

USBCA BOD MEETING

July 10, 2023

7 pm CST

Present:

Directors: Amanda Milliken, Billy Bishop, Bob Washer, Jamie Spring, Lori Cunningham, Mich Ferraro, Mike Neary, Russell McCord, Scott Glen, Stephanie Goracke, Steve Rhidenour, Sue Schoen, Tracy Hinton
Officers: Pearse Ward, Linda DeJong

Motion: Accept minutes from last meeting

Motion: Amanda Milliken

Second: Sue Schoen

Motion Passed without objection.

Treasurer Position

Marianna is resigning as treasurer. Her position needs to be filled as soon as possible.

Discussion: It was discussed whether this position should be paid comparable to secretary's current compensation.

Also proposed that there be some kind of performance review with BOD having ability to terminate for lack of performance and that this be added to job description.

Board agreed term for replacement be set at 2 years and calendar of election for this office be adjusted as a result.

Discussed requirement to attend sheepdog finals and whether also to attend cattledog finals. It was determined that Cattledog Finals had a system set up not needing treasurer or secretary attendance. Sheepdog Finals requirement tabled for further discussion and how to handle this year.

Request for application and nominations to be completed, posted on website and Linda will send out group email notification of opening to be completed ASAP.

Motion: Set compensation for new treasurer at \$8000 per year pending final recommendation of finance committee

Motion: Lori Chamberlain

Second: Bob Washer

Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Sheepdog Finals

Finals Committee: Decision to assign a chair who would then appoint additional member. Scott Glen agreed to be chair if no one else volunteered.

Sponsorship: Bridget initially had expressed concern about the level of donations but has recently reported that they are picking up. Pearse will post a link for donations on the Finals website.

Sheep transport: has been increased due to price of fuel over initial contract. Will be further investigated and determined what pricing it was based on.

Bridget has secured rooms for judges.

Plane tickets are normally handled by treasurer.

Cattledog Finals:

No issues reported at this time.

Addition: Award buckles have been delivered

World Trial:

Entries and changes have been accepted.

Fundraising: Donations are still coming in so final amount has not been determined.

Disbursement of funds: Further research is necessary to determine final form and timing the award of these funds will take. Discussed was block grant versus reimbursement and whether checks could be sent to team members with the requirement they show proof of travel commitment and turn in receipts upon return.

Director Elections:

Discussion: Whether a director who has served a 2-year term and a 3-year term is eligible this year. It was decided that based on Bylaws they are not eligible.

Linda reported on current nominations. There are many districts who currently do not have a nomination. District 10 will have no directors for the coming term if none are nominated.

Dual Sanction of trials

Discussed whether to make an exception to allow another national organization to dual sanction. Motion: Hold with the policy of not allowing such dual sanctions.

Motion: Mike Neary

Second: Mich Ferraro

Passed unanimously

Since one of reasons for request was based on eligibility for using other organization's insurance, Pearse proposed continuing to attempt to find an insurance plan for USBCHA that would cover needs of individual hosts and trials.

New Business

Discussed whether it is appropriate to sanction arena and time & points trials. It was pointed out there is a difference between time & points trials and arena trials. Discussion was tabled for further discussion.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Steve Rhidenour

Second: Scott Glen

Adjourned 8:03 PM CST