

## USBCHA Directors' Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2016 Telephonic Conference Call

Attendees: Bob Salmon, Terry Folsom, Bob Stephens, David Soppe, Chris Bowen, Jim Murphy, Lyle Lad, Amanda Milliken, Paul Tucker, Dwight Parker, Scott Glen, Lori Perry, Herbert Holmes, Laura Vishoot, Cathy Scott, Kay Stephens, Joni, Tietjen, Chris Bowen, Marianna Schreeder, Maria Amodei, Ron Burkey (Vice President), Carol Clawson (President).

### 1. World Trial Team Selection

The Board had an extended discussion over the World Trial team selection. Herbert Holmes explained the history of the USBCHA's participation in the World Trial and how it has been handled over the years as well as prior Board action. After much discussion, Herbert moved the following:

The USBCHA would extend an invitation to the top 10 pointed dogs from the handlers who submitted a statement of interest for the 2017 World Trial, with a 2 dog limit per handler.

Marianna seconded the Motion and it passed unanimously. The Canadian members of the Board abstained from the vote.

It was further noted that if someone with a top 10 dog decides not to go, we will fill the slot in the order of points as listed. It is important to fill all 10 spots to maintain our level of participation in the next World Trial so we want to insure that 10 dogs ultimately go.

The World Team list is as follows:

	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>			
1	Beverly Lambert	Joe	86.6	88.8	175.4
2	Beverly Lambert	Nan	87.8	87	174.8
3	Joe Haynes	Keally	38.4	94	132.4
4	Dave Imas	Tip	66.2	65.6	131.8
5	Ron Burkey	Shadow	56.8	61.8	118.6
6	Derek Fisher	Nell	47.8	57	104.8
7	Ron Burkey	Sky	51.2	53.2	104.4
8	Anne Mock	Ben	52.4	37.8	90.2
9	Faansie Basson	Cap	27.2	57.4	84.6
10	Faansie Basson	Wisp	16.6	63	79.6
11	Maggi McClure	Buster	30	47.6	77.6
12	Faansie Basson	Molly	38.6	32	70.6
13	Michelle Brothers	Sky	8.6	26	34.6

14	Laurie Nichols	Mac	4.2	27.4	31.6
15	Laurie Nichols	Scrum	6.6	14.2	20.8
16	Joe Haynes	Pepper	0	18	18
17	Stuart Ballantyne	Craig	6.6	7.4	14
18	Jamie Mitchell	Moss	0	13.6	13.6
19	Anne Mock	Flo	0	5.6	5.6
20	Ron Burkey	Rocky	0	5.4	5.4
21	Paula Diggins	Don	0	1	1
22	Jamie Mitchell	Gael	0	0	0
23	Michelle Brothers	Mac	0	0	0

## 2. Election of Officers

The Board discussed the nominees for the Officer positions. The President, Vice-President and Secretary nominee -- Carol Clawson, Lyle Lad, and Marianna Schreeder -- were all unopposed and were re-elected by unanimously by the Board.

Linda DeJong was re-elected Secretary by a vote of 14-4.

Joanne Murphy was re-elected unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

### President's Note

This was the last meeting for the outgoing Directors and I wanted to take a minute to thank them for their hard work and their contribution to the organization.

Outgoing directors are: Terry Folsom, David Soppe, Cathy Scott, Paul Tucker, Chris Bowen, Marianna Schreeder and Bob Washer.

Thanks to all of you for all that you have done. It has been my pleasure to work with you and all members of the Board.

USBCHA- DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
August 17, 2016

Present: Jim Murphy, Scott Glen, Kay Stephens, Lori Perry, Amanda Milliken, Bob Salmon, Chris Bowen, Lana Rowley, Laura Vishoot, Paul Tucker, Robin French, Dwight Parker, Lyle Lad, David Soppe, Marianna Schreeder, Maria Amodei, Joni Tietjen, Carol Clawson, Linda DeJong

1. Sheepdog finals update

We currently have 105 nursery dogs entered. The Board decided to start at 7:30 am and run the preliminary rounds over two days, as has been the general practice.

