



November 20, 2025

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: 11/20/2025 @ 1907 CST

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

Absent: John H, Bob

Excused:

Report of President - Daniela Metz

Report:

- **New Vacant Position: Review Activities Chair functions (Bylaws)**
 - (Also known as the Regional Activities Coordinator) shall be responsible for encouraging and facilitating non-bench regional activities for the Club. They shall also: Provide information on upcoming regional events, dates, etc. to the Communications Chair for publication in the *Chinook Quarterly*.
 - A more detailed definition of the functions would be helpful; Add functions?

- Greater involvement to elicit CQ articles?
 - Committee formation with representatives from different States?
 - Discussion & ideas:
 - Develop committee with members from different regions
 - Build out a system on how to have a regional event in different areas. Template for individual events.
 - Dog walking
 - Active Chinook Chair be included
- Bench chair Report: see below

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:

- Sent email to each chair member requesting follow up on intent to serve. Will follow up with each member individually.
- Do we have an update from UKC on Bylaws
- Board Position Search Committee - talk through the process for nominations, solicit interest on participation,
- Working over the holidays to identify positions that need to be filled

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:

- Bylaws submitted to UKC 10/31/25, no response yet
- Annual Board Report
 - Approve final report
 - One additional change from Health & Genetics section
- Reminder no meeting in December

Action Item:

- Election Result Communication
 - Document sent to Kristy/Jon 10/31 - COMPLETE
- Board Nomination Committee 2026
 - Marty & Pam had a call regarding committee formation on 10/26/25

Report of Treasurer - Rachael Davis

Report:

Accounts: End of October

Chase - \$50,496

PayPal - \$ 9,051.23

Total - \$ 59,548.09

Restricted Funds:

● Total Restricted - \$6,082.73

Chester Sweetie Fund - \$303.81

Rescue Fund - \$,2113.99

Health Fund - \$3,664.93

■ Total General Fund - \$53,465.36

- **2026 Budgets from each committee**
 - Please email to Treasurer@chinook.org by end of January

Action Item:

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

Report of Communications Chair - Jon Jolly

Report: I have received an article from Rick about the Active Chinook Program updates and one from Ginger that will be in the next CQ (coming out around Thanksgiving).

Action Item:

- Add Active Chinook Program brochure to website
- Way to store passwords
- Future CQ articles.
 - Karen - First cross to pure dogs (F3 litter)
 - ~~Ginger has committed to an article (Chinooks in STEM)~~
 - Rachael and/or Marty about litter updates
 - Marty - 501C3
 - ~~Rick changes to Active Chinook program~~
 - Daniela - fall recipes
 - TBD article ideas
 - Passing of important modern history contributors like Bob Jones, Donna Boatright, Neil Wolpert...
 - Talk to Diana Fowler, Bob Cottrell, Ginger Corley, and Penthea Burns, Connie Jones?
 - UKC ownership change
 - UKC Breed Standard
 - Judges education program/committee
 - Modern History of Chinook - Susen Fletcher/Ginger Corley
 - Break down by decade?
 - ~~First dog placed on Internet Hurricane Beowolf (1987)~~
 - History of COA creation
 - Benefits of Chinooks as therapy dogs

- Instagram/Facebook (consider posting permission)
- Historic cross lines - Donais and first litter that incorporated all 3 original cross lines
- Current cross lines
- History of Top Ten since UKC recognition
- Breeder profiles (past and present)
- Breeder mentoring
- Plight of Canadian breeders given export restrictions
- Passing and leaving historical items to COA
- Possible funny photo contest
- Bob - Any history articles/throwback photos/etc./upcoming events (Tamworth Event)
 - Modern History article?
- Possible options for photo collage
 - Mischievous Chinooks
 - ??

Report of Membership Chair - Kristy Jolly

Report: **Membership Report – 2025**

- Finalizing calendar, looking at go-live for sales in next few days

Breed Standard Committee: Kristy Jolly

Report: No update

Action Item:

Report of Health & Genetics Chair – Karen Hinchy

Report: The Committee reviewed the CDDY/IVDD Study being run by CCA. While the study is unlikely to deliver statistically significant results, the design is adequate so we recommend sending a supporting email to COA member breeders to participate.

