

**USBCHA
Directors Meeting – April 19, 2017
Minutes**

Attending: Maria Amodei, John Holman, Lyle Lad, Beverly Lambert, Amanda Milliken, Lori Perry, Lana Rowley, David Saunders, Bob Stephens, Kay Stephens, Linda Tesdahl, Joni Tietjen, Jim Valley, Terri Warner, Carol Clawson (president).

A. Video – Live Streaming Proposal submitted by 5:00 Films

Carol reviewed the Video Proposal submitted by 5:00 Films & Media. Some refinements had been made since the initial submittal. Different approaches were considered, including free live streaming and pay per view (PPV). Under either approach, DVDs could be sold presold and delivered after the event. There was also discussion about continuing with efforts to obtain more donations. During the live stream programming, there will be a banner and other information asking for donations to continue to support the program. The video company will make a promotional video for \$745 and those funds will be paid out of donations collected during the Finals. The Board discussed the value of providing this free service, noting that it would be a valuable service to give to members of both the USBCHA and ABCA and it would provide additional exposure to the breed and its working ability. It would also give the two associations a historical record of the event and the participating dogs and handlers.

The following accounting of contributions to date was reviewed:

CBCA	\$ 2,000.00
Team Snepp	\$ 2,000.00
Emma Chong, Dayton NV	\$ 2,000.00
Dayton Valley Vet - Mary Minor	\$ 1,000.00
Utah Stockdog Assoc	\$ 500.00
Washington Stockdog	\$ 150.00
MPBCA	\$ 250.00
OSDS	\$ 350.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS to date	\$ 8,250.00
TOTAL COST (w/promo)	\$ 17,289.80
Balance Due	\$ 9,039.80
proposed USBCHA/ABCA share	\$ 4,519.90

The Board also discussed what to do if we continued to collect donations if the USBCHA and ABCA each contributed \$4500, this paying for the balance now necessary to fund the project. The Board considered using the funds to pay back the USBCHA and ABCA their share contributed or to “bank” the funds to be used towards future live streaming of the Finals hopefully on an annual basis.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the following 3 motions were made, seconded and passed unanimously.

1. Motion: USBCHA will contribute \$4500 towards free live-streaming for the Semi-final and Finals on Saturday and Sunday of the 2017 Finals, contingent upon an equal contribution by the ABCA. Donations will be solicited during the live streaming event and the Board will continue to attempt to raise additional funds. [Motion made by Amanda Milliken and seconded by Lori Perry; motion passed unanimously.]
2. Any additional funds collected will be accounted for separately and earmarked for future live streaming of the Finals. [Motion made by John Holman; and seconded by Bob Stephens; motion passed unanimously].
3. In the event that we collect an additional \$8000 prior to the Finals, the Board will at that time consider spending those funds on the filming of the preliminary runs. [Motion made by Bob Stephens and seconded by Jim Valley; motion passed unanimously.]

B. Honorary life membership – the Snepp family

Carol presented Laura Vishoot’s proposal to honor the Snepp family with an honorary USBCHA life membership in recognition of their long-term support for the USBCHA and its trials. A summary of the Snepp’s contributions were provided to the Board and, in addition to prior year’s contributions, include \$1500 to the World Team, \$1500 to the 2017 National Finals and \$2000 to the live streaming of the Finals this year. The Snepps will be acknowledged at the trial at Vashon and also at the Finals if they attend as planned. After discussion, Bob Stephens moved to accept the proposal and Linda Tesdahl seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

USBCHA
Directors Meeting – June 7, 2017
Minutes

Attending: Jim Murphy, Maria Amodei, Lyle Lad, Amanda Milliken, Lori Perry, Lana Rowley, Bob Stephens, Kay Stephens, Linda Tesdahl, Joni Tietjen, Stephanie Goracke, Laura Vishoot, Joe Haynes, Linda DeJong (Secretary), Carol Clawson (president).

1. World Team: In accordance with the Rules for World Team Competition, the Board chose the five-dog competition team as they originally qualified for the world team. If the same handler qualified two dogs, they may choose one dog for the team.

Bev Lambert (may choose which dog):
Joe Haynes - Keally
Dave Imas - Tip
Ron Burkey (may choose which dog)
Derek Fisher - Nell

Anne Mock – Ben, alternate

All other dogs and competitors are in the individual competition.
Motion made by Bob Stephens, seconded by Maria Amodei. Passed unanimously (Joe Haynes abstained).

2. The World Team requested that the USBCHA sponsor a dinner at the World Trial for the USA and Canadian members and requested \$600. Maria moved to accept the request for \$600; Lori Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed with one no vote (Lyle Lad). Joe Haynes and Amanda Milliken abstained.

3. Serta Sponsorship for Webcast. The Board discussed what level of sponsorship would be necessary to grant Serta a title sponsorship for the webcast. Carol reported that Barbara Levinson thought they would be willing to donate \$3000. Serta has already donated \$8000 to the National Finals. Given the total amount donated, Amanda moved that Serta be given a title sponsorship on the webcast. Maria seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

4. Carol reported that there was some “push back” on the Photograph & Video Release that is required to enter the Finals this year. Carol suggested that the Board delegate authority to the Rules Committee to draft and pass a rule that would indicate that competitors in the National Finals agree to a photo release. If a rule, no separate release form would be required and it would be a condition to competing, just like paying the entry and compliance with the other USBCHA rules. After some discussion, Bob Stephens moved that the Board delegate its authority to pass a photo release rule to the Rules Committee. Maria seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 pacific time.

