



May 26, 2026

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.

COA Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Roll Call of Board Meeting

- Meeting called to order @ 1905 CST
- Present: Brenda, Pam, Rachael, Rick, Jessica, Fern, Kristy, Kristine, Marty
- Excused: Bob, Jon
- Absent: Karen

Report of President - Marty Wilson

Report:

- All appointed and elected COA board positions were approved in the 5/28/2026 Executive Session for the board term of 2026-28.
- Big welcome to
 - VP: Fern Richardson
 - Secretary: Jessica Dreyer
 - Bench Chair: Kristine Chandler
- Get set up on Chinook email/configuration (Jon)?
- General House-Keeping

- Checking Chinook email - even if you forward.
- Saving documents to Google Drive -
- 501C3 - Reached out to Channing (2nd time) - waiting to hear back on completing the application process.
- Welcome: Fern Richardson (VP), Jessica Dreyer (Secretary), Kristine Chandler (Bench Chair)
- Still looking for a Regional Activities Chair: Encourage all to actively keep promoting.
- Introduction:
 - Brief Bio: VP, Secretary, Bench Chair - can you send to Jon for CQ.
- A moment of gratitude and thanks: Daniela Metz, Pam Turner - so appreciative for all the work and dedication you put into the COA.

Discussion:

- UKC Specialty Discussion - Kalamazoo, MI - we have folks going.
 - Awareness of others attending.
- Chester H. Sweetie Fund - CQ article, Post to COA Website - See if Chris can write an article Marty to check with Karen.

ACTION ITEM:

- Put on hold until after new board assigned
 - 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 - Fern Richardson

Report: No update

- Discussion:
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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 - Jessica Dreyer

Report:

- Updated board member roster on shared drive under board meetings
- Cancel current board meetings and send out new series. Please decline current series and accept new series

Action Item:

Report of Treasurer - Rachael Davis

Report: See below.

Accounts: End of April

Chase - \$47,264.96

PayPal - \$8,436.41

Total - \$55,701.37

Restricted Funds:

Total Restricted - \$6,104.58

Chesterh Sweetie Fund - \$303.81

Rescue Fund - \$2,113.99

Health Fund - \$3,686.78

Total General Fund - \$49,596.79

Action Item:

- Remove Daniela and Pam from Chase account, then add Jessica and Fern
- Chart specific Funds, totals, and where money comes from (Ongoing)

Report of Communications Chair - Jon Jolly

Report: No update

Action Item:

- Add Active Chinook Program brochure to website
 - Still looking for the correct spot. May require a few more changes.
- Way to store passwords
- Future CQ articles.
 - Karen - First cross to pure dogs (F3 litter)
 - Marty about litter updates
 - Marty - 501C3
 - 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?
 - 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

Membership Report – May 2026

Current Membership Total: 292 (6 puppy memberships not signed up yet)

New Members (o):

Renewed Members (20): Jon Habermehl (NY), Tamara Anderson (IN), Owen Bitas (WA), Allison Abbott (WI), Jack Duffy (FL), Marisa Huffman (OR), Jude Griffin (MA), Lisa Yeager (WA), Donna Russell (MA), Anne Lynch (CA), Astrid Lampey (CO), Sally Gallagher (OR), Carol Carlson (NH), Christopher Appoldt (NY), Maria Calabrese (NH), Morrie Killian (NH), Tiina Perlman (AZ), Karen Hinchy (NJ), Kay Lee Brown (OR), Hannah Collison (MI).

Puppy Memberships (o):

Membership Numbers by Month

Date	# of Members	Change
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
Aug-25	281	(4)
Oct-25	286	5
Nov-25	286	-
Jan-26	289	3
Feb-26	285	(4)
Apr-26	292	7
May-26	292	-
*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.		

Breed Standard Committee: Kristy Jolly

Report: Nothing to report

Report of Health & Genetics Chair – Karen Hinchy

Report: No update

Report of Registrar – Karen Hinchy

Report: No update

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>
- 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>
 - Mar 31, 2026 Chinook Polaris & Igloo (History of the Chinook)
 - Started with an Email from a gentleman at the South Pole, C. Bigford (friend of Walden) made dog sled and was part of the 10th Mountain division (WWII). Story to be posted in the CQ

Report of Regional Activities Chair – Vacant

Report: No update

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: Two applicants to adopt were received in the last month

Action Item:

Report of Active Chinook Program Chair – Rick Prausa

Report: The Active Chinook Committee is meeting bi-monthly and continues to make 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).

No applications for certifications or titles were received this month.

- New Program Participant Guide. The Committee is currently drafting the participant guide and, as part of that effort, reformatting all of the individual title requirements documents and application forms.
- Program Health and Safety Review. The Health and Genetics Committee is currently reviewing the ACP Health and Safety Review draft report.

Report of Bench Chair - Kristine Chandler

Report: Discussion on next Specialty and starting to look at next year's Specialty in the West.

Action Item:

New Business

Motion 2026- x

- *Motion by :* *Second:*
- *I move that the COA Board approve*
- Ayes: Nays: Abstention:
- *Motion passes with*

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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 closed
 - Pam (Jessica) & Kristy to work on a official club letter outlining the concerns
- Multi-Program Liability Disclaimer
 - In accordance with the Board's discussion last month, Rick has contacted the law firm of Walker Jones PC in Warrenton, Virginia regarding the potential need for expanded liability disclaimers. These would cover additional club programs beyond the Active Chinook Program. The firm is comfortable waiting for the COA to evaluate its specific requirements before re-evaluating their proposal.
 - Rick will reach out to other program chairs who may want to participate in developing the expanded COA liability disclaimer proposal for the Board's consideration. (Rescue, Regional Activities, Specialty, Website)
- 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.
 - Jon to send out a few ideas

COA Board meetings are scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be **June 25th 2026**, at 5 pm PST, 6 pm MT, 7 pm CST, 8 pm EST.

Approval of Minutes

Motion 2026-13

Motion by: Marty Second by: Kristine

I move that the May 26 2026 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

Motion passes with unanimous consent.

Adjournment

Motion 2026-14

Motion by: Marty Second by: Rachael

I move that the May 26, 2026 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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