



October 27, 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: 7:17 pm CST
    - i. Present: Jon J., Brendan, Daniela, Pam, Brenda, Karen, Kristy, Taylor, Corine
    - ii. Absent: Bob, John H.
    - iii. Excused: Vicki,
2. Report of President - Brendan Aldrich
  - a. Report: See below
  - b. **Action Item: Under Old Business** -New member open house.
  - 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. Will contact prior to the Open House this coming Sunday
  - iii. Board form sent out to UKC
  - iv. Board Members to submit goals for 2022-2023 year - Tabled will review as new board members are appointed
- 3. Report of Vice-President - Daniela
  - a. Report: Bench Chair needs to be filled ASAP due to Specialty Event
  - 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. **COMPLETE**
- 4. Report of Secretary - Pam Turner
  - a. Report: For Discussion and potential motion regarding Holiday Schedule
    - i. November last Thursday is on Thanksgiving
    - ii. December Last Thursday is the 29th
  - b. Discussion to combine November and December meeting. Next meeting approved for Thursday, December 1, 2022
  - c. Board Committee Online Folders
    - i. Consider at a minimum to keep current list of committee members with contact info. Board agreed that this is a good idea. Contact Pam if anyone needs assistance with using the Google Shared Site.
  - d. **Action Item** -Setup Calendar invites for Board meetings starting with December meeting.
- 5. Report of Treasurer - Vacant (Vicky)
  - a. Reports will be posted to shared drive. No unusual activity during the month of September.
  - b. **Action Item:**
    - i. Transition of treasurer roles/duties. Brendan will work with Vicki to understand role.
    - ii. Bank accounts need to be transferred. Pam volunteered to help Brendan. Recommendations to use a larger banking institution so that more than one board member can access.
- 6. Report of Communications Chair - Jon Jolly
  - a. Report: Photos on web site, updated site, sent out new board members startup emails. Will send new member call email again on Saturday.
  - b. **Action Item:**
    - i. Jon to add CBCP add to page prior to Sunday Open House
- 7. Report of Membership Chair - Kristy Jolly
  - a. Report
  - b. Calendar contest voting ends Saturday evening. Will send additional emails to encourage participation throughout this week.
  - c. **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. **Action Item: Continue from last meeting**
  - i. Chinook Population and CrossBreeding Plan
  - ii. 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:
  - iii. 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
  - iv. 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
  - v. 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.
  - vi. 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 2022-26**
  - 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.
    - i. Unanimous vote to pass motion
  - f. Embark breed report should be available to Karen within the next couple of weeks. Karen will discuss at December meeting the results.
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:
    - b. **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.
      - iii. Continue to run in to issues because we are not a 501C. Spoke with P. Richards. Committee recommendation to table until we are 501C.

**COMPLETE**
  12. Report of Registrar – Corine Lindhorst
    - a. Report: Nothing new to report
    - b. Will be sending out certificates soon
    - c. Taylor brings up some local repro vets not willing to work with cross breed dogs and asked for something to share with these vets. She will work with Corine to get the certification needed.
  13. Report of Active/Working Dog Program Chair – Taylor Scanlon
    - a. Report: Been in contact with prior members that worked with previous chair. And continues to work on committee members to rejoin.
    - b. Working with Jon on email regarding Zoom account email
    - c. **Action Item:**
      - i. Taylor to review current site and let Jon know the changes to be made.

**COMPLETE**
  14. Report of Bench Chair - (Vacant)
    - a. Report: by Daniela
    - b. **Need a Benchchair**
      - Karen Schiller - no, willing to be part of the committee

- Mary Malkiel - no - willing to be part of the committee
- Anastasia Logan??! - new to Chinooks and likes to show her dog... - Board feedback
  - May not be a good fit for this position at this time
- Other suggestions for chair position.
  - Karen willing to review membership list
  - With Mary & Karen willing to help opens up the position to others
  - Send out email to members to see if any are interested in open positions
  - Daniela willing to work with committee members as needed for Speciality Event until new chair is appointed

**c. Site for Specialty**

- i. Discussion around having Chinook Get Together with a Dog Show
- ii. Bench Committee to review Estes Park and get back to costs and available slots
- iii. Colorado
  1. No longer any Summer UKC shows
  2. UKC show at High Plains Kennels Club in November....
  3. Stand-alone Specialty
  4. Have an experienced committee willing to put in the work! Members are:
    - a. Diana Fowler
    - b. Karen Schiller
    - c. Mary Malkiel
  5. Beautiful locations:
    - a. YMCA of the Rockies (Estes Park Dog Shows)- just breathtaking:  
<https://www.estesparkeventscomplex.com/dog-shows.html>
    - b. Budweiser Event Center (Larimer County Fairground & Events Center); One hour from Denver...

- West Coast
  - i. Need to find Benchchair ASAP to get this going
  - ii. Wide range of options: State
- d. Board discussion to look into cost of Estes Park location around costs and available dates for Specialty. Will be discussed at next meeting.

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 - Email has been status
  - b. *Revisions to breed standard need to be*
17. New Business
- a. Discussion to do memorials for Jan and Bob in next CQ edition
  - b. **Action Items:**
    - i. Taylor to write up something for Jan and will send to Jon
    - ii. Jon is working with someone to post an old article Bob wrote
18. Unfinished 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
  - b. Board decided to continue to have New Member Open House no matter the size of RSVP.
    - i. Meeting will be held as a town hall with Board Members introducing self, what their role on the board is, and committee(s) information
- c. Motions carried over**
19. The next COA Board meetings are scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 5 pm PST, 6pm MT, 7 pm CST, 8 pm EST
20. Approval of Minutes
- Motion 2022-26**  
 Motion by: Brendan      Second by: Karen, Corine  
*I move that the October 27, 2022 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.*
21. Adjournment
- Motion 2022-27**  
 Motion by: Brendan      Second by: Corinne

*I move that the October 27, 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.*

**\*\*Full Zoom callin information below\*\***

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