USBCCHA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Wed. September 27, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Handlers' Tent – Belle Grove Plantation, VA

Welcome: Carol welcomed members and thanked those who have assisted the 2017 National Finals.

Financial Report

Marianna provided the 2016 Financial Information for review.

Carol noted that the Investment Account, which we began investing in stages last February, has a balance of \$234,734.38, an increase of \$4712.33

Future Finals

Carol provided a brief update on the 2018 Finals to be held in Alturus, CA, September 24-29.

Election Results

Carol announced the election results by district:

1. Mary Minor
 2. Joni Tietjen
 3. Wyatt Fleming
 4. Kay Stephens
 5. Pearse Ward
 6. Lyle Lad
 7. Maria Amodei
 8. Frank Smith
 9. Tracy Hinton
 10. Bob Stephens
- At large: Dianne Deal

Ethel Conrad Award Presentation – awarded to Tom Wilson

Discussion Items

As has been the practice the last two Annual Meetings, Carol asked the attendees to break into groups for discussion and, following the discussions, each group then provided a brief summary of their discussion on the following topics:

1. Proposal that on the Final day of the Finals, we do not post scores until the end of the trial.
The majority of the members voted against this proposal
2. Proposal to amend the term of directors to 3 years, staggering like the at-large directors.

7 groups agreed with this proposal; 1 group preferred that it remain as 2 year terms

3. Discussion on how to encourage more people to judges and how to prepare judges. Terry Warner described the apprentice program that District 2 is trying.
All groups seem to agree that some training was a good idea and discussed a variety of ideas, including the following:
 - i. people need to take initiative to learn and need to be protected.
Mentoring have judge site along with a novice judge USBCHA pay for experienced judge to do it
 - ii. felt a committee form to educate judges
 - iii. in favor, of judging training
 - iv. discussion of some sort of qualification criteria
 - v. Judging clinic at larger trials in a separate tent
 - vi. USBCHA sponsor clinics and donate money to support clinic have demo runs to be judged or have judge looking over shoulder of person test judging
 - vii. At trials, different person judge each day of a 2 day trial to encourage judges
 - viii. Look at other dog venues for ideas

4. **Report from Discipline/Grievance Committee – Amanda Milliken**
Amanda outlined how the grievance procedure is working with the standing committee and commended Bob Stephans, Chair, for his outstanding work leading the committee through a number of issues and a thorough and fair manner.

The meeting was adjourned and was followed by individual presentations in memory of handlers we have lost this past year: Todd Kenady, Joanne Noble, Nathan Mooney, Jim Swift, Mike Hanley.

USBCHA – Director’s Meeting

Date Wed. Dec. 6, 2017

5:00 p.m. Pacific Time; 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Present: Maria Amodei, Faansie Basson, Dianne Deal, Wyatt Fleming, Stephanie Goracke, Tracy Hinton, John Holman, Amanda Milliken, Mary Minor, Lori Perry, David Saunders, Frank Smith, Bob Stephens, Kay Stephens, Linda Tesdahl, Joni Tietjen, Laura Vishoot, Pearse Ward, Terri Warner, Carol Clawson (President), Marianna Schreeder (Treasurer), and Linda DeJong (Secretary). Absent: Scott Glen, Joe Haynes, Lyle Lad and Beverly Lambert

1. **Rule change proposal** – Kay Stephens moved to amend Part II.F.5 of the rules to state: Fresh water shall always be available on the field for cooling a dog. Laura Vishoot seconded the motion.
This matter was discussed prior to the meeting on the Forum and there was a lengthy discussion during the meeting. The motion passed with one No vote (Pearse Ward)
2. **Judging Guidelines** – A review of the proposed Judging Guidelines was tabled and will be reviewed during the February meeting.
3. **Finals** – After discussion, the Board agreed without objection to the following policies/procedures for the National Finals. Carol explained that the Officers are working on something like procedural manual and will include these items. They can be changed by the Board at any time.
 - a. Nursery Class Size – Number of days – when there are 86 or more dogs, the Nursery class will be run over 3 days.
 - b. Definition of Rookie
 - i. Open Rookie: Defined as the highest placing handler who has never run in the Open at the Finals, but may have run in Nursery.
 - ii. Nursery Rookie: Defined as a handler who has never run in the Finals (either class) and is running in the Nursery for the first time. This means that a handler who has run in Open at the Finals but has never run in the Nursery finals is NOT eligible to be the Nursery Rookie.
 - c. Prize Money Allocations (info posted on Forum): For the Open, it was agreed to accept Marianna’s proposal for pay-outs. For Nursery, it was agreed that Marianna and Carol would look at various options. Carol also

encouraged that Board members continue to offer suggestions on the Forum.

4. Nursery trophy proposal – Joni Tietjen

Discussion:

Joni pointed out that the nursery traveling trophies are in poor shape and volunteered to look at options for upgrading them.

There was a discussion about perpetual trophies, noting that they are frequently poorly maintained and damaged in transit. It was suggested that there also be annual trophies that the winning handlers can keep. Carol noted that individual trophies were given in 2015 and 2016 along with perpetual trophies.

It was decided that the HA can afford to pay for upgrades. Joni and Carol will work on ideas for the Nursery trophy to be presented to the board for approval.

5. Other business

It was pointed out that, since the Board approved investing its savings, the USBCHA has earned approximately \$7,000, a substantial increase from prior years.

February meeting agenda will include bids for 2019 sheep and 2018 cattle finals, a review of the proposed changes to the judging guidelines and an updated financial report for the 2017 Finals.

Meeting was adjourned 6:11 PM PST