

## **USBCHA BOD Meeting**

**8/19/2025**

### **Attending:**

**Officers:** Lori Cunningham, Russell McCord, Linda DeJong, Marianna Schreeder

**Directors:** Fred Temple, Haley Hunewill, Jamie Spring, Jan Stebbns, Bob Allen, Rachel Ritland, Kay Stephens, Russell McCord, Lori Perry, John Campbell, Shane Scallan, Paul Batz, Sue Schoen, Marianna Schreeder, Amanda Milliken, Viki Kidd, Scott Glen, Bob Washer, Cy Peterson, Lori Chamberlain

**Guests:** Geri Byrne

### **Adoption of minutes from June 2025 Meeting**

Motion: Scott Glen: Accept minutes

Second: Cy Peterson

Accepted without objection

### **2025 Finals Update (Sheep and Cattle)**

#### **Sheep: Geri Byrne**

Committee has visited the field. The owners are supplying everything asked for the field and stock care and supply. There have been many volunteers, but more are always helpful. Set up people only may arrive starting the Saturday before the Finals.

Baer testing will be offered on site.

Questions:

Banners for USBCHA and Purina? Lori will check what is available and get back to Geri.

Handler bags are in process of being set up- Logos on bags for ABCA, Purina and USBCHA. More items to put in bags is encouraged

Time clocks for nursery and open fields?- Marianna has time clocks and will coordinate with Geri about getting them to field

Monday noon is handler sign in

Collars are made for sheep

Nursery handlers meeting: 6 PM on Tuesday.

Estimated time per run including exhaust and setout is Open-15 and Nursery-9 minutes per run.

Filming: Lori will put Geri in contact with live stream people

There will be a dinner and Calcutta in handlers tent on Saturday.

### **Cattle finals**

Discussion of how to post sponsors. Rachel, Linda and Rose will communicate to come up with plan

### **Video archives project information**

The BOD had a moment of silence to honor the passing of Heather Nadelman and acknowledge her substantial contributions to the USBCHA.

Heather was working on a project to make all available videos searchable by handler and dog. She had completed a few years and demonstrated how it would work. Due to her untimely passing, the project is on hold. The hope is to find someone capable and willing to continue the project.

### **Continue discussion on allowing dual sanctioning for Cattledog trials**

Discussion

In previous discussion it was decided to get feedback from the ABCA.

A proposal was formulated that we do a pilot project for 2 years to test if it helps increase participation in the Cattledog trials. At the end of the 2 years, the BOD would determine whether to continue the dual sanctioning option.

It would require a change in the rules for cattledog trials to allow dual sanctioning from the National Cattledog Association and Mountain States Stockdog Association. Current rules provide that USBCHA rules would apply to sanctioned trials.

Motion: Marianna Schreeder- Effective August 19, 2025, Cattledog trials sanctioned by NCA or MSSA will be eligible for USBCHA sanctioning through July 31, 2027. This provision will be reviewed at that time.

Second: Bob Allen

Passed without objection

### **Finance Committee financial review recommendation**

Marianna reached out to the company that had previously reviewed USBCHA finances and received quotes for a review this year.

Committee recommendation:

Finance committee recommends what has been used historically which is a basic compilation due to the simplicity of HA finances.

BOD discussed.

Motion: Cy Peterson- made a motion to do a compilation statement this year and based on report and any recommendations, be willing to do a review next year. This gives the HA time to explore more bids and prepare the required documentation.

Second: Marianna Schreeder

Passed without objection

### **New business**

**Ethel Conrad Award:** Lori requested clarification on award protocol. BOD explained it is a President's Chalice award- can give to whoever for whatever reason.

**Meeting Adjourned.**