

USBCHA – Director’s Meeting

Date: Tuesday February 11 2020

5:00 p.m. Pacific Time; 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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

Minutes

1. **2020 Cattledog Finals Proposal:** Posted and discussed previously. Concerns raised by the Board at the last meeting have been addressed by Cattledog Committee and
 - a. Chair for Cattledog: Rich Hall, Co-chair: Mike Davis
 - b. It is moved that proposal be approved as posted,
 - c. Moved: Frank Smith
 - d. Second Mike Neary
 - e. Passed with no objections
2. **Final Report**
 - a. End-of-year P&L posted. Questions entertained
 - b. Account moved following the manager to maintain favorable fee structure. Continue to be conservatively invested.
 - c. Judging Pay Rate Proposal
 - i. ABCA was informed of proposal. Marianna has reviewed fiscal impacts and has determined that HA’s positive net income can support the increase. Finance Committee consensus supports increase. Board discussed the issue
 - ii. Moved by Mike Neary to increase payments \$600 for sheep only.
 - iii. Second: Terri Warner
 - iv. Passed with no objections
3. **Committee Updates**
 - a. **Judging Guidelines Committee**
 - i. Draft of amended rules were approved by the Board at the December meeting. The revised rules, as presented, contain editorial revisions only and have been discussed with Angie so proposal is acceptance of rules as written.
 - ii. Code of Ethics also previously approved with editorial revisions only.
 - iii. Specific rules in question
 - i. *A person may not judge the National Finals more than three times in five years, or in consecutive years.*
 - ii. *On acceptance of an invitation to judge the National Finals, a person must agree to and sign a Code of Ethics statement.*
 - iii. *At a National Finals trial, a person may not judge a dog that he or she:*
 1. *Owned or co-owned after February 1 of the Finals year.*

2. *Personally ran and gained points after February 1 of the Finals year.*

iv. *At a National Finals Trial, a person may not judge his/her spouse or other immediate family member.*

v. *A person who has been selected to judge the National Finals may not judge another USBCHA-sanctioned trial during the two (2) months prior to the National Finals trial.*

iv. *Edits were accepted with no objections*

v. Application to cattledog finals: Discussion of difference between the way sheepdog and cattledog trials are judged and applicability of specific rules. General consensus was cattledog trials based on time and points with less subjectivity.

1. Determined that Peter will bring it up with the cattledog committee to identify whether it is necessary to apply new rules to cattledog finals

b. Handler Guidelines for National Finals Committee

i. Updated by Terri Warner: Competitors are held to same standards as judges, Looking at guidelines rather than hard rules. Guidelines are still in process with a goal of being completed prior to entries.

4. Finals Webcast Proposal

a. DVD distribution: The vision is to have HA control its media distribution through its own channel including finals video and judging video as well as other archival materials. Discussion is in progress involving 5:00 Films & Media, webmaster. Web committee needs to come up with a proposal.

b. Funding

i. USBCHA: previous years \$4500 given. Peter will get specific costs for preliminary and additional cross drive camera.

1. Amanda proposed USBCHA increase amount as service to members to \$10,000
2. Second: Sue Schoen
3. Angie, Peter will discuss with ABCA covering the preliminary round
4. Passed with no objection including third camera

5. ABCA Grant Request

a. In process. Discuss with ABCA if they will cover on a 50/50 or a total of \$4000 for finals

b. Request ABCA increase contribution to webcast

6. World Trial Update

a. List has been sent to ISDS and individual handlers are responsible for their entries and payment.

b. Proposal sponsor dinner for attending USBCHA members

c. World Trial Fundraising Committee

- i. Maggi has been in discussion with Purina and Nutri-Source. Nutri-source has offered to purchase jackets for the World Team.
- ii. Mike Neary as World Trial Handler Committee is coordinating a Facebook auction to fund raise

7. Other Business

- a. Webmaster: Pearse Ward is our new webmaster and is working on improvements on the website. Is putting together a Web Committee
- b. Judging Video: Dave Imas will be producing and mailing thumb drive version of video at cost- \$12 and there is an on-line version available at no cost. Links have been added to website.
- c. Paw Print Genetics: has renewed their support and has a new discount promotion
- d. Judge Nominations: Nominations are complete and voting has started. Results will be posted first half of March.
- e. Sheepdog Trial Committee
 - i. Linda Tesdahl, Lori Cunningham, Tom Wilson will be USBCHA reps

8. New Business

- a. Issue raised about running a dog owned by suspended handler. There is verbiage in the rules that addressed the issue but seems to be open to different interpretations. Immediate determination for an up-coming trial is that the rule is not clear enough to bar the dog but that the rules committee needs to clarify the rule.

9. Adjourned 9:30 Eastern time