



January 25, 2024

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: 7:15 cst Daniela
 - b. Present: Brendan, Daniela
 - c. Absent: Bob
 - d. Excused: Brenda,
2. Meeting Moves to Google Meet
 - a. Google Meet joining info
 - i. Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/nnh-fvkk-ofb>
 - ii. Or dial: (US) +1 402-588-0242 PIN: 673 534 700#
3. Report of President - Brendan Aldrich
 - a. Report: No new report
 - i.
 - b. Action Item:
 - i. UKC notification on board change is required. Will check on the status of the submitted report. **In progress**
 - ii. Invite UKC new leader to board meeting to explain any changes that have or will occur. (Brendan) **IN PROGRESS**
 1. Once we complete the UKC board change, Brendan will initiate this.
4. Report of Vice-President - Daniela
 - a. Report:

- i. Reached out to current board members about retaining current board positions. Will set up the board recruitment committee for the next meeting.
 - ii. Jon J. has a potential recruit for a board position. Recommend to have him speak with a couple of current board members.
 - iii. Kristy/Brendan has potential treasurer recruit
- b. **Action Item:**

5. **Report of Secretary - Pam Turner**

- a. Report:
 - i. Google Meet calendar invite & reminders
 - 1. Reminders are sent to both email addresses
 - a. 1 week prior
 - b. 3 days prior
 - c. 6 hrs prior
 - d. 30 min prior
 - ii. Google Meet tutorial videos
 - 1. https://youtu.be/u-Hob5pjJSA?si=8_iF7rDK_E_Dci98
 - 2. <https://youtu.be/heTU3oFeOtc?si=TWEM9rUEHQCF2oJ>

6. **Report of Treasurer - Vacant - Brendan Aldrich**

- a. Report:
 - i. Working with a company to help support the treasurer position. Obtaining a quote from them.
 - ii. Finalized movement of all funds to new bank account
- b. **Action Item:**
 - i. Look at using a accounting to up date our books out of the 2019 format**
 - 1. Brendan will obtain a quote and bring to next meeting
 - ii. Past treasurers monthly reports by the next meeting.**
 - iii. Jon will reach out to Monica to see if we can get a batch of photos & the cost.**
 - 1. Jon emailed Monica 11/30/23. Got confirmation that she will give us all the photos 12/2/2023. Jon needs to get link to download photos.

7. **Report of Communications Chair - Jon Jolly**

- a. Report:
 - i. CQ was published this week.
- b. **Action Item:**
 - i. Jon will verify that all COA files cross over to everyone's drive**
 - ii. Pam will set up Google Meet for 2024 - COMPLETE**
 - iii. Jon to create an Instagram account with Kristy**
 - iv. Way to store passwords**
 - v. CQ sent through Mail Chimp/Custom Validate Domain Name**

- vi. Future CQ articles.
 - 1. Brendan committed to write a article
 - 2. Future article on Bench Chair Experience - Daniela - COMPLETE
 - 3. How does Rescue work - Brenda - SPRING 2024 CQ
 - 4. Bob - Any history articles/throwback photos/etc./upcoming events
 - 5. Daniela mentioned Diana Fowler has an article about showing Blue

8. Report of Membership Chair - Kristy Jolly

a. Report:

i. **Current Membership Total: 288**

ii. **New Members (1):** Robin Prausa (VA).

- 1. **Renewed Members (16):** Melissa Dury (NH), Stephen Tobey (NY), Taylor Scanlon (AB, Canada), Kim Fagan (TX), Elizabeth Hook (WA), Madeleine Ulinski (NY), Cindy Kirkpatrick (NJ), Lynn Philipp (Switzerland), Dan Silvertree (OR), Donna Davies (CA), Tom and Marilynn Nenner (BC, Canada), Adrienne Quiros (CA), Jon Shannon (WA), Kristy Jolly (AZ), Wayne White (ME), Megan Trost (IA).

iii. **Puppy Memberships (8): Desert Sol Chinooks (8):** Alex Zimmer (OH), Destrie Mau (CA), Kira Meyers (OR), Kim Sterzik (IN), Lauren Legener (GA), Robin Anderson (GA), Eddie Greenwood (UT), Kevin Hyman (TN).

