



September 29, 2022
COA Board Meeting

COA Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes:

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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.

Board Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Board Meeting
 - a. Meeting called to order: 1906 CST
 - b. Present:
 - i. Brenda Dean, Pam Turner, Brendan Aldrich, Taylor Scanlon, Daniela Metz, Vicky Delfino, Jon Jolly, Kristy Jolly, Corine Lindhorst
 - c. Absent:
 - i. Bob Cottrell, John Habermehl, Karen Hinchy
 - d. Excused: Kim Kramer
2. Report of President - Brendan Aldrich
 - a. Report: Kim Kramer is stepping down from her role effective immediately, Vicky Delfino last month as Treasurer is December 2022. Vicky is willing to step in and help train a new treasurer when one is seated on board.

- b. Discussion regarding a new member open house (see further discussion and action items under new business) Sunday, October 30th, 1 PST, 4 pm EST for members to meet board members.
 - c. **Action Item:**
 - i. UKC notification on board change is required. (Brendan)
 - ii. Brendan to contact all board members regarding meeting attendance. Check to see if better day/time.
 - iii. Board Members to submit goals for 2022-2023 year - Tabled will review as new board members are appointed
 - iv. Brendan to share with the board the list of treasurer duties. - Complete
3. Report of Vice-President - Daniela
- a. Report: Chinook National Speciality for 2023. Need to secure a site. Would like to start discussion early so members can receive the information around the Speciality in a timely manner.
 - 1. Will need to appoint a bench chair
 - 2. Vicky will look at prior Speciality locations. Possibility of Colorado site (Twin Peaks Dog Club 2015)
 - 3. Rotates between West, Mid-West, East
 - 4. Reach out to Karen XX or Mary Malkiel in Colorado to see if they would help with committee.
 - b. **Action Item:**
 - i. Working with Patty Richards on the last Speciality to identify members in the pictures.
 - 1. Just need to post on site.
4. Report of Secretary - Pam Turner
- a. Report: No Report
5. Report of Treasurer - Vacant (Vicky)
- a. See attached reports
 - i. Normal expenses over the last month
 - ii. Working on transitioning treasurer role/dutie
 - b. **Motion 2022-23**
 - i. I, Vicky Delfino, move that the COA accepts the budget for the 7/1/22-6/30/23 fiscal year as proposed by the Treasurer. The Specialty budget will be proposed once the Bench Chair(s) have determined their own budget. Passed unanimously by board members in attendance.
 - c. **Action Item:**
 - i. Chairs to review their budget and communicate with Vicky prior to next meeting. Chairs to review monthly budget posted on shared site folder. - COMPLETE
6. Report of Communications Chair - Jon Jolly
- a. Report: No report for web master. Will be cleaning up the data base.
 - b. **Action Item:**
 - i. Deadline for financial statements into CQ by July 15th. Vicky to send to Jon. Tabled. COMPLETED
7. Report of Membership Chair - Kristy Jolly
- a. Membership Report – August-September 2022
 - b. Current Membership Total: 255

- i. New Members (3): Heather Reid-Johnson (CA), Robbi Portela (ME), Forrest Lyons (OR).
 - ii. Renewed Members (28): Chance Felisky (WA), Jane Durning (NH), Patti Richards (VT), Jan Allen (NC), Kristina Calabrese (NH), Delcan Mullhall (PA), Victoria Escalle (CO), Mary Schatz (WI), Kali Hart (MD) Brett Visger (OH), Tom Reynolds (ME), Sanford Bragg (VT), Danielle Welch (NY), Amanda Bays (IL), Amy Vagedes (AK), Bridget Fullerton (ME), Garrett Wiley (MA), Ed Bigos (MA), Arica Young (VA), Kevin Colagio (NY), Doug Orton (MA), Bruce Leader (MA), Denise Reed (GA), Shirley Jackson (NH), Sammi Wingo (CA), Jo Bracken (NC), Charlsy Waldo (ID), Cheryl O’Herron (NY).
- c. Puppy Memberships (4): Desert Sol Chinooks (4): Alli Caron (NH), Amy Spencer (CA), Bill Weise (CA), Tyler Waterhouse (UT).
 - i. Membership Goals/Updates for 2022:
 - 1. Follow up with expired members to see if they want to renew (membership drive) – Oct 2022
 - 2. Look into small membership trinkets/rewards for new members and/or long-standing members or periodically send surprises (postcards, stickers, magnets, etc.) – TBD
 - d. Put 2022 Calendar Contest pictures on Google Drive - TBD
 - e. Chinook Merchandise Store
 - 1. N/A
 - f. Chinook Calendar Contest
 - i. Emails went out to membership on 09/18/22 for the 2023 COA Calendar Contest which ends by 11:59pm, EST Monday, October 10, 2022. Reminder emails and posts on Facebook will go out periodically. Don’t forget to send in your photos too!
 - g. **Action Item:**
 - i. Email to members regarding membership options TABLED
 - ii. Notice to General Membership of New Board Members Kristy/Brendan. TABLED
- 8. Report of Health & Genetics Chair – Karen Hinchy
 - a. Report:
 - b. Chinook Population and CrossBreeding Plan
 - i. The CBCP is at the 5 year mark from approval, and the Committee agrees this is a good time to evaluate its impacts to better support guidance for breeders and management of the Program for the future. We have worked with Dr. Pieter Oliehoek at Dogsglobal.com (who is a population geneticist and has participated in similar population analyses publications for the Leonberger and Icelandic Sheepdog - linked below) to get a quote for the full plan AND crossbreeding analysis. The analysis would include:
 - ii. For the purebred population alone, purebred + new crosses, and new crosses alone(not entirely sure this is useful or if we have enough dogs?) the review will provide:
 - 1. Equivalent population size
 - 2. Founder contributions