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: A small committee has been formed to assist in record-keeping. Registration certificates have been created for all CBCP registered litters and will be emailed to breeders by the beginning of December. Follow-up with breeders is in progress for qualifying litters that have not yet provided all the required documentation (largely DNA Parent-Verification) to update the registry.

Separately, after confirmation was received from the UKC that they will register qualifying CBCP dogs based on the COA recommendation, extensive inquiries were made about the process. After a few months, without clear direction from the UKC, I just tried to fumble my way through the UKC online Single Dog Registration process.

I received paperwork for the first dog to make it through the CBCP process and be provided UKC purebred registration. Of note, the registration requirements are:

- 3 generation pedigree (with UKC numbers for relevant dogs)
- Letter from the COA Registrar on COA letterhead approving registration with dog details
- *NO DNA Parent Verification through UKC is required (although to meet CBCP program requirements it must be provided to the Registrar to receive the above letter)*

Some AKC registered Chinooks are seeking UKC registration. The process for this is unclear (depending on UKC reg status of parents). Historically, based on pedigree falsifications and breeder misconduct, UKC Single Dog Registrations required UKC DNA Parent Verification. While this should still be required for edge cases, for Chinooks that are AKC registered and simply seeking UKC registration, = the registrar proposes to accept them for UKC registration without requiring UKC DNA parent verification.

Action Item:

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

- COMPLETE - see above

Report of Historian – Bob Cottrell

Report: No update

Action Item:

- 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>

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: Nothing to report, no rescue activity

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Action Item:

Report of Active Chinook Program Chair – Rick Prausa

Report: The Active Chinook 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).

The ACP Committee is currently reviewing one new title application for a Versatile Titled Events Excellent (VTEX) title.

- 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 brochure is complete and has been printed. Copies are being provided for use at the COA Specialty. COMPLETED

Add the electronic version to the documentation folder on shared drive.

- 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: Only 25 days left until the Chinook Specialty!

- **Room Block Reservations deadline is tomorrow**
 - 14 rooms booked; need 14 bookings to occupy 80%
- Expecting packages to come in for the Silent Auction
- T-shirts are printed; pick up tomorrow
- All speakers and activities are confirmed

- Banquet venue is still open (need final numbers)
- Ribbons, plaques and prizes are on their way

Action Item:

- Need to write the Program after the pre-registration deadline on Dec.1
- Silent auction items and t-shirt pre-orders need to be sorted

New Business

Motion 2025- 37

- *Motion by :* Pam Turner *Seconded by:* Kristy
- *I move that the COA Board approve the COA Annual Board Report v3 with the one edit for Health & Genetics.*
- Ayes: 9 Nays: 0
- *Motion passes with unanimous consent.*

Motion 2025-38

- *Motion by:* Daniela *Seconded by:* Jon
- *I move the COA Board to approve the resignation of John Habermehl as the Regional Activities Chair submitted via text message dated 11/17/2025.*
- Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Abstention: 1
- *Motion passes.*

Motion 2025- 39

- *Motion by:* Karen *Seconded by:* Rick
- *I propose the COA modify the requirements for UKC Single Dog Registration to exclude DNA Parent verification if the Chinook is AKC registered.*
- Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstention: 0
- *Motion passes with unanimous consent*

Unfinished Business

- Kristy: UKC response to registering puppies is lacking; won't process DNA samples in time; Huge frustration dealing with UKC!

- Daniela will follow up when connecting with UKC about the Specialty **in progress**. Recommends trying Chat Line
- Active Chinook Program Liability Disclaimer
 - Rick will look into options for obtaining legal advice related to updating the program liability disclaimer.
- Develop a marketing group Marty, Daniela, Jon, Kristy, Karen, Brenda. **Hold until 2026**
- 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

COA Board meetings are scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be **Thursday, January 29, 2026** at 5 pm PST, 6 pm MT, 7 pm CST, 8 pm EST.

Approval of Minutes

Motion 2025-40

Motion by: Daniela Second by: Marty

I move that the November 20, 2025 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting. Motion passes with unanimous consent.

Adjournment

Motion 2025-41

Motion by: Daniela Second by: Karen

I move that the November 20, 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. Motion passes with unanimous consent.

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