

USBCHA- Directors' Meeting
May 17,2020
5 PM PST, 8 PM EST

Attending: Officers:

Peter Hall, Linda DeJong, Marianna Schreeder

Directors:

Amanda Milliken, Angie Coker-Sells, Cy Peterson, David Saunders, Dianne Deal, Faansie Basson, Frank Smith, Jan Stebbins, Jennifer Boznos, Joe Haynes, John Palmer, Kay Stephens, Laura Vishoot, Linda Tesdahl, Lori Cunningham, Louanne Twa, Marianna Schreeder, Mary Minor, Mich Ferraro, Mike Neary, Milton Scott, Sue Schoen, Terri Warner, Wyatt Fleming

Guests:

Dianne Sylvestre, Traci Treadwell, Carol Clawson

President's Opening Statement

There has been minimal impact on investment accounts since most of investments are in treasury and other securities.

World Trial Update

To be held between- Sept 16-19, 2021

Note that there has been a lot of good discussion occurring on BC Boards for the directors

2020 Sheepdog and Cattledog Finals

Sheepdog Finals update from Sandy Payne-

Sandy has submitted a report of the logistics around the 2020 trials and has concluded that the 2020 sheepdog finals is not viable due to lose of sponsorships, likely inability to hold finals at Belle Grove facility or to have spectators. In addition, there are multiple issues around acquisition of livestock.

Discussion:

Mary Minor, speaking for 2021 Western Finals, said they support Sandy having first choice of 2021 Finals.

Also discussed was the role of the local host and the USBCHA in determining the viability of holding the finals. General consensus was that it needs to be a joint decision

Motion: Amanda Milliken:

Cancel sheepdog finals 2020

Seconded: Mary Minor

Passed unanimously by roll call

Motion: Frank Smith;

Have 2021 Sheepdog finals at Belle Grove. Date to be determined

Seconded: Cy Peterson

Passed unanimously

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Western Finals to be held in 2022 pending confirmation from finals committee about location

Seconded: Joe Haynes

Passed unanimously

Cattledog Finals

Discussion: Point was made that there is concern that cancellation will affect access to venues in future years and that cattledog finals is looking at fewer numbers at competitions. This suggests there could be a different policy around the cattledog finals. Question was raised about whether the closed border between US and Canada would affect the finals and need to consider ramifications of treating cattledog and sheepdog finals differently. The Cattledog finals committee is, at this point, not requesting cancellation. It was felt that it is premature to cancel finals when hosts still want to put it on.

Also, it was determined that further consideration needs to include how to handle nursery dogs and 2020 trial year sanctioning fees from local trials

Covid-19 Committee Recommendations and Discussion

Committee Recommendation: Continue suspension to Aug 1 to be re-evaluated mid-July. They are looking at regulations for trials when sanctions do open. Problem-number of cases still rising.

Tracee Treadwell: US leads world in cases and deaths, new as of today increase of 31,000. Starting to go up in younger groups but older still leading in death. Texas is used as example. Open in April 30- in 2 week incubation large increase in numbers. Testing increase is a small caveat. There has been an increase in super-spreader events- 1 individual resulting in a large number of cases.

New syndromes are showing up, ex. young children, increase blood clots, multi organ failure.

Dianne Sylvestre: Medical -we are getting better treatment and deaths are going down. Need to be making decisions to keep most vulnerable safe. Once we have better grasp of metrics and determine if risk is low enough to start trials.

Discussion

How dangerous is it to have outdoor event? Tracee does not see it as safe unless we have better control, treatment or vaccine. Not necessarily all but some need to be in place. Aug date to open- should have good understanding of risks from opening up as of next meeting. Also, if the international border is closed can we have sanctioned trials? Needs to be addressed for future.

August 1- is that a likely be possible to have trials? This is a reasonable but need to keep reviewing if the risk is low enough to go forward.

Motion: Amanda Milliken

No sanctions until August 1 with reevaluation middle of July

Second: Linda Tesdahl

Passed with one no

Covid-19 Liability Concerns (Carol Clawson)

Carol is not acting as a lawyer for HA but is working on a liability statement. The first lawsuit has occurred in Utah. For protection we need a signed statement of liability to

avoid lawsuits. Need to figure out the logistics. Statement will remain in a draft form until the next meeting due to decision to not sanction trials until August.

Waiver- signature would be required in order to participate. Not attached to any insurance.

Motion: Joe Haynes;

Defer decision until next meeting for cattledog finals with no sanctioned trials until August

Second: Mary Minor

Passed unanimously

Finals Qualification Committee Update (Cy Peterson)

2020 Qualifying Finals no longer applies. Need to review any carryover points from 2020 to 2021 and discuss nursery options in next meeting.

Kunkel disciplinary actions

To be continued

New Business:

Next meeting to occur in one month

Will review how to handle points and nursery qualification.

Adjourn

Motion: Cy Peterson

6:53 PM adjourn