

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.