

## **USBCHA Director's Meeting Minutes**

January 21, 2016 Telephonic Conference Call  
and follow-up from the Forum ending February 2, 2016

Attendees: Maria Amodei, Chris Bowen, Terry Folsom, Robin French, Scott Glen, Herbert Holmes, Lyle Lad, Amanda Milliken, Jim Murphy, Dwight Parker, Lori Perry, Bob Salmon, Marianna Schreeder, Cathy Scott, David Soppe, Bob Stephens, Kay Stephens, 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) and Annemarie Holland (Secretary) were also in attendance.

The meeting commenced at approximately 6:10 Pacific Time.

### **1. 2015 Financial Report – Marianna Schreeder, Treasurer**

Marianna summarized the financial statements previously provided to the Directors. Account balances for checking approximately \$35,000. She and Chris Bowen are going to look at the possibility of increasing return through interest on our savings. It was noted that the dues income is down from the prior year. It appears to correlate with some Eastern handlers not joining the Association in the years that the National Finals are on the east coast. Sanctioning fees are also down when the Finals are on the west coast.

### **2. 2015 Cattledog National Finals Proposal**

A proposal was submitted by Curtis Travis for the 2016 National Cattledog Finals to be held in Creston, Iowa on September 22-25, 2016. Paul Tucker moved to accept the cattledog final proposal; Dwight Parker seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously to accept Mr. Travis' bid.

### **3. Cattledog Rule Proposals**

A discussion was held with regard to certain rules governing the cattledog finals. Dwight Parker moved to modify the rule for the entry date to require entries to be submitted by August 15 and the last day to qualify a dog for the Cattledog finals (open and nursery) to be July 31. Paul Tucker seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Bob Salmon made a motion to adopt the following rule regarding the Nursery class in the Cattledog Finals. Cathy Scott seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously:

The scores from the two (2) qualifying runs at the National Open Cattle Finals will be added to determine the dogs that compete in the final round. If there are 40 or more entries, 20 dogs will compete in the final round; if there are 39 or fewer entries, 15 dogs will compete in the final round. Final placements will be based on the final round alone without consideration for scores in the preliminary rounds.

Paul Tucker made a motion to adopt the following rule regarding the age of nursery dogs that may qualify for this year's Cattledog Finals. Bob Salmon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously:

To qualify for the Cattledog Nursery Finals, the dog may not have turned 4 before December 31 of the year of the Finals. (For example, to compete in the 2016 cattledog nursery finals, the dog may not have turned anytime before December 31, 2016.)

#### **4. 2017 National Sheepdog Finals Proposal**

The Board reviewed a bid proposal submitted by Sandy Payne and Ann Palmer for the sheepdog finals to be held in Belle Grove, Virginia in 2017. Carol noted that the budget did not include setout, which has been estimated at \$4500 for open. No amount has yet been estimated for setout for the nursery class. Carol further reminded the Board of the motion that passed last year reserving \$10,000 from the 2013 Finals to be used for the Finals the next time they were held on the east coast. There was some discussion about the availability of sheep in 2017. Dates were discussed.

Bob Stephens moved to accept the proposal submitted for the 2017 Finals to be held in Belle Grove subject to availability of sheep as specified. Bob Washer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. It was agreed that Carol would follow up with Sandy regarding the sheep.

Carol was asked to follow up with Sandy regarding dates. *In follow-up with the bidders, the only date that is available for the venue is September 26-October 1, 2017 and the Directors approved the date on the Forum.*

#### **5. Sheepdog Final Judge Expense/Compensation Proposal**

Carol reviewed her proposal (previously provided to the Directors) regarding judge compensation or payment of expenses. Previously, we have paid each judge \$2250 from which the judges paid their own travel. The proposal is to increase that amount paid to judges to \$2000 plus reasonable expenses. A judge is responsible for the expenses incurred by a judge's spouse or significant other traveling with them. Carol also suggested that we request the ABCA to participate in the judging expenses through additional grant funds in the amount of \$4000. Discussion followed. Jim Murphy moved to adopt the proposal for the sheepdog finals and Amanda seconded it. The motion passed with Marianna Schreeder and Paul Tucker voting against the motion.

