

USBCA – Director’s Meeting

Date: Tuesday January 26, 2021

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

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call: Officers: Peter Hall, Linda DeJong, Marianna Schreeder, Pearse Ward
Directors: Mary Minor, Jamie Spring, Jan Stebbins, Bob Allen, Wyatt Fleming, Russell McCord, Mike Neary, Jennifer Boznos, Bob Washer, Lori Cunningham, Mich Ferraro, Sue Schoen, Frank Smith, Marianna Schreeder, Tracy Hinton, Amanda Milliken, Milton Scott, Louanne Twa, Scott Glen, Laura Vishoot, Cy Peterson
Guest: Diana Sylvestre**
2. **President’s Opening Statement**
 - a. **Welcome to Incoming Directors**
 - b. **Diana Sylvestre presentation:**
 - i. There is a lot optimism right now despite the current number of cases in the US which is in excess of 24 million. We should be able to get a couple of million vaccinated in the coming months. The current modeling indicates that the COVID pandemic will be substantially minimized by the end of July. It is going to take some time to roll out all the vaccines. Social distancing is still extremely important and there are lots of disparities among different regions implementation of policies.
 - ii. There are concerns with the new variations showing up around the world but currently the vaccines seem effective for the new variations. Moderna is currently working on making a new booster.
 - iii. We may see more extensive travel bans. Current travel bans are impacting trialing already.
 - iv. On the positive, Diana was very impressed with how well trials are keeping things safe and would encourage keeping current restrictions in place. Future is still very unpredictable
 - c. **Secretary Linda DeJong:** Having shoulder surgery this week and will be staying with a friend. Will not be able to process U.S. mail, probably for a couple of weeks until able to drive again. Will be able to process and keep up with emails and electronic submissions. (Note Marianna has suggested mailing checks directly to her in the next few weeks.) Linda will be able to confirm if post office delivered mail via return address.
 - d. **Finals Updates**
 - i. **Sheep**
 1. Finals scheduled for Belle Grove, Middletown VA, October 5-10, 2021, with or without spectators- Peter will be keeping in contact with Sandy Payne and will keep board informed.
 2. Peter is asking for a new bid from 5:00 Films & Media, and feels it is particularly important to webcast the finals this year given the unpredictability of having spectators
 - ii. **Cattle**
 1. Finals at Sandeen Farm, Blakesburg IA October 21-24
 2. Sandeen Farm interested in hosting 2022 Finals as well
 3. Current proposed budget is less than 2020 budget
 - e. **President’s Annual Report**
 - i. In lieu of annual report presented at annual meeting during sheep finals, report has been posted on the website.
3. **Financial Report**

- a. End-of-2019 P&L was posted on director forum and attached to email invitation to all directors
- b. Balances as of 2019 were also posted
- c. 2020 preliminary financials were distributed to Directors. Preliminary because they haven't been audited by accountants
- d. Income and costs declined significantly in CY 2020 but the HA did not post a loss
- e. World trial committee money is househanded in the USBCHA investment account as a separate line item.

4. Insurance

- a. Option for trial hosts to be an additional insured on USBCHA GL policy was withdrawn due to limited coverage under USBCHA insurance umbrella.
 - i. This is discussed in President's Annual Report
- b. President is in the process of compiling resources for trial hosts that will be posted on the website. The goal is to publish by the end of the 1st quarter. Lori Cunningham is helping find the resources.

5. Interim Rules

- a. Part II A: Interim Rules Pertaining to Covid-19 Pandemic
 - i. Adopted July 8, 2020; extended to January 31, 2021. Interim rules remain in effect for 90 days from the date of adoption unless extended by a majority vote of the USBCHA Board of Directors

While interim rules pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic are in effect, USBCHA will reimburse trial hosts for refunds of sanctioned class entry fees (Open and Nursery) made to handlers who withdraw within 14 days of a trial's start date due to COVID-19 symptoms or suspected exposure to COVID-19. Per Board motion and approval in November, mitigation refunds must be requested within 21 days after trial ends.

- 1. Statistics – Marianna
 - a. There is a blanket \$150 per trial host. We have issued about \$5850 which comes out to about 39 trials. About half the hosts have requested it.
 - b. Entry fee refunds- most of refunds occurred between November and January- \$1300, with \$482 between August and October
- ii. Covid-19 Mitigation Grant
 - 1. Available while Interim Rules in Effect
- iii. Submission of trial sanctioning requests remain at 30 days before entry open date, although relief may be granted by District Directors or President
- b. Discussion
 - i. Extend or remove: Peter commented it seems to be working well.
- c. Motions
 - i. Moved: Amanda Milliken moved to extend 120 more days
 - ii. Second Mary Minor
- d. Approved unanimously

6. Finals judges:

- a. Judges selected for 2020 Finals have been contacted and given right of first refusal to judge 2021 Finals.
- b. Peg Anderson, Jean Gellings, Michael Gallagher (sheep), Bob Salmon (cattle) have expressed interest in judging 2021 Finals. Mosse Magnusson has declined.
- c. Member notification to nominate judges has been posted on website. Electronic nominations enabled. Nominations must be received by Secretary no later than February 15.

- d. There have been only 2 nominations submitted at this time, which are posted on website.
 - e. Directors ballots due back to Secretary by March 1
 - f. A second group email will be sent out towards the beginning of February. Pearse will put the notice more prominently on the website. Directors will encourage members to submit more nominations and stress the importance of having multiple well qualified judges nominated to have alternatives, given the uncertainty of travel restrictions.
 - g. The deadline for nominations and voting will be extended if we are still short of nominations by February 15
- 7. New Business**
- a. Question was raised about looking at budget for finals regarding payouts and alternate sources of funds.
 - b. Point was made that current USBCHA payout is an estimated 88% of entry fees.
 - c. Recognition was made of role ABCA has had in supporting the finals.
 - d. Discussion tabled. A Finance Committee has been formed to look at all the factors and make recommendations
- 8. Adjourn**
- a. Motion: Bob Washer
Second: Jennifer Boznos

Adjourned 5:55 PM PST

