

USBCHA Board of Directors' Meeting
June 14, 2022
7 p.m. CST
Minutes

I. Call to Order

- a. **7:00 PM CST**

II. Roll Call:

- a. Directors: Amanda Milliken, Bob Washer, Cy Peterson, Frank Smith, Jamie Spring, Jan Stebbins, Jennifer Boznos, Lori Cunningham, Louanne Twa, Marianna Schreeder, Mich Ferraro, Mike Neary, Milton Scott, Russell McCord, Scott Glen, Stephanie Goracke, Steve Rhidenour, Sue Schoen, Terri Pelkey, Tracy Hinton, Wyatt Fleming
- b. Officers: Russell McCord, Lori Cunningham, Marianna Schreeder, Linda DeJong, Pearse Ward

III. Approval of Minutes –March 2, 2022

- a. Motion to approve: Stephanie Goracke
- b. Second: Jan Stebbins
- c. Approved by voice vote

IV. Old Business

- a. 2022 USBCHA Cattledog National Finals Update- Wyatt Fleming speaking
1. Lyle and Linda are working on entry forms. (Add: Entry forms are scheduled to go out July 1).
 2. Wyatt wants to encourage having live web streaming. Pointed out that most other organizations already do live streaming. He feels this would benefit the program and highlight how different the USBCHA Cattledog Finals is.
 3. General organization is complete under leadership of Lyle East.
 4. Marianna will be in contact with Milton for arranging his transport as judge.
 5. Vivian Christensen is keeping book for Cattledog Finals.
- b. 2022 USBCHA Cattledog National Finals Webcast
1. First time livestreaming for cattle. Bid for all 4 days is \$3550. Pearse has been working on soliciting bid and contract.
 2. Russell will contact ABCA to see if they would be willing to pay ½ of total for both sheep and cattle finals. Total for both trials is \$8200. Half would be less than ABCA contributed last year.
 3. Motion to approve bid and contract with 321 Action Video made by Steve Rhidenour
 4. Second: Jan Stebbins
 5. Passed by voice vote
- c. Letter from Pearse Ward Ad Hoc Committee/Judge Ad Hoc Committee Proposal Re: Disqualification – Attachment #2
1. Final rewrite from Pearse and Lori has been completed. ISDS has similar guidelines. Rewrite was in line with recommendations and discussion from previous meeting.
 2. Motion to accept disqualification guidelines: Scott Glen
 3. Second: Marianna Schreeder
 4. Passed via voice vote with one opposed.

- d. 2022 USBCHA Sheepdog National Finals Update
 1. Tuesday, 6/7/22. Workshop was held on scheduling and basic organization. Present:
 - Trial committees
 - USBCHA: Patrick, Sue, Bob
 - ABCA: Scott, Faansie, Thad
 - USBCHA officers: Russell, Lori, Linda, Pearse and Marianna
 - Mary Minor, Sandra Massie
 2. Annual Meeting scheduled at Finals: Friday evening - USBCHA, Thursday evening - ABCA.
 3. Photographers have been arranged; program started, schedule roughed in.
 4. Patrick and Mary will be looking at fields available- Several are available. Once decision is made, details will be supplied.
 5. When schedule is complete it will be sent out to BOD.
- e. 2023 USBCHA Sheepdog Nationals Finals Update
 1. Marianna: Finance Committee reviewed budget and contract.
 2. Date of final: 2nd week of Sept is difficult- 4th week of September meet the needs for World Trial, USBCHA and Strang Ranch.
 3. Profit sharing: Proposal included not doing profit sharing. Committee will continue to discuss with Bridget about the pros and cons of profit sharing.
 4. Finance Committee has asked for reply from Bridget by July 1.
 5. Russell emphasized the need to get the proposal resolved by July 1 to be able to initiate a backup plan if differences cannot be resolved with Strang Ranch. He also encouraged planning out of finals 2-3 years in advance.
 6. The Finance Committee will make a recommendation to the BOD to approve or disapprove. Meeting will be called within 48 hours of recommendation being submitted

V. New Business

- a. Proposed Rule Revisions
 1. Humane Rule – Section F Of the Rules – Attachment #3
 - Proposed add made to add a requirement for care of livestock to guidelines. It was noted that at the 2021 Sheep Finals, a state inspector came by and examined all areas. Inspector could have shut down the entire trial if livestock is not sufficiently cared for.
 - It is proposed that there be a requirement that hay and water be available at all trials.
 - Discussion: concerns about adding requirements burdening hosts, that needs of livestock vary according to local conditions and local regulations. Concern also expressed about condition of livestock and number of times an animal is rerun.
 - It was proposed that the language be changed to more general guidance and eliminating specific number of hours.
 - Motion to table discussion. Lori and Mich will rewrite the proposal in line with the discussion and represent
 - Motion: Mich Ferraro
 - Second: Lori Cunningham
 - Passed by voice vote

- b. World Trial Update
 - a. Information about dates and location of World trial is posted under Upcoming Trials. A button has been set up for donations
 - Linda is the ISDS contact person
 - Maggie McClure has agreed to be the team contact person and field questions such as how to arrange transport and other team concerns. Will be going whether she makes the team or not.
 - Patricia Macrae, Mike Neary, Nancy Finley: Fundraising team
 - Silent auction and other fundraising events are being planned.
 - Purina has committed to supplying jackets for each team member.

VI. Other Business

1. Lori shared that she has gotten quite a number complaints from her area about hosts switching run orders to accommodate special requests. Some ended up leaving because so many were put in ahead of them. Noted there are some rules about manipulating run orders and when it is appropriate and when not. Plans on putting reminder on her district facebook.
2. Discussion ensued as to the best way to bring information to handlers and hosts in a way that would be helpful and informative with aim of giving newer handlers a better background about unwritten rules and customs. It was pointed out that there are resources for putting on a trial under Forms/Resources on the website but very few people will go looking for it.
3. Final resolution was to use the group email to periodically share information with the membership.
4. Committee formed: Tracy, Mich and Milton will put together the contents of an email and send it to Russell. He will vet it and send to Linda to mail out to membership.
5. Recommendation was made that search for candidates for officers, especially for president and vice president begin ASAP. (ADD. Nominations close Oct 5)

VII. Adjournment: 8:18 CST

- a. Motion: Jamie Spring
- b. Second: Jennifer Boznos