



March 31, 2022

COA Executive Board Meeting and Board Meeting Minutes

New Zoom meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/20863https://us02web.zoom.us/j/208635480754807>

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 database 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 principles 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. Meeting called to order:1903 CST
 - b. Present: Denise Reed, Brendan Aldrich, Pam Turner, Taylor Scanlon, Vicky Delfino, Kim Kramer, Jon Jolly, Kristy Jolly, Karen Hinchy, Bob Cottrell, John Habermehl, Brenda Dean
 - c. Absent: Hannah Collison, Corine Lindhorst, Laurel Wilkinson
2. Report of President -Denise Reed
 - a. No Report
3. Report of Vice-President - Brendan Aldrich
 - a. Update on Nominating Committee
 - i. See report
 - ii. Two position Vice President & Treasurer need to be filled

- iii. First committee meeting next Monday/Tuesday
 - iv. **ACTION** - Need to send email next week to members
- b. **ACTION**
 - i. Email to membership requesting nominations
 - ii. Board members to review Bylaws on nomination & voting rules
 - iii. Appointment by end of April
 - iv. New board members May 1, 2022
- 4. Report of Secretary - Taylor Scanlon & Pam Turner
 - a. No report
- 5. Report of Treasurer (Vicky Delfino)
 - a. Balance Sheet vs. Prior Month
 - b. P&L vs. Budget
 - c. Working on completing reports through end of February
 - i. Zero expenses at this time
- 6. Report of Bench Chair - Kim Kramer & Hannah Collison
 - a. See attached report
 - i. Submitted UKC paperwork
 - ii. Show chair, secretary & judge positions
 - b. **ACTION: Submit Motion 2022-03** for Speciality Expenses at March meeting- **Approved**
 - c. **ACTION - Tabled:** Kim & Jon J. Will work posting 2021 Specialty Winners
- 7. Report of Communications Chair - Jon Jolly
 - a. See Attached Report
 - b. **Motion 2202-04 & 2022-05 - Approved**
 - c. **ACTION - Tabled-** Kristy to send a email to members regarding COA website difficulties
- 8. Report of Membership Chair - Kristy Jolly
 - a. See attached report
 - b. **ACTION - Tabled:** Email to members regarding membership options
- 9. Report of Health & Genetics Chair – Karen Hinchy
 - a. Podcast was linked to the COA facebook page
 - b. 2nd Podcast is not out yet
 - c. Utilization of subsidized Embark kits are lower than expected
 - d. **ACTION**
 - i. March update on top 3 genetic conditions to partner with for research
- 10. Report of Historian – Bob Cottrell
 - a. 2/27/2022 Tamworth general sled dog club, pictures exhibit panels that could be placed outside
 - i. Will load on to google drive for members to see examples of what has been created of the Chinooks history
 - ii. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iuczsrqE4mx1aoiYeQWMYUzsvaZ5uw-s>
 - b. 5/17 -
- 11. Report of Regional Activities Chair – John Habermehl
 - a. No Report

12. Report of Rescue Chair – Brenda Dean

a. See attached

b. Discussion:

- i. After discussion with lawyer liability insurance is not needed, but will need to draft hold harmless agreements.
- ii. This is due to we are not a shelter
- iii. Will need to update current language to match rehoming
- iv. Concern regarding liability to volunteers (Karen)
- v. At times the COA places a dog temporarily in foster until long term placement can be found. (Karen)
- vi. Other rare breeds often use affiliated 501(c)(3) affiliated but separate entities to perform the rescue work instead of doing it directly by the breed club (Karen)
- vii. Officers/directors insurance is on hold until 501 3c status resolved
 1. Kim will look for original paperwork regarding this from the lawyer
 2. ME Statute will be added to March Board
- viii. Maine Immunity

1. <https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/14/title14sec158-A.html>

2. §158-A. Immunity for charitable directors, officers and volunteers

2. Immunity. A director, officer or volunteer is immune from civil liability for personal injury, death or property damage, including any monetary loss:

A. When the cause of action sounds in negligence and arises from an act or omission by the director, officer or volunteer which occurs within the course and scope of the activities of the charitable organization in which the director, officer or volunteer serves; or [PL 1987, c. 646, §2 (NEW).]

B. Arising from any act or omission, not personal to the director, officer or volunteer, which occurs within the course and scope of the activities of the charitable organization in which the director, officer or volunteer serves. [PL 1987, c. 646, §2 (NEW).]

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c. **ACTION** - update database of volunteers to assist as needed

d. **ACTION**

- i. March Meeting discuss & review liability insurance VS a Hold Harmless Agreement
- ii. **Motion** to to approve Attorney fees for “Hold Harmless Agreement”
 1. with some of the above entities to obtain Brenda & Karen to discuss this to obtain additional information and bring back to the board for further discussion
 2. **Motion will be tabled**

13. Report of Registrar – Corine Lindhorst
 - a. No Report
14. Report of Working Dog Program Chair – Laurel Wilkinson
 - a. No Report
15. Report of Committees
 - a. 501©(3):
 - i. Bylaws need to be submitted to members
 - ii. Identify approved company to use (Brendan)
 - b. Breed standard committee: Nothing to report
16. Unfinished Business
 - a. **ACTION - Complete**
 - i. Vicki to schedule recurring meetings with ZOOM Link and Link to Google Drive
 - b. **ACTION - Tabled**
 - i. Board members to submit examples to Denise by COB Friday March 5th
 - ii. Letter will be drafted and posted on Google drive for member review and comments
 - iii. Letter to be send certified
 - iv. Include a request for meeting with VP of Club Operations & Club Registration
17. New Business
 - a.
18. The next COA Board meetings are scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday April 28, 2022at 5 pm PST, 6pm MT, 7 pm CST, 8 pm EST
19. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2022-06
Motion by ; Second by: Kim
I move that the March 31, 2022 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.
20. Adjournment

Motion 2022-07
Motion by ; Second by: Kim
I move that the March 31, 2022 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.