



August 27, 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 @ 1702 PDT
- Present: Rachael Davis, Brenda Dean, Jessica Dreyer, Karen Hinchy, Kristy Jolly, Rick Prausa, Fern Richardson, Tyler Sweeney, Marty Wilson
- Excused: Kristine Chandler, Jon Jolly
- Absent: Bob Cottrell

Report of President - Marty Wilson

Report:

- Reviewed 501c3 Docs - 1023, 2848 (conflict of interest), conflict of interest policy
 - Got clarification from Chisholm Law on signing
 - Updated President, VP, Secretary, Bench Chair, and Regional Activities Chair on the application and signer name.
 - Discussion on updates in "New Business"

- Once reviewed/discussed - I will sign the 1023, 2848, conflict of interest policy, and POA and send to Chisholm. This is our 1 opportunity to edit. There is a 10 day time limit.
 - Thank You Plaque: Daniela/Pam - Review \$98 + shipping etc... (\$135ea.) estimated.
- Discussion:
- Review: 1023, Conflict of Interest Policy, and Policy Resolution, 2848.
 - Motion to adopt the recommended changes with new members
 - Motion to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy
 - Motion to adopt the Conflict of Resolution Policy
 - Review Thank You Plaque - Daniela/Pam

Notes:

Summary points of interest from conflict of interest (COI) policy:

- Purpose: to protect interest of COA against private financial motives
- Articles II & III: People involved with COA (i.e. board members) must disclose any private financial interest/benefit to themselves, business associates, friends, or family when entering into an arrangement with COA
 - The board discusses potential conflict of interest and votes on how to handle it - person with potential COI must recuse themselves from discussion and vote
- Article III: Any violations of COI should be discussed by board and handled according to COA bylaws
- Article IV: Any discussions of COI need to be included in meeting minutes
- Article VI: COA board members must annually review and accept COI policy
- Article VII: COA board must conduct periodic reviews (annually or every other year, perhaps?) of whether there have been any violations of COI

Summary of COI Resolution form:

- A document that, if signed, indicates that the signers agree:
 - To act in the best interest of the COA
 - To accept the definition of conflict of interest
 - To minimize conflicts of interest between oneself and COA
 - To adopt, document, and practice in accordance with COI policy

Discussion: Board agreed to review the policy and reconvene on Monday, Aug 31 to vote on whether to adopt the COI policy

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: Before our next meeting (Sept 24), I will send out a when-is-good poll via email for scheduling our Nov/Dec meeting. Answers to this poll will be due by our Oct 29 meeting so that the meeting date can be announced and voted upon during the Oct 29 meeting. Tentative proposed dates will be Thursdays Dec 3, 10, & 17.

Discussion:

Action Items:

- Send out poll with multiple dates (Dec 3, 10, 17) to schedule Nov/Dec meeting
 - Send reminder emails about poll
- Once poll concludes, create a new motion to vote on the meeting date during the Oct 29 meeting

Report of Treasurer - Rachael Davis

Report: See below.

Accounts: End of July

Chase - \$46,854.77

PayPal - \$10,409.62

Total - \$57,264.39

Restricted Funds:

Total Restricted - \$6,117.69

Chesterh Sweetie Fund - \$303.81

Rescue Fund - \$2,113.99

Health Fund - \$3,699.89

Total General Fund - \$51,146.31

- August Payment for Google went out early (July 6th) due to credit card change

Action Item:

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

Report of Communications Chair - Jon Jolly

Report: no updates

Notes:

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 – August 2026

New Members (0):

Renewed Members (17): Shelley Stewart (WI), Roz Rolland (NH), Jane Durning (NH), Kristina Calabrese (NH), Delcan Mullhall (PA), Victoria Escalle (CO), Mary Schatz (WI), Kali Hart (MD), Brett Visger (VT), Tom Reynolds (ME), Marina Guvakova (PA), Sandford Bragg (VT), Danielle Welch (NY), Robbie Portela (ME), Keith Bogart (CA), Todd Allen (WA), Amy Vagedes (AK).

Puppy Memberships (6): Desert Sol Chinooks (6) – LillyAnna Caron (NH), Jessica Mack (NH), Elise Cobb (MA), Mike Sheehan (CA), Karen Toigo (OH), Peter Bell (NH).

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)
Aug-26	284	4
*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.		

- Kristy will volunteer to run the COA Calendar contest for 2027. See motions in New Business.

Breed Standard Committee: Kristy Jolly

Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Action Item:

Report of Health & Genetics Chair – Karen Hinchy

Report: The committee is exploring setting up a breeder webinar in the next couple of months to discuss pedigrees/dogsglobal, the health condition template documenting common health conditions in Chinooks, and opportunities to better support breeders.

Separately, we have approached UMN to understand if they are able to support breed specific genetic research for cataracts and anasarca.