- 1. Suggestions by Brendan to send new puppy owners a COA calendar

iv. **2024 Calendar Contest**

- 1. The 2024 COA Chinook Calendar went on sale on 11/24/23. As of 01/25/24 we sold a total of 119 calendars in 86 orders netting \$678.00 in profits.
- 2. Nov23 Check: \$375.07
- 3. Dec23 Check: \$302.50

v. **Membership Numbers by Month**

Date	# of Members	Change
Feb-22	240	(2)
Mar-22	241	1
May-22	244	3
Sep-22	255	11
Nov-22	264	9
Apr-23	263	(1)
Jul-23	265	2
Aug-23	262	(3)
Sep-23	272	10
Oct-23	275	3
Nov-23	278	3
Jan-24	288	10

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b. Action Item:

- i. Email to members regarding membership options - **TABLED**
- ii. Notice to General Membership of New Board Members
Kristy/Brendan. **TABLED**

9. Report of Health & Genetics Chair – Karen Hinchy

a. Report:

- i. Quarterly meeting invites have been sent out. Agenda:
 - 1. AI Breeding Program
 - 2. CBCP overview
- ii. Background on the CBCP program:
- iii. *Annually, the CBCP will publish information on the purebred and conservation program populations. This will include an analysis of how many (if any) New Founders should be added to the Chinook population via the CBCP in the next 18 months. The New Founder Target will be included in the annual population information, and may be anywhere from zero to 25% of a year’s anticipated matings. The target should be based on population information and balance the infusion of New Founders with existing offspring and purebred Chinooks.*
- iv. *In addition, annually the Committee will publish CBCP guidelines for Breeders on leveraging maximum diversity in the Crossbred population. This includes recommendations for how many dogs from an F1 litter Breeders should try to move forward, whether line breeding on a New Founder or breeding Crossbred dogs across New Founders would be beneficial, etc. All breeding decisions remain with the Breeders.*

V. Here are the initial 2023 population updates. In 2023 the first purebred eligible CBCP litter was born – the committee discussed how to categorize those puppies and for now, they are represented under both “purebred” and “CBCP” in the summary.

Vi. Now to the overall numbers:

		2023		
		Total	Purebred	CBCP
Overview:	Puppies	89	66	30
	Litters	14	10	5
	Avg Litter Size	6.4	6.6	6.0
Sex:	Female	33	26	10
	Male	56	40	20
Color:	Tawny	51	46	5
	Dilute Tawny	14	12	2
	Black and Tan	6	2	4
	Gray and Tan			
	Buff	4	3	1
	Agouti	5		5
	Black	9	2	7
	Unknown	1	1	

vii.

viii. Three litters used a non-tawny stud, all part of the CBCP (two solid black Chinook/Lab mixes, one purebred tanpoint Chinook with a tawny CBCP second generation female). Four litters got a natural tie, eight (eek) used side by side AI, one used AI chilled due to geography, and one I’m not sure about. at least three required c sections (lower than previous years).

ix. Both purebred and CBCP litters had significantly more male and female puppies. This is likely worth more review- existing literature notes litters where cryptorchidism plays a role are likely to be larger and have more males. That may be unrelated this may be a blip, but given crypt is an issue in the breed, it is a link to explore. Of note, in 2020, significantly more females than males were born, and 21 & 22 reverted back to a close to 50/50 rate so this might just be statistical noise.

x. There was 1 neonate fatality in 2023 reported which is a notable drop from the last few years. Anecdotally breedings were majority AI, majority of those side by sides. The c section rate may have dropped, which is also great if that remains a trend, but the preponderance of lack of natural breeding is a potential area for concern and exploration.

xi. A 5 years moving average of litters and puppies shows:

