



July 30, 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 @ 1704 PDT
- Present: Kristine, Bob, Rachael, Brenda, Jessica, Karen, Jon, Kristy, Rick, Fern, Tyler, Marty (all 12! woohoo!)
- Excused:
- Absent:

Report of President - Marty Wilson

Report:

- Sent follow up email to Chisholm Law - requesting signature update to myself, and requesting names of those necessary to sign the conflict of interest.
 - Jessica - Can we make sure to have a copy of the Bylaws most recently signed by the prior board available. We'll need when application is file.
 - No additional fee for filing 1023. Hoping to have this all dialed in and complete by end of August and by next board meeting.

- Daniela & Pam - I'd like to order a plaque/thank you in appreciation for their work over the years they both volunteered. Want to discuss with board, I will research cost and present/motion for approval at next board meeting.
 - Put this motion in new business section when ready

Discussion:

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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 updates

Discussion:

Action Item:

Report of Secretary - Jessica Dreyer

Report: Please do not hesitate to reach out via email, text, or call if you have any suggestions for how I can make your lives easier with the monthly agenda, meeting reminders, or anything else!

Discussion:

-last minute reminder with links to meeting and agenda appreciated, keep doing

Action Item:

- **Completed - Make ready a copy of the bylaws signed by previous board for Marty**

Report of Treasurer - Rachael Davis

Report: See below.

Accounts: End of June

Chase - \$47,068.96

PayPal - \$9,758.75

Total - \$56,827.71

Restricted Funds:

Total Restricted - \$6,113.32

Chesterh Sweetie Fund - \$303.81

Rescue Fund - \$2,113.99

Health Fund - \$3,695/52

Total General Fund - \$50,714.39

- New Officers added to Chase account

Action Item:

- Send Spring Quarterly Report to Jon (Completed)
- Chart specific Funds, totals, and where money comes from (Ongoing)

Report of Communications Chair - Jon Jolly

Report: Various minor website updates. Got Tyler setup with chinook.org account. Posted July 4th message on Facebook. Have all articles for next CQ, just need to put them together.

Notes:

-when emailing Jon, use an official chinook.org email address and choose whichever one is most relevant to the topic of concern

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
 - Fern - places other than UKC for chinook crosses to compete/participate in sports and activities
 - Kristine - chinooks & weight pull
 - 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 – July 2026

Current Membership Total: 280 (7 puppy memberships not signed up yet)

New Members (0):

Renewed Members (18): Nancy Stevenson (SC), Justin Damadio (DE), Jill Pertain (NH), Leigh Conner (CA), Darin Murphy (ME), April Matava (CO), Cindy Lee Morgan (OR), Paul Delia (CO), Carol Zuckerman (MA), Catherine McCarthy-Payne (CA), Elaine Edler (CA), Todd Roberts (KY), Triona Gogarty (CA), Kristy McRae (MT), Sarah Garrison (WA), Daniela Metz (FL), Chance Felisky (WA), Patrick Treacy (CA).

Puppy Memberships (0):

Membership Numbers by Month

Date	# of Members	Change
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	-
Jun-26	288	(4)
Jul-26	280	(8)
*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: no update

Report of Health & Genetics Chair – Karen Hinchy

Report: A one page assessment of health conditions worth consideration in the Chinook (including breeding advice) is being drafted by the committee.

Evaluation of opportunities to set up regional breeder/health community sessions is being explored.

The committee has been approached by Chinook owners/breeder to support exploration into Chinook genetic research projects for juvenile cataracts and anasarca.

Notes:

Juvenile cataracts - intermediate-to-severe cataracts in younger dogs; distinct from age-related cataracts; can sometimes lead to blindness that requires corrective surgery

-there are some known genes for juvenile cataracts in other breeds, but chinooks don't have any individuals with those variants so ours almost certainly has a different genetic origin; this is what the potential future research project might address

Anasarca - fatal condition in puppies - thought to be pulmonary; puppies retain fluid and are born larger than normal; inviable; can cause whelping issues

Report of Registrar – Karen Hinchy

Report: 2 purebred eligible litters confirmed parentage via DNA and have been provided COA documentation for UKC registration. 1 CBCP litter confirmed parentage via DNA and has been registered with the COA.

The registrar is working with DogsGlobal to update pedigrees from the last year and confirm functionality on the website after it was upgraded.

Notes:

-DogsGlobal is a cool free resource that anyone can access to view pedigrees

-you can add pictures of your dog

-it also has some breeder tools like calculated COI and kinship coefficient; test mating tool

Report of Historian – Bob Cottrell

Report: see action items below

Notes:

- raising money for plaque to accompany the statue at Tamworth History Center
- special exhibit on Chinook history at museum will be made virtual

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/mb1sh77x2vo8wngf3x6enqcz8rcumy>
 - 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 – Tyler Sweeney

Report: Brainstorming ideas for increasing activity amongst chinook community

- identify active chinook folks across country willing to be social
- socialization drive- recruit and develop a list of well-behaved, vaccinated chinooks and owners to help socialize puppies

Discussion:

- Karen: Health and genetics committee will likely have interest in teaming up for events
- would be great to have active regional clusters of breeders & members to encourage more new folks to be willing and able to breed

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:

- Shared contact information of rescue applicants with a Chinook breeder/kennel rehoming a Chinook.
- Evaluated a potential Chinook for rehoming; determined the dog was not a Chinook.

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 making steady progress on drafting its new participant guide and, as part of that effort, reformatting 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: trying to put together a West coast specialty at this point is challenging and unrealistic ; better off trying to offer a one-day specialty affiliated with an existing UKC show

Discussion:

- western venues running about \$1,000 per day
- challenging to book a judge this last minute; many are already booking for next year and we were shooting for an Oct 2026 specialty
- probably way more realistic and cost effective to link up with an existing UKC dog show
- ideas for UKC shows welcome
- 2027 specialty will be in the West; potential show (UKC Classic?)/venue in Seattle; want this specialty to be really nice

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

■ 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 and Brenda have shared program information and draft disclaimer text to address potential program liability issues and develop options for the Board's consideration. We still need to have a discussion with Tyler about whether the Regional Activities program should be included in this effort.
- Develop a marketing group Fern, Marty, Jon, Kristy, Karen, Brenda.
 - 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 [August 27th 2026](#), at 5 pm PDT, 6 pm CDT, 7 pm MDT, 8 pm EDT.

Approval of Minutes

Motion 2026-18

Motion by: Marty Second by: Tyler

I move that the July 30, 2026 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

Motion passes with unanimous consent.

Adjournment

Motion 2026-19

Motion by: Marty Second by: Kristine

I move that the July 30, 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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