3. Average population COI & trend
4. % of males bred
5. % of females bred
6. Avg. Mean Kinship & Trend
7. Total dogs Trend
8. Popular Sire/Dam analysis
9. Summary of population status
- iii. For the crosses -
 1. Current New Founder impacts
 2. Recommendations for breeding in subsequent generation from current new founders
 3. Recommendations on number/sex/timing of adding new founders
- iv. The quote for the complete analysis is 3800 Euros (~\$3652 at current exchange rates). Of note, the COA conducted a population analysis around 2015 (excluding the cross analysis included here) for ~\$7000. This 2015 analysis provided the data that went into the development of the CBCP to begin with, and included some work validating and fixing pedigrees. We benefit from that work in establishing the Chinook Pedigree Project data /pedigree database which saves us money AND work in revising the population analysis this time around. I've included some sample report data that would be provided by the analysis.
- v. Other analyses:
 1. Leonberger <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33208093/>
 2. Icelandic sheepdog paper <https://gsejournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/1297-9686-41-39>
- c. I appreciate this is a notable expenditure, so would love to get questions, etc so that we can provide additional insight and information prior to holding an official vote at the next meeting. At the appropriate time, the H&G Committee proposes the following motion:
- d. **Motion 2022-**
- e. I, Karen Hinchy, move the COA Board approves an amount NOT to exceed \$4200 (to accommodate conversion rate change from Euro to dollar - rate \$3800 Euros) to contract with Dr. Pieter Oliehoek at dogsglobal.com for Chinook population and CBCP analyses.
9. Report of Historian – Bob Cottrell
 - a. Report: No report
10. Report of Regional Activities Chair – John Habermehl
 - a. Report: No report
11. Report of Rescue Chair – Brenda Dean
 - a. Report: Rescue Volunteers (transport/foster) database has been completed and uploaded to the Rescue Folder on Google Drive
 - b. A list of people who have submitted adoption applications (with contact information) has been uploaded to Google Drive

- c. Have found insurance policies for volunteer programs -
 - i. Hired and non-owned auto insurance
 Volunteer Accidental Medical Insurance
 for the volunteers - covers injury of the volunteer
 Animal injury - covers injury to animals in your care

d. Action Item:

- i. Rescue will continue by contacting a few additional rescues/dog clubs to see how they deal with liability insurance issues. Emails have not been successful so I am trying to make other contacts/find another way to contact them.
 - 1. Continuing to research insurance companies for volunteers, medical, animal injuries, injuries, action taken by volunteer
- ii. Continue to research. Will reach out Chinook AKC rescue committee
 - 1. Shelly L. Hasn't responded. Will continue to research on connecting and will reach out to Patty Richards.

12. Report of Registrar – Corine Lindhorst

- a. Report: No report

13. Report of Active/Working Dog Program Chair – Taylor Scanlon

- a. Report: Working Dog Committee recruiting new members to replace openings

b. **Action Item:**

- i. Taylor to review current site and let Jon know the changes to be made.

14. Report of Bench Chair - (Vacant)

- a. Report:

15. Report of Committees- (Vacant)

- a. Report:

b. **Action Items:**

- i. 501©(3):
- ii. Bylaws need to be submitted to members
- iii. Identify approved company to use (Brendan) will check with Kim
- iv. Send bylaws to attorney for review prior to sending to general members.

16. Breed standard Committee: (Vacant)

- a. Pam to reach out to Kim regarding committee member names and status of the committee.

- b. Revisions have been made.

17. New Business

- a. COA Board Open House for New Members

- i. Proposed date 10/30/22 1 pm PST, 4 pm EST
- ii. Location virtual
- iii. Agenda

- 1. Board Introduction & their Roles (dogs)

- a. Message & Calendar invite 2 weeks prior, 1 week prior, day of (Kristy & Jon) 10/9 to board members to confirm

new members email. New Member email to send by
10/14

2. Focus on new members since the beginning of the pandemic
3. Identify an activity (fun) (show our chinooks, chinook trivia, chinook tricks, Calendar winners announcements), Q&A for members to ask board members
4. Brendan to send Board member email regarding Open House next week regarding each board member introducing themselves and a quick introduction to their board role and their Chinook(s).
5. Brendan to discuss with Bob the possibility of a short presentation or chinook trivia

18. Unfinished Business

a. Motions carried over

- i. **Motion** - Kim Kramer moves to fund thank you gifts for outgoing officers. Unanimous discussion to remove this motion.

19. The next COA Board meetings are scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 5 pm PST, 6pm MT, 7 pm CST, 8 pm EST

20. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2022-24

Motion by: Brendan Second by: Daniela/Corine

I move that the September 29, 2022 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

21. Adjournment

Motion 2022-25

Motion by: Brendan Second by: Corine

I move that the September 29, 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.

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