Nursery awards will be made at the Handler's dinner Saturday.

2. Financial report: Marianna

Marianna presented the financial report. The investment proposal was discussed

Maria Amodei moved to accept the report and the investment proposal and to proceed with the proposal. Lori Perry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Cattledog rule changes:

The Cattledog Committee recommends the proposed.

Point was made that the changes mainly brought rules in line with how sheepdog rules run with some clarifying and eliminating redundancies.

One of changes defined double lift and made rules written based on what had been followed as an unwritten rule for a number of years.

Jim Murphy made a number of suggestions to clarify and eliminate unnecessary statements and defining some of the terms.

Carol will make changes based on the discussion and resubmit to the committee for finalization.

Jim Murphy moved to let the cattledog committee finalize changes as discussed. Bob Salmon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of changes in reporting requirements for trial results

Amanda suggested that the trial result form be simplified and not require trial hosts/secretaries to list all dogs running and their placement. The Board decided that trial hosts may list just the top 20% in order-no scores or states need to be included. However, if the trial host does not want to list all dogs running and scores (as required by current form), they are to include a run order, noting scratches and non-compete runs so that the number of entrants can be verified. Results forms will be updated to reflect this change.

5. Grievance Committee Report:

After a brief discussion, Maria Amodei moved to accept the Grievance Committee recommendations. Joni Tietjen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Carol will contact parties involved with the results.

Discussion ensued of the importance of encouraging people to settle disputes at a local level while maintaining an avenue for addressing misconduct and rule violations. Joni made a motion to increase the fee to \$100 and Scott Glen seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm Pacific time.

## **USBCCHA Director's Meeting Minutes**

March 16, 2016 Telephonic Conference Call

Attendees: Maria Amodei, Chris Bowen, Terry Folsom, Robin French, Scott Glen, Lyle Lad, Jim Murphy, Lori Perry, Bob Salmon, Marianna Schreeder, Cathy Scott, David Soppe, Joni Tietjen, Paul Tucker, Jim Valley, Bob Washer Lana Rowley (excused herself early) and Laura Vishoot (joined a bit late). Carol Clawson (President), Ron Burkey (Vice President) were also in attendance. The following Directors attended by assigning limited proxies as noted: Herbert Holmes (Lana), Dwight Parker (Marianna), Bob Stephens (Carol), Kay Stephens (Carol). Linda DeJong (Secretary) joined at approximately 6:00 p.m. Pacific time

The meeting commenced at approximately 6:10 Pacific time.

### **1. Increase sanctioning fees to pay for a Secretary**

The rules committee considered and proposed that the sanctioning fees be increased to pay for a Secretary. The Directors discussed the issue for some time. There was debate on the need for a secretary, the duties of the secretary, whether fees should be increased by \$1.00 or \$0.50, how much the secretary should be paid and when we would start collecting the increase and when to start paying the secretary. After a thorough discussion, the Board voted in favor of paying the secretary. David Soppe and Bob Washer voted against paying the secretary.

As for the amount, the Board voted 11 to 10 to increase the fee by \$0.50 and to pay the total amount collected to the Secretary. The Board also voted by a voted to start payment as of January 1, 2017, which is the beginning of the new term for the Officers, including the Secretary.

Jim Murphy made a motion to begin collecting effective August 1, 2016, the beginning of the next point year, and that any income received in 2016 be allocated to the general fund for general use; after which it goes to the Secretary. Terry Folsom seconded the motion. The motion passed 16 to 6.

### **2. Judge Nomination date**

Under the current rule, nominations for judges are due eight months before the finals and the vote is seven months before the finals. It would be easier to remember if we just set a specific date. Laura Vishoot moved to change the date to nominate judges to February 1, and voted on by March 1. Lyle Lad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Grievance Rule change**

The Board discussed changing the rule set forth in Part IV. B. Rule 5(b), which defines complaint as follows:

Complaint: A complaint is a formal concern regarding any violation of any

USBCHA Bylaw or Rule. A member, non-member, or judge may file a complaint for any alleged rule violation, but the complainant must have first-hand knowledge of the conduct alleged.