	2019-2023	
	Purebred	CBCP
Puppies	340	90
Litters	52	12
Avg Litter Size	6.5	7.5
CBCP Pup % of populat		20.9%
CPCB Litter % of popul		18.8%

CBCP Since the program's inception (2017-current):

Total Chinook puppies	548
Purebred	459
CBCP	96 (17.5%)

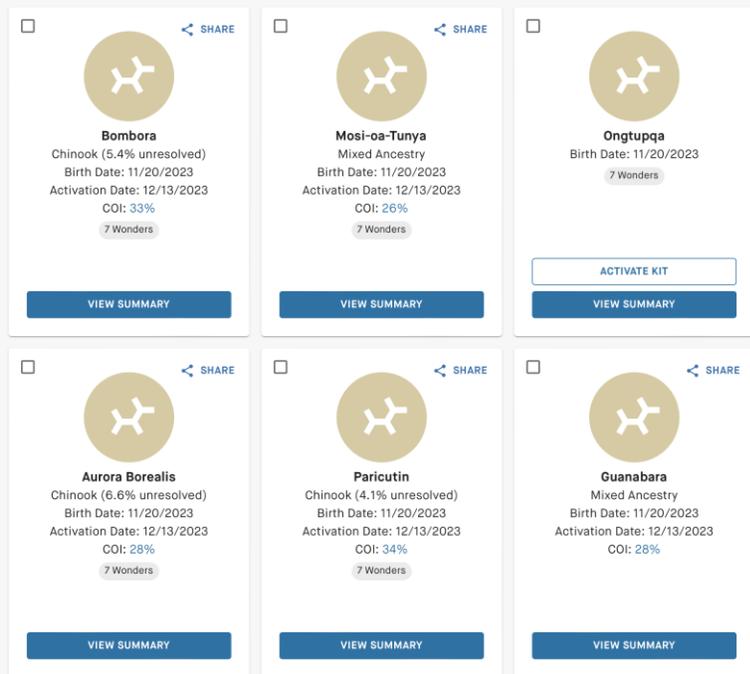
I've separately reached out to Pieter Oliehoeck to ask about the completion of his analysis.

CBCP Litters in 2023:

- 4 second generation litter (2 Lab, 1 Tamaskan, 1 BMD)
- 1 third generation litter (Tamaskan)- purebred eligible, the first of the program

The 3rd generation litter is eligible for registration with the UKC- it is important we start these conversations – has the new officer form been validated by them yet?

Of interest - have genetic results for 5 of 6 pure/CBCP (1 pending reswab) third generation puppies and 3 came back as single-breed, purebred Chinook at around 95% of the DNA, the other 5% unresolved (which basically means small enough bits that they cannot be definitively aligned with other breeds). Two have come back mixed, about 95% Chinook, 5% Siberian.



b. Action Item:

- i. Proposed to have Health webinars - COMPLETE**
 - 1. First one in December**
 - 2. Second one in February**
- ii. Draft a note for Kristy to send out to those folks on the topic - a save the date so to speak but this week early next week**
- iii. Finalize forms and processes to support the AI initiative**

10. Report of Historian – Bob Cottrell

a. Report:

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b. Action Item:

- i. Submitted an article for the upcoming CQ**
- ii. Winter program, 3rd Saturday in February**
 - 1. Still waiting to get confirmation from the Tamworth Outing Club on their dog sled race event to coordinate our event with theirs. They are leaning towards Sun Feb 18
 - a. Looking at Chinook get together Friday, Feb 16
 - 2. a Meet & Greet
 - 3. Bob & John will work together
 - 4. Brenda volunteered to help

iii. Outreach

- 1. Fri, Jan 19, Concord, NH**
- 2. Friday, March 8th 5pm Hill Library, Strafford NH**

Details of all Bob's NH Humanities outreach programs can be found at this link: <https://www.nhhumanities.org/programs/harnessing-history-on-the-trail-of-new-hampshires-state-dog-the-chinook>

