# **USBCHA – Director's Meeting**

Date: June 17, 2019

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

Attending: Peter Hall, Linda DeJong, Mary Minor, Joni Tietjen, Terri Warner, Wyatt Fleming, Angie Coker-Sells, Kay Stephens, Pearse Ward, Mike Neary, Lyle Lad, Linda Tesdahl, Maria Amodei, Mich Ferraro, Frank Smith, Tracy Hinton, John Palmer, Stephanie Goracke, Dianne Deal

#### **Minutes**

## 1. Sheepdog 2019 Finals Update

a. Trial Committee

i. USBCHA: Joni Tietjen, Lyle Lad, Dennis Edwards

ii. ABCA: Bridget Strang, Jamie Spring, Patrick Shannahan

b. Course approval

Bridget is planning on turning the course around from last finals she hosted and wants to get approval of the design as soon as possible so plans for infrastructure can proceed. Concerns were raised that using Google Earth to review the course design was not sufficient. Terri Warner was appointed to visit site in person and pass on to the trial committee her observations.

# 2. ABCA Grant Request

a. Approved

## 3. Purina Contract

A revised contract was presented which addressed the concerns raised previously by the BOD. It was moved and seconded to accept the revised contract and to sign it. Passed by BOD with no objections

i. Sheep/Cattle distribution

It was moved by Mike Neary and seconded by Tracy Hinton to distribute the Purina funds 50/50 between the Sheep and Cattle Finals. Passed with no objections

a. Purina Awards Committee

Committee submitted report.

Karl Gunzer is current Purina Rep. Dean Reinke will remain at Purina until the end of the year.

Maria Amodei requested a copy of the exact rules and finals scores for the past year to be able to incorporate it into the points system.

Awards will be given out at the Handlers' Dinner at the finals. Tentative plan that Peter will confirm later.

## 4. 2019 Finals Webcast

Discussion of the two proposals presented by the 5:00 Films & Media. It was determined that more information is needed about the costs if a satellite link is needed for the internet connection. Peter will research this.

- a. 5:00 Films & Media proposal attached
  - i. Option 1

Option 2 includes preliminaries

#### 5. Director Elections

It was discussed how to handle the conversion to 3-year rotation of District Directors. Plan is to elect District 1-7 for 2-year terms and District 8-10 to 3 year terms beginning this year. District 1-7 will be elected to 3-year terms beginning next year.

# 6. Committee Assignments

## a. Grievance committee

Bob Stephens has resigned from Grievance Committee due to health issues. Mich Ferraro has been assigned in his place.

Appreciation was expressed for all the hard work Bob has done and to Mich for taking on

the responsibility

#### 7. Grievance Committee

a. Kunkel (Pearse Ward)

Final determination was Moved by Mike Neary and seconded by Linda Tesdahl. Passed with 3 no votes. Letter of determination will be sent to all those involved in the grievance.

b. Bulkley

Withdrawn by Dana Ingalls. Will remain in log

c. Other grievances are still in process

# 8. Judging Education Committee

Update presented by Terri Warner

It was suggested and agreed to start a section in resources giving recommendations for manners and ethics at trials based on increasing instances of problems in these areas.

# 9. NCA Co-sanctioning Committee

Recommendations were presented and decision was made to continue policy of not co-sanctioning trials with the NCA

## 10. World Trial 2020

Qualifying Rule Clarifications were accepted

Young Handlers: we currently have 2 candidates for this.

Fundraising: A document was presented and corrections were accepted. Marianna will set up an account for funds raised by benefit trials and donations. Further discussion will occur.

## 11. New Business

Web committee will look at issue of consolidation of the websites currently being used.

## 12. Adjourn

There was a motion to adjourn and meeting ended