



May 29, 2025

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 Minutes:

- **Call to Order and Roll Call of Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order: 1906 CST 5/29/2025

Present: Daniela, Brenda, Rick, Kristy, Jon, Pam, Rachael

Absent: Karen, Bob, John H.

Excused: Marty

- **Report of President - Daniela Metz**

Report: See Report as Interim Benchchair

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- **ACTION ITEM:** Put on hold until after the Chinook National Specialty 2025

- To increase awareness of our breed:

- Appeal to the public with articles on Chinooks and their history in Dog Magazines
 - Modern Dog - waiting for response from Editors
 - Dogster - Head Writer: Nicole Cosgrove (NZ)
 - Dog's Today (British)
 - Others? Look for online only dog magazines.
 - Suggestions for developing a marketing campaign:
 - Place an ad in magazines as articles could take some time. This would be in addition to the article.

- **Report of Vice-President - Marty Wilson**

Report: No update

- 501c3 Status :

- Multiple emails sent - through CLIO, direct to Channing (at least 3 in total), and to Todd (was out initial contact) - No Response.
 - Jun 24, 2025 - Sent email directly to Channing @ Chisholm Law
 - Jun 22, 2025 - Sent email to Todd M @ Chisholm Law
 - May 26, 2025- Sent email via CLIO to Channing
- June 26, 2025 - I called and spoke with a legal representative who is leaving correspondence with Channing to follow up with me.

Action Item:

- Is there potential to use SEO to help promote access to the website and to our breeders. Marty will research and report back to the board.

● **Report of Secretary - Pam Turner**

Report: No report

Action Item:

● **Report of Treasurer - Rachael Davis**

Report:

■ Accounts:

Chase - \$41,435.76

PayPal - \$14,252.18

Total - \$55,687.94

■ Restricted Funds:

- Total Restricted - \$5,727.82

Chester H Sweetie Fund - \$303.81

Rescue Fund - \$2113.99

Health Fund - \$3310.02

■ Total General Fund - \$ 49,960.12

■ Equisure Insurance Acquired - \$550.00

- Link to Policy in Drive - [CHINO-3 Policy Docs.pdf](#)

■ Canceled American National Insurance

- awaiting refund check from American National

■ Received and deposited refund check from IRS for 1023-EZ Application

Action Item:

- Chart specific Funds, totals, and where money comes from (Ongoing)

Report of Communications Chair - Jon Jolly

Report:

Discussion: Is there ability to have the CQ available for the public on the website? CQ is shared on Fun Spot, Jon will look at changing location on the website to make it easier to find for members. Need more articles for CQ.

Action Item:

- Received request from Rick Prausa to make updates to Active Chinook Program (**still in queue**)
- Way to store passwords
- Future CQ articles.
 - Bob - Any history articles/throwback photos/etc./upcoming events (Tamworth Event)
 - Possible options for photo collage
 - Mischievous Chinooks
 - ??

● **Report of Membership Chair - Kristy Jolly**

Report: **Membership Report – May 2025**

Current Membership Total: 279 (5 puppy memberships not signed up yet)

New Members (1): Marina Guvakova (PA).

Renewed Members (31): Carol Gifford (OH), Gary Jones (NM), Lauren Legener (GA), Bryan Smith (TN), James Collora (CA), John Habermehl (NY), Tamara Anderson (IN), Owen Bitas (WA), Allison Abbott (WI), Jack Duffy (FL), Corine Lindhorst (MT), Marisa Huffman (OR), Jude Griffin (MA), Lisa Yeager (WA), Donna Russell (MA), JoAnne Oppenheimer (PA), Anne Lynch (CA), Astrid Lampey (CO), Sally Gallagher (OR), Carol Carlson (NH), Christopher Appoldt (NY), Maria Calabrese (NH), Morrie Killian (NH), Darcy Davenport (NH), Tiina Perlman (AZ), Karen Hinchy (NJ), Kay Lee Brown (OR), Hannah Collison (MI), Andrew Coppens (NH), Rick Prausa (VA), Dan Silvertree (OR).

Puppy Memberships (0):

■ **Membership Numbers by Month**

Date	# of Members	Change
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
Apr-24	300	9
May-24	300	-
Jul-24	301	1
Oct-24	316	15
Dec-24	320	4
Jan-25	325	5
Apr-25*	274	(51)
May-25	279	5
*It was discovered the system wasn't demoting membership status when the expire date hit. Once it was corrected, emails went to the members to renew. Some did but		

- **Breed standard Committee: Kristy Jolly**

Report: No update at this time.

