



February 29, 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:**

- Call to Order and Roll Call of Board Meeting
  - Meeting called to order:
  - Present: Corine, Daniela, Brenda, Jon, Rick, Brendan, Kristi
  - Absent: Bob, John
  - Excused: Pam, Karen
- **Report of President - Brendan Aldrich**
  - Report:
    - i. No update
  - **Action Item:**
    - i. UKC notification on board change is required. Will check on the status of the submitted report. **Complete**
    - ii. Invite UKC new leader to board meeting to explain any changes that have or will occur. (Brendan) **IN PROGRESS**
      - Once we complete the UKC board change, Brendan will initiate this.
- **Report of Vice-President - Daniela**
  - Report:
    - i. Nominating committee has been formed: Jon Jolly, Pam Turner, Brandan Aldrich, Kathe Martin Dunscomb and Jayne Spaulding; meeting set for this coming Saturday.
    - ii. Marty Wilson is willing to step up to fill the Vice President position

- **Action Item:** Nominating Committee will search for candidates to fill positions of the Bench Chair and Treasurer.
- **Report of Secretary - Pam Turner**
  - Report: No update
  - **Action Item:**
- **Report of Treasurer - Vacant - Brendan Aldrich**
  - Report:
  - **Action Item:**
    - i. **Look at using a accounting to up date our books out of the 2019 format**
      - 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.**
      - 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.
- **Report of Communications Chair - Jon Jolly**
  - Report:
    - i. COA Instagram account is now created and also linked to the COA Facebook account
    - ii. YouTube account is working and connected to our Chinook.org emails.
    - iii. Helped facilitate Health and Genetics Committee Webinar recently (will also post about it in the next week or so)
    - iv. Next CQ should go out by early April (one new article within the next two weeks).
  - **Action Item:**
    - i. **Jon will verify that all COA files cross over to everyone's drive**
    - ii. **Jon to create an Instagram account with Kristy. COMPLETE**
    - iii. **Way to store passwords**
    - iv. Future CQ articles.
      - Brendan committed to write an article - HOMEMADE FOOD
      - Future article on Bench Chair Experience - Daniela - **COMPLETE**
      - How does Rescue work - Brenda - SPRING 2024 CQ
      - Bob - Any history articles/throwback photos/etc./upcoming events (Tamworth Event)
      - Daniela mentioned Diana Fowler has an article about showing Blue. **COMPLETE**

- **Report of Membership Chair - Kristy Jolly**
  - i. **Membership Report – February 2024**
  - ii. **Current Membership Total: 291**
  - iii. **New Members (3):** Karen & John Kaiser (NJ), Rachel Gray (VA), Michael Schmidt (WA).
  - iv. **Renewed Members (21):** Laurel Wilkinson (MA), Ashley Lutz (VA), Margaret Hughes (NH), Mary Ellen Newport (MI), Patricia Cancellier (MD), Tina Merold (GA), Ruth Lind (ME), Roz Rolland (NH), Jim Kucik (GA), Rebecca Knight (CO), Andrew Hafitz (NY), Bryan Flagg (NH), Pam & Mark Turner (TN), Kelly Hall (WA), Lisa Doner (NH), Casey McCarthy (CA), Kim Kramer (NJ), Eric Martin (OR), John Booth (MI), Bobbi Babineau-Lounds (CA), Laura Smith (FL).
  - v. **Puppy Memberships (0):**
  - vi. **2024 Calendar Contest**
    - The 2024 COA Chinook Calendar went on sale on 11/24/23. As of 02/28/24 we sold a total of 124 calendars in 91 orders netting \$706.25 in profits.
      - a. Nov23 Check: \$375.07
      - b. Dec23 Check: \$302.50
      - c. Jan24 Check: \$56.75
  - vii. **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
Feb-24	291	3

- **Action Item:**
    - i. Email to members regarding membership options - **TABLED**
    - ii. Notice to General Membership of New Board Members  
Kristy/Brendan. **TABLED**
- **Report of Health & Genetics Chair – Karen Hinchy**
  - Report: No update
  - **Action Item:**
    - i. **Finalize forms and processes to support the AI initiative**
- **Report of Historian – Bob Cottrell**
  - Report: No update
    - i.
  - **Action Item:**
    - i. **Submitted an article for the upcoming CQ**
    - ii. **Outreach**
      - **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>

