

USBCHA Board of Directors

3/14/2024

5 PM PST

Directors Present: Amanda Milliken, Bob Allen, Cy Peterson, Fred Temple, Jamie Spring, Jan Stebbins, Jennifer Boznos, John Campbell, Lori Cunningham, Marianna Schreeder, Paul Batz, Peter Gonnet, Russell McCord, Scott Glen, Stephanie Goracke, Steve Rhidenour, Sue Schoen, Terri Pelkey, Viki Kidd, Wyatt Fleming

Officers Present: Pearse Ward, Linda DeJong

1 Adoption of minutes from January

Motion to accept minutes: Steve Rhidenour

Seconded by John Campbell

Accepted

2. 2023 Financial Report

Financial report is still in draft phase, waiting for final report from accountant. Expected to be completed by next meeting.

Suggested and agreed to invite new treasurer to next meeting for introduction

3 Sponsorship report (Russell)

Lori, John and Russell have been meeting with potential sponsor. Currently negotiating terms for final contract. Russell made the point that we need to emphasize what USBCHA can offer. He pointed out that members tend to spend most money on dog food with the average member having 8 dogs. He estimated that comes out to about \$6,000 per member per year times 1000 members. They are hoping to impress sponsor (who wishes to be anonymous at this time) Hope to have a contract ready to present to board in the next few weeks

4. Sheepdog Finals Update (Scott)-

Host committee was unable to attend meeting due to travel. Scott reported having contact with the stock supplier. He stated the facilities appear to be good for raising lambs. He has discussed with host committee the need to make sure the sheep will be worked prior to finals.

5. Cattledog Finals Update (Wyatt)

Nothing to report at this point

6. Other Business

a. A rule change about nursery was requested: The change requested was to allow more than one nursery per day even if there is no open class at the trial.

Current Rule:

Nursery class sanctioning and participation:

- a. At a trial where no Open classes are offered, only one Nursery class per day may be sanctioned.
- b. At a trial where Open classes are offered, the total number of Nursery classes sanctioned may not exceed the greater of either the total number of open classes or the total number of days that the trial is sanctioned for. The scheduling of the Nursery classes is at the discretion of the trial host; however, no more than two sanctioned Nursery classes may be run in one day.

Discussion was held. Reason for the current rule was to prevent holding too many nursery in a row just to get dogs qualified. It was discussed that an extraordinary exception was made for one trial due to extreme weather conditions but there is nothing in the rules allowing waivers routinely.

Motion to take no action: Russel McCord

Seconded: Cy Peterson

Motion passed for no change in rules.

Another issue was brought up about hosts being able to add a shed at the end of trial and how to interpret the current rule of no shed. Decision was made that rules should be interpreted, based on interviews with previous directors involved in the rules, that there cannot be a required shed for a nursery course but hosts can add a voluntary shed after the pen, if there is time and no points for shed awarded for the sanctioned portion of the trial.

Motion to adjourn: Paul Batz

Seconded by Jennifer Boznos

Meeting Adjourned 5:30 PM PST