Action Item:

- **Report of Health & Genetics Chair – Karen Hinchy**

Report:

Action Item:

- Finalize forms and processes to support the AI initiative
 - In Progress
- In the future Dr. Oliehoek will do a webinar for the membership
 - See above

- **Report of Registrar – Karen Hinchy**

Report:

Action Item:

- *In Progress* - Single Dog registration states on UKC to go through Chinook Registrar verify process with Taylor Armstrong
 - See above

- *In Progress* -Verify with UKC that they are still honoring the outcross program
 - See above

- **Report of Historian – Bob Cottrell**

Report:

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Action Item:

- Submitted an article for the upcoming CQ
- Outreach 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>

Upcoming program on dog sled making

Part of summer traditional arts program

Link <https://www.tamworthhistorycenter.org/events>

and

<https://www.tamworthhistorycenter.org/events/mb1sh77x2v08wngf3x6enqcz8rcumy>

Updated the clio chinook trail single entries into a tour

Adding more

See Link: <https://www.theclio.com/tour/2608>

Bob will do a follow up article for the CQ about the Feb Chinook day in Tamworth. Will have a motion next month for the Tamwork, February event.

- **Report of Regional Activities Chair – John Habermehl**

Report:

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Action Item:

- Discussion regarding tablecloths, materials at events. Time to update what we have? **John will research and bring back to the group**

- **Report of Rescue Chair – Brenda Dean**

Report: Nothing to report at this time

Action Item:

- **Report of Active Chinook Program Chair – Rick Prausa**

Report:

Action Item:

- Applications for Titles/Certificates (ongoing action item) – review applications, issue certificates to owners and dogs meeting requirements and provide related information for publication in the Chinook Quarterly (CQ).

There were no new applications for titles/certificates this month.

Note: We received an inquiry from a Chinook owner in PA about getting her 2 year old Chinook into skijoring. John Habermehl and Bob Cottrell may have additional information to share in the response.

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

Final details are complete for implementation of the Board's decision to add four titles to this group. The titles will be available for Chinook owner applications in the near future.

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

The proposed website changes to implement the Boards decision regarding Temperament titles have been drafted and will be forwarded to Jon Jolly.

Based on last month's Board discussion about fees for title applications, the Committee is proposing a new fee structure for all Active Chinook certificate and title applications. The current application fee is \$5.00 for all applications. Under the new proposal, all applications for COA members would be free and for non-members, the fee would be \$20.00. The \$20.00 proposal is consistent with the low end of application fees charged by other dog clubs. A draft motion to adopt this new fee structure is included here.

- Improvements and updates to the Title/Certificate application process.

This action item is being folded into a recommendation in the Draft Health and Safety Review to develop a *Participant Guide- Rules and Recommendations* document for the program.

- Revision of title and recognition certificates to reflect the program name change.

The new title certificate design is complete. Use of the certificate is awaiting completion of a new program logo – optional drafts of the new logo are being developed/reviewed by the Committee.

■ Program Health and Safety Review.

The Draft ACP Health and Safety Review has been forwarded to the Health and Genetics Committee for their review.

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

Report:

- New insurance policy forwarded to WEC.
- Confirmed Susan Burrell for Specialty - Hotel booked
- Sent flyer for the Specialty to Jon. Also posted on Chinook Fun Spot
- Committee continues working on program:
 - Secured SPOT (CGC) eval person
 - UF Small Animal Veterinary Services agreed to give presentation on first Aide for dogs and possibly a second one on Reproduction

Action Item:

- Contact Susan Burrell for confirmation of attendance at Specialty ASAP - Complete
- Continue working on Specialty Program with the Committee - ongoing
- Send out email to members regarding Christmas National Specialty Complete
- Send out separate email to breeders to connect with their puppy owners (especially those placed in the South) to encourage them to participate (Jon)

● **New Business**

● **Motions**

Motion 2025-14

- i. *Motion by: Rick Prausa, Seconded by: [Daniela Metz](#)
I move that the Active Chinook Program Committee proposal to restructure certificate and title application fees be adopted so that, effective immediately, all application fees for COA members will be free; and for non-COA members each certificate or title application fee will be \$20.00. Passed with unanimous vote.*

● **Motion 2025-**

- *Motion by”: Seconded by:*

- **Unfinished Business**

Active Chinook Program Liability Disclaimer Discussion

- Recommend to have Chisholm Law review and adjust as needed.
 - Proceed with getting a cost estimate from Chisholm Law. Marty will ask if Chisholm would work with us on this.
- Add to the website and any document if needed.

Develop a marketing group Marty, Daniela, Jon, Kristy, Karen, Brenda.

Hold until 2025

Develop a member contest of social media posts.

TikTok/Instagram to promote a short Chinook video. Karen will research.

COA Board Note/New Year Cards

- Blank note cards for rainbow cards, sympathy, congratulations
 - Need quote for Motion Kristy complete

How best to spend club funds are listed on the spreadsheet on a shared drive called Working spreadsheet. **Reminder item**

- **COA Board meetings are scheduled** for the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be **Thursday, June 26, 2025** at 5 pm PST 6 pm MT, 7 pm CST, 8 pm EST.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Motion 2025-15

Motion by: Daniela

Second by: Rachael

I move that the May 29, 2025 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting. Approved unanimously.

- **Adjournment**

Motion 2025-16

Motion by: Daniela

Second by: Rick

I move that the May 29, 2025 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. Approved unanimously.

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