

# **USBCHA- DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

January 25, 2017 5 PM Pacific Time

Attendees: Kay Stephens, John Holman, Dwight Parker, Bob Stephens, Jim Valley, Amanda Milliken, Joni Tietjen, Terri Warner, David Saunders, Jim Murphy, Faansie Basson, Laura Vishoot, Bob Salmon, Lyle Lad, Stephanie Goracke, Lori Perry, Maria Amodei, Bev Lambert, Joe Haynes, Linda Tesdahl, Robin French, Scott Glen, Marianna Schreeder (Treasurer), Linda DeJong (Secretary), Carol Clawson (President)

## **2016 Financial Report**

1. Marianna presented the financial report. (attached on forum) Discussion and clarification of what categories represented followed.  
Motion to approve report made by Jim Murphy Seconded by John; Motion passed unanimously
2. Investment Proposal (attached on forum) Discussed and clarified. Quarterly reports will be made to the board.  
Motion to invest \$180,000 with a cash reserve of \$50,000 made by Lori PerSeconded by: John Holmen. A roll-call vote was taken and it was approved unanimously

## **Sheepdog Finals**

1. Proposal submitted by Geri Byrne for the 2018 sheepdog finals (attached on forum)  
Discussion: Basically the same proposal as presented the last time Geri held finals.  
Motion to approve proposal: Bob Stephens; Seconded by Joe Haynes. Motion passed unanimously
2. Calcutta: Discussed whether there will be one at 2017 finals. Consensus was to let the Finals host make the decision. No one felt that a Calcutta was necessary – it is a fund raising mechanism for the host
3. Set-out Crew  
Discussion about whether there needed to be a horseback setout crew and who were feasible candidates to do the set-out.  
Carol indicated that she would contact the Finals Committee and have them look into possible set-out crews.
4. Purina Proposal  
Purina is offering an Exclusive Dog Food Sponsor for the USBCHA Sheepdog and Cattledog National Championships at las year's level (Gold-product gifts) In addition, Purina plans to attend and sponsor 4-6 more of the larger USBCHA event every year. Offering a 3-year contract.  
Discussion followed including amount Purina was offering, whether this would interfere with Finals organizers getting possibly better deals with other manufacturers, and clarified that it would be exclusive only to the finals.

The matter was tabled and Carol agreed to follow up with Sandy with respect to any conflicting sponsors for the 2017 Finals.

**Follow up:** Carol contacted Sandy and Chewy.com is only donating small treat bags for the handlers' dinner. With the unanimous written consent of the Board (forum 2/2/17), Carol contacted Purina and they have agreed to a 2-year contract.

#### *Forumf*

#### **Grievance Committee Reports** (attached to forum)

1. Complaint #1 re social media postings.  
Committee recommending a warning and future monitoring. A posting to the website with no names.  
Motion to approve: Maria Amode Seconded: Jim Murphy Motion passed unanimously
2. Coomplaint #2 – judging issue  
Committee recommending warning with a posing on web no names.  
Motion to approve: John Holman Second: David Sanders

#### **Refunds for scratching from the Finals Open Class**

Proposed language for the entry form:

No refund after Sept. 1 in either the Open or Nursery Class unless there is a valid family medical or veterinary excuse. No exceptions.

Discussion followed.

Motion to make the change: Amanda Milliken Seconded: Joe Haynes. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **ABCA Required Membership**

This was not a change in the rule just a proposal to add clarifying language to both the Sheep and Cattle rules sections requiring handlers running in the Finals to be members of the ABCA

Motion to make the change: Linda Tesdahl Seconded: Bob Stephens. Motion passed with one abstention (John Holman)

**Classified Ads on Website:** Carol informed the Board the Laura Hicks is no longer in a position to maintain this section of the website. Absent objection, it would be removed. There was no objection.