- **Report of Regional Activities Chair – John Habermehl**
  - Report: No update

- **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**
  
- **Report of Rescue Chair – Brenda Dean**
  - Report: Rescue fielded a call about Max who was in a county shelter due to the death of his owner. Ginger Corley requested help as she thought that the Rescue Chair might be able to more efficiently secure Max's release. As Max's papers list Ginger as his owner, she had no issues getting him into her possession without the help of COA or the Rescue Chair.
    - i. Ginger handled things with a report of a chinook for help, Max. Ginger's name was on his registration report as an owner.
  - **Action Item:**
    - i. **Quarterly CQ writeup on rescues**
  
- **Report of Registrar – Corine Lindhorst**
  - Report:
    - i. Will contact folks, starting with Karen Hinchy, to identify Cross puppy owners.
    - ii. Tried contacting UKC to ensure our ability to register, without response as of yet.
    - iii.
  - **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.**
  
- **Report of Active Chinook Program Chair – Rick Prausa**
  - Report:
    - i. The Active Chinook Program Committee (Committee) held meetings on January 28 and February 25, 2024. The Committee continues to work on the action items listed below.
  - **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.**

At its January 28, 2024 meeting the Committee considered and approved the following title application:

***Chinook Dog:*** Ferncroft Nakota; UKC – B437,560  
***Applicant(s)/Owner(s):*** Rick & Robin Prausa  
***Title/Certificate Applied For:*** Working Pack Dog Title

***Discussion:*** As owners of Ferncroft Nakota, Committee members Rick & Robin Prausa abstained from the evaluation of this application. The owners have been notified of this determination and pertinent information will be provided to the Communications Chair for recognition in the next CQ issue.

**ii. Expansion of the Titled Events Group of titles to better recognize the versatility of Chinook dogs.**

To incorporate the expanded list of titles, a revised requirements document for this group of titles has been drafted and is currently under review by the committee.

**iii. Adding new activities to the Active Chinook Program to allow for increased participation by Chinooks and their owners.**

The committee has initiated discussions and proposal development of the following:

- Activities for inclusion in the Temperament Group
- Expanding Skijoring to include other “joring” activities
- Providing detailed requirements for Carting Titles

**iv. Improvements and updates to the Title/Certificate application process.**

Discussion of this item is on hold pending the development of a draft proposal by the committee chair.

**● Report of Bench Chair - (Vacant) Interim Daniela Metz**

○ Report:

- i. Jeanne Heger has been secured as our judge for 2024 Chinook Specialty in Kalamazoo

- ii. Denise Reed has stepped up to do the Bench chair duties for the Specialty this year! I will be working closely with her to get everything done in good time.
- **Action Items:** Send contract to Jeanne Heger
- **Report of Committees- (Vacant) - Brendan Aldrich**
  - Report:
    - i. 501c3 meeting held 2/22/24
      - Looking for a lawyer to assist with the filing of 501c3 status
  - **Action Items:**
    - i. Board will resume committee upon further research and deciding on path forward for 501©(3) vs 501c7:
    - ii. Bylaws will need to be reviewed by an attorney to meet 501c7
    - iii. Research voting software options (**Brendan**)
- **Breed standard Committee: (Vacant)**
  - Report:
    - i. Kristy has volunteered to step forward as the head of the Breed Standard Committee.
- **New Business**
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- **Motions**
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- **Unfinished Business**
  - Nominating Committee Update
    - i. Open Board Positions
  - COA Board Note/Christmas Cards
    - i. Blank note cards for rainbow cards, sympathy, congratulations
      - Need quote for Motion
  - Open board positions
  - Review of By Laws and Board Members Duties by all board members.
  - How best to spend club fund are listed on the spreadsheet on shared drive called Working spreadsheet.
- **COA Board meetings are scheduled** for the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 28, 2024** at 5 pm PST, 6pm MT, 7 pm CST, 8 pm EST.
- **Approval of Minutes**  
**Motion 2024-04**  
 Motion by: Brendan                      Second by:    Corine

*I move that the February 29, 2024 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.*

- **Adjournment**

**Motion 2024-05**

Motion by: Brendan                      Second by: Corine

*I move that the February 29, 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.*

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