#### **6. Proposed Rule Changes**

*Eligibility Requirements:* Carol asked whether the Board wanted to include an eligibility rule that required nominees to have participated or judged a double lift. Discussion followed. The Board decided not to adopt a rule regarding experience but to leave it to the vote of the ABCA and USBCHA Directors. The Board also requested that we change the nomination form to require the nominee to list trials they have judged and double lift trials that the nominee has judged.

#### **7. Proposed Rule Change regarding AKC approved judges**

Terry Folsom moved to amend Rule III.B. 2 to state that "no judge who listed on an AKC *confirmation* approved judging list may judge the cattle or sheepdog finals." The prior rule disqualified anyone on *any* AKC approved judging list. Terry noted that this would

bring the rule in line with ABCA policy that you can register a dog with the AKC and run but if you have an AKC conformation title on the dog, the ABCA will pull your registration. Discussion followed. Several noted that if the judge is otherwise qualified to judge the USBCHA finals they should not be disqualified from judging in the USBCHA. Others felt that we should not in anyway be involved with the AKC and should not change the rule. Maria Amodei seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those in favor: Maria Amodei, Chris Bowen, Terry Folsom, Robin French, Amanda Milliken, Jim Murphy, Dwight Parker, Bob Stephens, Kay Stephens, Joni Tietjen, Laura Vishoot. Those opposed: Scott Glen, Herbert Holmes, Lyle Lad, Lori Perry, Bob Salmon, Marianna Schreeder, Cathy Scott, David Soppe, Paul Tucker, Jim Valley, Bob Washer. The vote was tied and the President, Carol Clawson, voted in favor.

*Follow up: Following the meeting, there was continued discussion on the motion on the Director's Forum. On February 1, 2016, Lana made a motion to go back to the original rule. Laura Vishoot seconded the motion. Those in favor of returning to the original rule: Joni Tietjen, Herbert Holmes, Lana Rowley, Cathy Scott, Laura Vishoot, Dwight Parker, Bob Salmon, Marianna Schreeder, Bob Washer, Scott Glen, Kay Stephens, Robin French, Terry Folsom, Jim Valley, Lyle Lad, Paul Tucker, Bob Stephens, Lori Perry. Those in favor of the amended rule: Jim Murphy, Amanda Milliken. Abstained: Maria Amodei.*

## **8. Single Day Qualifying Discussion**

Carol reminded the Directors of the proposal made in August to the Board to go to single day qualifying for the open class at the National Finals and the decision in August to reconsider the matter early this year. Carol reminded the Board that the data we have suggest that approximately the same number of dogs move forward to the semi-final round under the current system except when there is an extreme weather day (such as in 2012). Carol further reminded the Directors that the matter was also discussed at the Annual Meeting where there was some support for the change so long as we ran fresh sheep every day. A brief discussion followed. Several pros and cons were discussed. A suggestion was to reconsider the matter after Meeker, which is trying a modified single day qualifying system this year. Many wanted additional time to talk to their constituents on the matter and did not feel that they were prepared to vote. There are many questions still to be considered. Carol suggested that the matter be tabled and reconsidered at a later time, perhaps in a month or so. Carol also suggested that Directors discuss this and other matters with their constituents prior to the next meeting.

## **9. Naming Rule**

Pearse Ward had requested the Board to consider a rule requiring that all promotional materials for the sheepdog and cattledog finals include USBCHA in the name of the respective finals. After some discussion, Jim Valley moved to adopt the proposed rules noted below. Bob Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

That Part III(A) of the Rules be amended to add III (A) 6, to read as follows:

The name of the event shall be the "USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals". No other name shall be used excepting that the appropriate year and location may be appended to the name. This name will appear on all advertising and

promotional materials for the event, and this clause will be included in any contract between the USBCHA and local trials committee upon acceptance of any bid to host the event.

That Part III(A) of the Rules be amended to add III (A) 6, to read as follows:

The name of the event shall be the "USBCHA National CattleDog Finals". No other name shall be used excepting that the appropriate year may be appended to the name. This name will appear on all advertising and promotional materials for the event, and this clause will be included in any contract between the USBCHA and local trials committee upon acceptance of any bid to host the event.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 Pacific Time.