

USBCHA Directors Meeting 12-6-2023 7:00PM Central Time

Present: Bob Allen, Paul Batz, Billy Bishop, John Campbell, Lori Cunningham, Wyatt Fleming, Scott Glen, Peter Gonnett, Stephanie Goracke, Jeanine Henigin, Vicki Kidd, Russell McCord, Amanda Milliken, Terri Pelkey, Cy Peterson, Marianna Schreeder, Jamie Spring, Jan Stebbins, Bob Washer, Linda DeJong, Pearse Ward

Not Present: Jennifer Boznos, Joe Haines, Sue Schoen, Fred Temple

Agenda

- 1) Welcome New Directors
 - a. Bob Allen, Russell McCord, Jeanine Henigin, John Campbell, Paul Batz, Marianna Schreeder, Vicki Kidd, Scott Glen, Peter Gonnett, Bob Washer
- 2) Approve minutes from AGM
 - a. Bob washer moved, 2nd Stephanie Goracke, unanimously accepted.
- 3) Treasurer's Position
 - a. Marianna indicated a desire to step down in Jan 2023. Board approved the position with an \$8000 stipend in July 2023. The position will be through December 2024 per the bylaws to finish Marianna's current term with the option to renew pending review and approval by the board.
 - b. Would like to get the new Treasurer appointed by year end so that they have the full year in the position
 - c. Two candidates have submitted written letters of approval so far. Kimberly Royer's you have and Tony Luper submitted one yesterday.
 - d. Would like the Finance committee to review these and any others Marianna has received and make a recommendation to the Board by January 2024 if that meets with everyone's approval.
- 4) Cattledog Finals
 - a. Bid from Wyatt Fleming was attached to the meeting notice to host the Cattledog Finals at Hoover Angus Sale Facility near Tingley IA.
 - i. Motion to accept proposal Marianna Schreeder , Second Cy Peterson, unanimously approved.
- 5) Purina Contract
 - a. \$2000/yr
 - b. Dog food prizes for Finals approximately 100 large bags per year plus smaller sample bags.
 - c. This year also provided jackets for WT team members (prob \$3000 value)
 - d. \$2000 Dog of the year. Nursery dog of the year in the works.
 - e. Contract was from 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022 with automatic 1 yr extensions for 2023 and 2024 unless terminated or renegotiated. Can be terminated on 30 days' notice.
 - f. Renegotiation on the contract for 2024 will be led by Russell McCord and Lori Cunningham

- 6) Committee Assignments
 - a. Finance Committee
 - i. Marianna Schreeder – Chair
 - ii. Lori Cunningham, Jan Stebbins, Russell McCord, John Campbell, Vicki Kidd
 - b. Rules Committee
 - i. Joe Haines – Chair
 - ii. Paul Batz, Terri Pelkey, Jeanine Henigin
 - c. Disciplinary Committee
 - i. Stephanie Goracke – Chair
 - ii. Sue Schoen, Jamie Spring, Vicki, Paul, Jeanine
 - d. Finals Committee
 - i. Scott Glen– Chair, Russell McCord
- 7) Directors Meeting Schedule
 - a. Jan 9th, March 12th, May 7th, July 16th, September 10th, November 12th
 - b. Invite the Finals’ committee chairs to attend and update the Board on progress for Finals preparation and any assistance needed from the Board.
- 8) Other Business
 - a. Sheepdog Finals Sept 30th – Oct 6th
 - i. Proposal to highlight the Nursery final more by moving the Nursery Finals to Open field. Board will consider at the Jan meeting and will discuss alternatives such as videotaping the Nursery Finals or live casting it.
 - ii. Proposal to change the Secretary and Treasurer position to contract positions rather than Officers of the Association. Would give more flexibility with regards to terms etc. Lori Cunningham will brief the board on pros and cons. Would require a Bylaw amendment approved by the membership.
 - iii. Bylaws call for us to have an audit done every year by a CPA. This would cost in excess of \$12,000 and for that reason a formal audit has not been done for several years. Finance committee will investigate alternative methods of auditing the associations finances and report out to the Board at the Jan meeting so that an audit can be conducted early in 2024.
- 9) Motion to adjourn Paul Batz, 2nd Terri Pelkey, unanimous consent to adjourn.