11. Report of Regional Activities Chair – John Habermehl

- a. Report:
 - i. February 17, Sat 10 am at Tamworth History Center for Chinook meet up. Has had a good amount of interest so far. Will possibly meet Friday evening also
 - 1. Posted on FaceBook
- b. **Action Item:**
 - i. Discussion regarding tablecloths, materials at events. Time to update what we have? **John will research and bring back to the group**
 - ii. A motion for a donation on behalf of the COA to the Tamworth History Center. **Table for Jan meeting**

12. Report of Rescue Chair – Brenda Dean

- a. Report:
 - i.
- b. **Action Item:**
 - i. Quarterly CQ writeup on rescues

13. Report of Registrar – Corine Lindhorst

- a. Report:
 - i. Still working with UKC on process for CBCP litters
- b. **Action Item:**
 - i. **Single Dog registration states on UKC to go through Chinook Registrar verify process with Taylor Armstrong**
 - ii. **Verify with UKC that they are still honoring the outcross program**
 - iii. **Working on a spreadsheet that has all the cross breed dogs included, will have it for the next meeting.**
 - iv. **Corine will share the spreadsheet with Pam to post in the Registrar's folder. Pam will share with Brendan & Karen.**

14. Report of Active Chinook Program Chair – Rick Prausa

- a. Report:
 - i. The Active Chinook Program Committee did not meet in December and its January meeting is this coming Sunday. The committee continues to work on the following items:
 - 1. Expansion of the Titled Events Group of titles to better recognize the versatility of Chinook dogs

2. Adding new activities to the Active Chinook Program to allow for increased participation by Chinooks and their owners
3. Improvements and updates to the Title/Certificate application process

b. Action Items:

i. Applications for Titles/Certificates (ongoing action item): Review applications, issue certificates to owners and dogs meeting requirements and draft recognition messages for publication in the Chinook Quarterly.

Based on application approvals last November, the Chinook Quarterly has recognized titles/certificates for Frontier Holly GoLightly and Ferncroft Nakota. Their owners have been notified of the awarded titles/certificates.

The committee is in receipt of one Advanced Working Pack Dog title application that will be considered at its January meeting.

ii. Send to Jon J. spreadsheet with identified program name changes.

The spreadsheet has been sent.

15. Report of Bench Chair - (Vacant) Interim Daniela Metz

a. Report:

- i. June 12th Chinook Speciality with dinner that evening
- ii. Judge Propositions for the 2024 Specialty in Kalamazoo.
 1. Diane Price – Chinook handling experience and knows the breed standards. Will be at Premier for judging. Willing to do the Chinook Specialty!
 2. Fred Lanting (AL) - does seminars on structural inheritance in dogs
 3. Katherine Short (MS) - has judged a lot of Chinooks with a very positive approach
 4. Deb Bbean(MI) - also SPOT
 5. Donna Blews-Pappas (MA) - also SPOT
 6. John Booth (TX)
 7. John/Sally Davidson (IL)
 8. Carol Gaines (WA)
 9. Jeanne Heger (IL) - also SPOT
 10. Eleanor Main (GA)
 11. Pamela Perdue (VA)
 12. Valerie Piltz (WA) - also SPOT
 13. Matthew Proctor (TX)

14. Antonio Raposo (RI)
15. Karen Shivers (TX)- also SPOT
16. Kathryn Baxter – has been judging my chinooks – loves the breed
17. Diana Brumbaugh – wonderful lady – owns sled dogs (Huskies); put up a Chinook for Reserve Best In Show!
18. Board members to send recommendations regarding Specialty judge to Daniela by 2/9

b. Action Items:

i. Specialty budget - COMPLETE7

1. Submitted to Brendan

16. Report of Committees- (Vacant) - Brendan Aldrich

a. Report:

- i. 501c3 meeting held 12/11/23
 1. Researching other clubs that may have 501c3

b. Action Items:

