

USBCA BOD MEETING

JULY 8, 2026

Attending:

Directors: Haley Hunewill, Michele Howard, Jan Stebbins, Terry Murray, Bob Allen, Kay Stephens, Russell McCord, Lori Perry, Shane Scallan, Sue Schoen, Marianna Schreeder, Viki Kidd, Peter Gonnott, Scott Glen, Bob Washer, Bridget Strang, Lori Chamberlain

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

Guests: Bryan White

Approval of April 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve; Jan Stebbins

Second: Haley Hunewill

Approved unanimously

Updates on 2026 Finals

Sheepdog Finals- Geri Byrne

1. Plans are well underway for the Finals. Geri noted a key committee of 15 people who is responsible for various aspects of the event. We have a Zoom meeting once a month and a Discord channel to keep up in between.
2. Lodging for judges, setout, and Ray Crabtree is confirmed. Tents, tables, chairs, Announcer, PA system, and toilets are all confirmed.
3. Ad Sales and sponsorships are going well. Our initial deadline is July 15th. We are including a breeder/trainer directory and a trial directory in the program. Please reach out to Geri for info.
4. Special gift in appreciation of service has been ordered.
5. Still finalizing Nursery field.
6. Merch is ordered, and we have started to sell some of them.
7. Several volunteers signed up, but many are waiting to see their draw. Geri recommendation to close entries and hold the draw earlier to better solicit volunteers, sell dog sponsorships, and support the program. Timing is tight. No action was taken.
8. Scribes, exhaust, vendors, hospitality, Handler/Sponsor Bags, District Baskets/Silent Auction are all being handled by various committee members.
9. More sheep will be available than in 2025.
10. Seminars from top experts in the nations will be offered on Dental, Nutrition, and Parasitology by some of our main sponsors.
11. The livestream to the vendor tent on a large screen to get more people to visit the tent.
12. In regard to sponsorship, we have a few suggestions. Glynis has worked hard soliciting and taking care of sponsors and we worry about this going forward. Local host inquired about USBCA re: hiring someone to solicit and meet the needs of the major sponsors to maintain continuity.
13. Geri inquired about "auctioning" a 151st spot in the finals as a fundraiser. This would require a bylaw change, thus no action taken,

Cattledog Finals- Brian Brown

Focusing currently on more efforts to raise funds. Have some raffles ready to go, Logos have been set up and have person working on clothing. Calves are set to be weaned soon. Rachel and Tara will consult on how to promote sponsorships. Cattledog committee will maintain a Facebook page for information sharing.

Recognition of National Finals Committees for both events.

Sheep finals: Geri Byrne, Haley Hunewill (chair), Bryan White, Suzy Applegate, Faansie Basson, Nancy Penley, Blake Byrum

Cattle finals: Brian Brown, Michael McNutt, Joni Tietjen

2027 Sheepdog Finals bid- Carbondale, CO

Motion: accept the bid: Jan Stebbins

Second: Marianna Schreeder

Approved unanimously

Tentative dates: Sept 20-26 Final confirmation of dates are pending

Officer & Director Nominations:

Need president, vice president, treasurer.

Reminder that treasurer & secretary position have a particular skill set needed.

Any nominees wishing to get more information about positions can contact current officer holders to get a better idea of what each position needs and time commitment required.

Director nominations needed are also needed. Check the website, either nomination form or news have list of what districts need nominees and which current directors are term limited or eligible

World Team: stipends going out soon, Bridget reaching out to team, feels team is well organized at this time.

Reminder: Lori encouraged everyone to pay attention to potential issues at trials, particularly around stock management and managing extremely hot weather and take proactive steps to alleviate risks.

Special awards: BOD previously approved donations for special appreciation awards to be presented at the finals. These are added to donations from other organizations to make it a community award.

Tabled / New Business

None

Adjourned