

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 2015 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.

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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.