

## **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.

## **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.

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  
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.

## 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 ANNUAL MEETING  
SEPT 14, 2016, 6:30 PM**

1. WELCOME

Carol updated the membership regarding the accident involving Dennis and Jean Gellings' daughter. It was a serious accident but Dennis was very positive about her prognosis.

Carol acknowledged all those who contribute to the success of the Finals, including the Strang family, Directors of the USBCHA and ABCA, sponsors, volunteers, set out crew, exhaust, and the sheep provider, among others.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Marianna presented the financial report. The full report will be on the web site but, in summary, the USBCHA is doing better financially than last year. Plans were announced to invest reserves in a better producing fund to bring in more income.

3. RULE CHANGES

Sheepdog and Cattledog rules were merged and are available on the website. Other changes are available on the website.

4. ELECTION RESULTS

- a. BYLAW AMENDMENTS -- All passed
- b. DIRECTORS

New directors announced.

District 1: Joe Haynes	District 6: Linda Tesdahl
District 2: Terri Warner	District 7: Beverly Lambert
District 3: John Holman	District 8: David Saunders
District 4: Faansie Basson	District 9: Amanda Milliken
District 5: Lori Perry	District 10: Scot Glen
At Large: Stephanie Goracke	

5. ETHEL CONRAD AWARD PRESENTATION

Carol presented this year's award to Shauna Gourley for her contribution to sheepdog training, trailing and breeding in the Intermountain area.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Carol divided the room in to groups and asked them to consider various topics. Specifically, groups were to consider both sides of an issue, not to take a vote, but to come up with ideas or thoughts in support of and in opposition of any proposal.

- a. PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FROM HANDLERS IN DIST. 1

Proposed Rule: To post identity of judge prior to trial.

There were diverse opinions presented and discussed. Several groups mentioned that they did not want trials over managed by the USBCHA and that it should be left to the discretion of the trial host. It was felt that handlers could vote by not entering. Difficulties in sometimes finding judges when the entry is out were also discussed. Others suggested that the judge's name be posted prior to last refund date or allowing a window for getting a refund after the judge was announced.

**b. NURSERY IMPORT RULE AND DISCUSSION OF IDEAS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF NURSERY ENTRIES IN THE FINALS**

Different rationales were discussed in support of or against a change of the import rule. With respect to the Nursery program, suggestions included limiting Nursery dogs to running only once in the National Finals. There was debate about the qualifying system and whether it should go back to a point system or whether it was working just fine. This was not a vote on any particular proposal but a chance to discuss the Nursery program in general.

**c. REFUNDS FOR SCRATCHING FROM THE FINALS OPEN CLASS**

Issue: whether there should be a hard refund date for the Open finals, and not a full refund, if a handler scratched after a set date absent a veterinary and medical reason even if the spot was filled (which there always is). There was strong support for a change in this regard with different ideas on the date and how much would be forfeited. Most felt that it would assist those on the wait list in their planning by encouraging entrants to decide earlier whether they were going to run in the Finals.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Carol reminded the members that the Statement of Interest for the World Trial was due by the end of the last day of the Finals and the nominations for Officers is open until October 5.

**8. ADJOURN**