- i. Board will resume committee upon further research and deciding on path forward for 501©(3) vs 501c7:
 - 1. Pam to schedule a call with:**
 - a. Brendan, Daniela, Jon J. prior to January meeting regarding status**
- ii. **Kristy** will do an initial review of 501c7 requirements
- iii. **Jon** will contact Jess Maurer (Great Mtn Chinooks) to see if she can recommend an attorney
 1. Contacted Jess with no response. Also contacted a lawyer puppy owner in AZ, but not really great info. Action for Jon Jolly from 1/2024 meeting - Need to contact Kathy Berge from the Bernese Mountain Dog Vitality Project as they have recently become a 501c3
- iv. Bylaws will need to be reviewed by an attorney to meet 501c7
- v. Will need verification of tax exempt on:
 1. Net income or gross income
 2. Donation income
 3. Speciality, calendar, other income
- vi. Research voting software options (**Brendan**)

17. Breed standard Committee: (Vacant)

a. Report:

18. New Business

19. Motions

- a. **Motion 2024-01** Motion for donation to Tamworth History Center of \$250 for appreciation of their continued support of the Chinook breed

and maintaining its history by John H. and seconded by Corine. Motion approved by a vote of 9 ayes and zero nays.

20. Unfinished Business

- a. Nominating Committee needs to be formed by Jan 1 (**Brendan & Daniela**)
 - i. **Pam to send to Daniela spreadsheet with key dates for 2024 board nominations - COMPLETED**
- b. COA Board Note/Christmas Cards
 - i. COA New Year postcard
 1. Use the latest COA logo.
 2. Recommend a postcard so it's not hidden in an envelope which many people may not open if they think it's junk mail. This way they get a smile immediately when they sift through the mail and are more likely to see it and realize it's real (plus anyone handling it, like the postman, will also see it, broadening our viewership!). We can still put a message on the back as well.
 3. We can send out a "Holiday" card or we can wait and do a "New Year" card. Reasons to do a New Year card:
 - a. Kristy is super busy with the calendar contest and selling that, so it is difficult to produce them and mail them out timely for Christmas cards
 - b. The card would not be getting mixed up with all the usual Christmas hubbub and they would have a special gift in Q1 vs around Christmas with receiving the calendar
 - c. The calendar cover contest winner photo could be used (since people don't look at the cover for very long and this way, we could have a way for people to see it longer if they put the card up on their fridge
 - d. This way it was less likely to offend anyone if they didn't celebrate a holiday
 - ii. Blank note cards for rainbow cards, sympathy, congratulations
 1. Need quote for Motion in January
- c. Open board positions
 - i. Draft a message to members regarding open board positions & 2nd email regarding specialty (**Brendan**) **Move to Nominating Committee**
- d. Review of By Laws and Board Members Duties during March meeting. **All board members to review for accuracy of their role. Feedback sent to Pam. Pam to email out to board members.**
- e. Bring forward ideas on how best to use club funds. See spreadsheet on shared drive called Working spreadsheet. Below items have been added to spreadsheet.
 - i. Karen - setup ways to reimburse members for the cost of shipping fresh chilled or frozen semen.

- ii. Jon created spreadsheet and posted in folder to collect suggestions. Completed
- iii. Online seminar series offerings to general members (Daniela, Pam)
- iv. Systems design change to better support family memberships, should this type of membership be desired moving forward - as each kennel is currently tied to an individual member.
 - 1. Membership types: Family. Breeder Family
 - 2. Any approach should involve a scope requirement and an estimate for development approach and cost.
- v. **Add link here Pam -**
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AxMQoYtTpyw4yhkWywyKiz8mWfHnZjI3ITMPCcwj8og/edit?usp=drive_link

21. **COA Board meetings are scheduled** for the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 29, 2024** at 5 pm PST, 6pm MT, 7 pm CST, 8 pm EST.

22. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2024-02

Motion by: Brendan Second by: Corine
I move that the January 25, 2024 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

23. Adjournment

Motion 2024-03

Motion by: Brendan Second by: Karen
I move that the January 25, 2024 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 call-in information below****

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85257032814>

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