Membership Numbers by Month running total

Date	# of Members	Change
Sep-18	219	
Oct-18	231	12
Dec-18	234	3
Jan-19	243	9
Mar-19	246	3
May-19*	183	(63)
Jun-19	185	2
Jul-19	201	16
Sep-19	202	1
Oct-19	207	5
Feb-20	220	13
May-20	214	(6)
Jun-20	217	3
Jul-20	205	(12)
Aug-20	208	3
Sep-20	218	10
Oct-20	228	10
Dec-20	229	1
Jan-21	231	2
Feb-21	231	-

*It was discovered the system wasn't demoting membership status when the expire date hit. Once it was corrected, emails went to the members to renew. Some did but some didn't, thus showing the sudden decrease. There were 60 new members added in April/May, so figured it reduced by 123, with 60 renewals.

9. Report of Health & Genetics Chair
 - a. Nothing new to report.
10. Report of Historian
 - a. Bob has a Chinook history talk coming up on March 10th. The New Hampshire Humanities program is funding these talks, and they will be available on Zoom as well.
 - b. There is a fundraiser to put up a statue for Togo (Seppala husky who led the serum run with Seppala) if anyone is interested.
11. Report of Regional Activities Chair
12. Report of Rescue Chair

13. Report of Registrar
 - a. Nothing new to report.
14. Report of Working Dog Program Chair
 - a. Formed a WD committee:
 - i. Laurel Wilkinson
 - ii. Jude Griffin
 - iii. Corine Lindhorst
 - iv. Madeline Ulinski
 - v. Susan Fletcher
 - vi. Margaret Hughes
15. Report of Committees
 - a. 501©(3): The committee (Kim - Chair, Denise, and Vicky) have completed their draft of revisions to the Constitution and ByLaws. Per the current bylaws, we interpret our activities thusly:
 - i. **Section 15.1** - The written recommendation for amendment shall be submitted to the Board of Directors. *The written recommendation consists of the changes suggested by the attorney.*
 - ii. **Section 15.2** - The President shall appoint a Review Committee to consider all aspects of the proposed amendment. After a complete duty of the amendment, the Chairperson of the Review Committee shall file a written report to the Board of Directors. *The Review Committee was originally chaired by John H, and then was chaired by Kim. Denise and Vicky are committee members. The official report to the board will be attached to the draft. To summarize, we have adopted the recommendations from the attorney, and added further changes to the draft.*
 - iii. **Section 15.3** - The issue must carry a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors before it is presented to the membership. The issue is then presented to the membership for voting as stated in Article 9.05. *The board should schedule a vote for March or April.*
 - iv. **Section 15.4** - If all the foregoing criteria have been satisfied, the new amendment shall be adopted, so recorded by the Secretary and published in the official club publication. *This will be scheduled later this spring.*
 - v. A copy of the bylaws and draft will be sent to the committee as soon as possible. Kim requests that the board review the information.
 - b. Breed standard committee
 - i. The committee met via Zoom and are working through the breed standard point by point. The first meeting went very well!
16. Unfinished Business
 - a. Vicky: DNO insurance/rescue insurance. The board would have to get 'shelter insurance' if we took ownership of dogs released into rescue. The cost isn't prohibitive—approximately \$1000USD/year with an animal floater policy that would cover bites to humans and other dogs for approximately \$250USD/year. Cost is not the biggest concern; the designation of being a shelter would require being registered in all the states that we might be dealing with dogs.
 - i. The hybrid method of the breeder taking possession or a foster home taking possession, with the COA helping, would allow the COA to avoid the issue of being "owner" of any surrendered dog.
 - ii. Denise comment: the attorney saw little risk in taking possession of dogs. The attorney's opinion is that there is little risk that the COA would be considered a rescue or shelter if we take possession of a dog. However, if the COA gets insurance to operate as a rescue that creates a more complicated situation.

Vicky spoke to someone at the department of agriculture, and their position was that if the COA took possession of a dog then the COA is a shelter by definition.

- iii. Question from Kristy: is general liability insurance a possibility? Liability transfer is a sticky situation and we do not necessarily want to offload the liability or risk onto a foster.
- iv. Comment from Karen: networking with other rare breed communities to see how they handle rescue situations can give us insight
- v. Comment from Kim: reaching out to local/state government or writing an editorial to discuss the difficulties of navigating rescue designation as a breed club/community is a possibility as well

17. New Business

18. The next COA Board meeting is scheduled for March 25th 2021 at 6pm MT.

19. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2021-5

Motion by Denise, Second by Corine:

I move that the February 25th 2021 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

Motion passes by unanimous consent.

20. Adjournment

Motion 2021-6

Motion by Denise, Second by: Corine

I move that the February 25th 2021 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.