Notes: Functional Dog Collaborative has reached out about doing a follow-up regarding CBCP

Action Item:

Report of Registrar – Karen Hinchy

Report: A breeding form has been filed for a proposed third generation litter . It meets requirements and the second generation dog has previously been approved as meeting the Chinook standard.

Notes:

Action Item:

Report of Historian – Bob Cottrell

Report: no updates

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: Beginning factfinding for a few ideas. Reached out to two dog trainer acquaintances, one in West Virginia, one in New Hampshire to inquire about potential activities/ideas. Reached out to Penthea regarding the ideas she mentioned to Jon but have not heard back, will follow up.

Discussion: may be useful to establish a committee; any board member is welcome to do so; no formal process for doing so

Action Item:

- Will post to Chinook Spot this month to solicit ideas/gather volunteers for events.

Report of Rescue Chair – Brenda Dean

Report: Nothing to report

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 drafting a new participant guide and, as part of that effort, reformatting individual title requirements documents and application forms. Rick is making good progress on an initial document draft and plans to present it to the ACP Committee at its September meeting.
- 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: Karen has been graciously helping me find potential shows for the Specialty. I've kind of narrowed it down to either Nov 7-8 Hohenwald, TN or Nov 28-29 Springfield, MO

Discussion:

Action Item: Send out an invite to all members to form a Specialty committee.

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
 - Rick will work to get a call set up in the coming month with Brenda, Marty and Tyler. If anyone else would like to be involved, let Rick know.
- 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

New Business

- **2027 Calendar Contest - Kristy Jolly**
- Please see the three motions below:
- Motion 1: I move the COA Board to use the createcalendarphotos.com website to use the website's store to sell our 2027 COA Chinook calendar, same as the previous year. The calendar price will be set at **\$20** for the 2027 calendar.
- Motion 2: I move that the 2027 COA Calendar contest have the same rules as the 2026 COA Calendar contest: Rules are as follows: 2 free photos per membership, only current COA members are allowed to submit photos or vote, each member may vote only once, open to Chinooks and COA registered Chinook Crosses, photos sent after the deadline will not be considered, the top voted photos will be included in the calendar, Rainbow Bridge photos are free to enter, the cover contest will be \$5 per photo submitted (limit 3), photos must follow set rules regarding type, size, content, etc. in the fine print.

- Motion 3: I move that the 2027 Cover Contest donations benefit the **Chinook Breed Conservation Program & Health Fund.**
- New Business - Marty Wilson - 1023, 2848, Conflict of Interest, Conflict of Interest Resolution
 - Motion to adopt the recommended changes with new members into 1023 Application
 - Motion to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy
 - Motion to adopt the Conflict of Resolution Policy

Motion 2026-20

- *Motion by : Kristy Second: Fern*
- *I move that the COA Board approve the use of createcalendarphotos.com website to use the website's store to sell our 2027 COA Chinook calendar, same as the previous year.*
- Ayes: all Nays: Abstention:
- *Motion passes with unanimous consent*

Motion 2026-21

- *Motion by : Kristy Second: Rick*
- *I move that the COA Board approve that the 2027 COA Calendar contest have the same rules as the 2026 COA Calendar contest: Rules are as follows: 2 free photos per membership, only current COA members are allowed to submit photos or vote, each member may vote only once, open to Chinooks and COA registered Chinook Crosses, photos sent after the deadline will not be considered, the top voted photos will be included in the calendar, Rainbow Bridge photos are free to enter, the cover contest will be \$5 per photo submitted (limit 3), photos must follow set rules regarding type, size, content, etc. in the fine print.*
- Ayes: all Nays: Abstention:
- *Motion passes with unanimous consent*

Motion 2026-22

- *Motion by : Kristy Second: Rachael*
- *I move that the COA Board approve that the 2027 Cover Contest donations benefit the Chinook Breed Conservation Program & Health Fund.*
- *Ayes: all Nays: Abstention:*

Motion passes with unanimous consent

Motion 2026-23

- *Motion by : Marty Wilson Second: Karen*
- *I move that the COA Board approve the adoption of the new board members into the 1023 application and the application be modified to amend changes to the 2026-2028 current board members and any non-serving members be removed.*
- *Ayes: all Nays: Abstention:*

Motion passes with unanimous consent

Motion 2026-x

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

Motion passes with

Motion 2026-x

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

Motion passes with

Motion 2026-x

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

Motion passes with

COA Board meetings are scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be [September 24th 2026](#), at 5 pm PDT, 6 pm MDT, 7 pm CDT, 8 pm EDT.

Approval of Minutes

Motion 2026-24

Motion by: Marty Second by: Tyler

I move that the August 27, 2026 minutes be posted and approved by unanimous consent within 48 hours of posting.

Motion passes with unanimous consent.

Adjournment

Motion 2026-25

Motion by: Marty Second by: Karen

I move that the August 27, 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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