After a thorough discussion of the issue, Jim Valley moved to amend the Rule to read as follows. Paul Tucker seconded the motion.

Complaint: A complaint is a formal concern regarding any violation of any USBCHA Bylaw or Rule. A member, non-member, or judge may file a complaint for any alleged rule violation, but the complainant must have first-hand knowledge of the conduct alleged. **An event host may also submit a complaint if the host has received complaints that can be verified by at least one witness signature.**

The motion passed with an 11 to 10 vote.

#### **4. Bylaw Discussion**

Carol introduced suggested amendments to the Bylaws. The Board briefly discussed the date of the Officers' terms. They currently start on January 1. Carol suggested an earlier date, perhaps November 15 as the effective date of the terms. The rationale was that, after the election, essentially no work is done until January. Changing the date will require the membership to consider the timing of Officer elections – whether they should be chosen from by the out-going or the in-coming Board. Currently, the out-going Board votes on the Officers. After a brief discussion, Carol indicated that, given the time constraints of the meeting, she would post the issue on the Forum for a Board recommendation.

#### **5. 2017 Sheep Finals – number of sheep**

Carol indicated that the 2017 bid provided for 650 sheep, which would mean that we run 4 sheep in the open and 3 in the Nursery. This has been done in the past at Belle Grove. Last year at Alturus, we requested 5 sheep for open and 4 for nursery. Increasing the number at Belle Grove would cost an additional \$5000-\$6000 and creates additional work for the sheep crew. Jim Murphy moved to accept the proposal as written – 650 sheep. Marianna seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **6. Grievance Committee Report**

Bob Washer reviewed the committee's report on a grievance submitted. Jim Valley made a motion to accept the recommendation; seconded by Maria Amodei. The Board unanimously adopted the Board's recommendation and directed the President to contact the parties. Given the resolution of the grievance, nothing will be reported on the website.

## **7. Nursery – number of trial rules**

Carol reported that we have had a few trial requests for running 2 days, 2 open and 2 nursery each day. The current rule allows only the number of nursery classes for the number of days of the trial. Carol has been informed of 3 or 4 trials that have occurred in the past and have been sanctioned. Carol indicated that a rule modification was required if the Board thought they should be sanctioned. Absent a change in the rule, the rule as written would be enforced. The Board discussed the history of the rule as well as the reasons for and against the rules.

Jim Murphy moved to amend the rule to state as follows. Maria Amodei seconded the motion.

At a trial where Open classes are offered, the total number of Nursery classes sanctioned may not exceed **the greater of either the total number of open classes or** the total number of days that the trial is sanctioned for. The scheduling of the Nursery classes is at the discretion of the trial host; however, no more than two sanctioned Nursery classes may be run in one day.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **8. Taxes**

Carol reported that we have filed the Association tax return and paid \$3600 in taxes.

Carol concluded the meeting stating that matters on the agenda have not been addressed may be posted on the Forum for further discussion and action where required.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pacific time.

# **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

### ***Motion to approve the Financial Report passed with no objections***

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

### ***Passed unanimously by roll call***

### **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

### ***Passed***

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

### ***Decision was made to leave it up to the organizer to determine***

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.

### ***Discussion tabled. Committee with Linda Tesdahl will continue discussion with aim to have firmer idea within the next month.***

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.

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***Decision tabled. Carol will do further research and consult with current trial organizers.***

**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

***Passed. Carol will post.***

2. Coomplaint #2 – judging issue  
Committee recommending warning with a posing on web no names.  
Motion to approve: John Holman      Second: David Sanders

***Passed. Carol will post***

**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.

***Passed***

**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.

***Passed***

***Reminder that there will be further discussion items added to the forum and that any of the directors can add other topics.***