



July 31, 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:

Present: Daniela, Marty, Rachael, Kristy, Jon J. ,Rick

Absent: Karen, Bob, [John Habermehl](#),

Excused: Pam Turner, Brenda

Report of President - Daniela Metz

Report:

- Marina Guvakova's retrospective study on the risk of IVDD in Chinooks will be taken on by Karen Hinchy. Karen will review this proposal with the Health and Genetics Committee and feed back to the COA board in August.
- Report of Interim Bench Chair

■ **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:

- Through multiple attempts - I have connected with Channing Thomas with Chisholm Law - they have sent information to fill out the long form.
 - Information being requested: Financials for 4 consecutive tax years - 2021 thru 2025
 - Information pertaining to grants, contributions, membership fees, investment income, gross receipts, expenses, compensation, interest expense etc...
 - Balance sheet for the most recently completed tax year.
 - Rachael will send info on financials; Marty will work with Rachael

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 update

Action Item:

- **Report of Treasurer - Rachael Davis**

Report:

- Accounts: End of June
 - Chase - \$51,302.76
 - PayPal - \$5,792.45
 - Total - \$57,095.21**
- Restricted Funds:
 - Total Restricted - \$5,736.56
 - Chester H Sweetie Fund - \$303.81
 - Rescue Fund - \$2113.99
 - Health Fund - \$3,318.79
 - Total General Fund - \$ 51,358.65**

- July 2nd payment of \$16.17 to Hostingercom, Wilmington, DE receipt?

Action Item:

- Chart specific Funds, totals, and where money comes from (Ongoing)
- Committees to review their budget for the year [2025 Budget](#)
- Rachael will send out an email mid month to remind board members

Report of Communications Chair - Jon Jolly

Report:

Action Item:

- Received request from Rick Prausa to make updates to Active Chinook Program (**reviewed, plan to implement changes in August**)
- Way to store passwords
- Future CQ articles.
 - **Received article from Daniela about use of shipped semen**
 - **Received article about Chinooks being a good companion dog from Marty + a comic strip**
 - 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 – July 2025**

Current Membership Total: 285 (7 puppy memberships not signed up yet)

New Members (0):

Renewed Members (21): Danielle Tappitake (NY), Kathy Krubeck (WY), Nancy Stevenson (SC), Justin Damadio (DE), Linda Dunaway (WA), Jill Pertain (NH), Leigh Conner (CA), Darin Murphy (ME), April Matava (CO), Cindy Lee Morgan (OR), Paul Delia (CO), Carol Zuckerman (MA), Catherine McCarty-Payne (CA), Elaine Edler (CA), Todd Roberts (KY), Triona Gogarty (CA), Kristy McRae (MT), Sarah Garrison (WA), Daniela Metz (FL), Chane Felisky (WA), Shelley Stewart (WI).

Puppy Memberships (10): **Mystique Pond (2):** Christine Mullon, Kara Sauzek, **Desert Sol Chinooks (8):** Lisa Fish (MN), Stephanie Beausoleil (WA), Tyler Sweeney (VA), Jean Holland (PA), Alison Duerwald (MA), Patrick Treacy (CA), Erin Kondratko (CO), Karla Chaparro (WA).

Membership Numbers by Month

Date	# of Members	Change
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
Jun-25	277	(2)
Jul-25	285	8
<p>*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 some didn't, thus showing the sudden decrease.</p>		

- **Breed standard Committee: Kristy Jolly**
Report: Nothing to report

Action Item:

- **Report of Health & Genetics Chair – Karen Hinchy**
Report: No update

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: No update

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: No update

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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: No update

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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: 1 rescue/adoption application received, no other activity.

Action Item:

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

Report: The Active Chinook Program Committee continues to meet monthly and is making good progress on the following action items.

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.

- 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 new COA Temperament titles, Titled Events titles and the Board's decision to restructure title and certificate application fees have been forwarded to Jon Jolly.

- Development of a new ACP Participant Guide.

The previous action item to streamline the title application process is being folded into a recommendation (from the Draft Health and Safety Review) to develop a *Participant Guide* for the program. The Committee is in initial discussions about content of the guide.

- Development of an ACP Brochure.

The Committee is discussing development of an ACP tri-fold brochure as a handout for the Chinook Specialty and other events.

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

With completion of the basic grey scale version of the Active Chinook logo, the new title certificate basic design is complete and ready for use. The committee is also exploring options for different versions of the logo that would incorporate color.

- Program Health and Safety Review.

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

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

Report: See below

I move that the July 31, 2025 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting. Approved unanimously.

- **Adjournment**

Motion 2025-21

Motion by: Marty Wilson

Second by: Rick Prausa

I move that the July 31, 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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