

USBCHA BOD MEETING

5/7/24

5 PM PST

Attending:

Directors: Amanda Milliken, Billy Bishop, Bob Washer, Cy Peterson, Fred Temple, Jamie Spring, Jan Stebbins, Jeanine Henigin, Lori Cunningham, Marianna Schreeder, Paul Batz, Russell McCord, Scott Glen, Stephanie Goracke, Steve Rhidenour, Sue Schoen, Viki Kidd **Absent:** Bob Allen, Jennifer Boznos, John Campbell, Peter Gonnet, Terri Pelkey, Wyatt Fleming **Officers:** Pearse Ward, Joe Haynes, Linda DeJong, Marianna Schreeder **Guests:** Dee Bailes, Rebecca Gibson, Tony Luper, Nicole Rhodes

Sheepdog Finals Update (Host committee)

Sheep: Wellness visit to take place this weekend with further checks ongoing. Plan to work small groups repeatedly and finalize contract. Lambs will be approximately 9 months at time of finals.

Location: Belle Grove. Portapotties etc have been arranged. New grounds keeper is improving grounds, parking and camping area. Hay will be secured from a local farmer who will also mow the trial, camping and parking areas.

Equipment: Agreement with Belle Grove includes removing all equipment prior to Tuesday after Finals. Host committee will be going to site and determining what equipment remains there. Further discussion will determine final disposition of USBCHA equipment.

Setout: Crew for open setout is set up. Still need Nursery setout. Setout equipment has been arranged. Staging area and cull pen will need to be fenced

Vendors: over 18 vendors have signed up so far. There will be at least 2 vendors throughout the week with more on weekend.

Exhaust: Leads for exhaust has been assigned. Working on exhaust crew

Hospitality: Working on leasing a house for the judges. Once hosts have contact info for judges will work on preferences they might have

Programs: Working on revamping the programs and making them more cost effective.

Judges: Sheep will be Mark Elliott, Norm Close, Kevin Evans and Michael Davidson. Cattle: Michael McNutt, Tim Naasz
Will be posted on website with alternates

Minutes:

Motion to approve: Steve Rhidenour Second: Paul Batz

Approved

Audio/visual Equipment Quote

Quote submitted by Ray Crabtree. BOD approved accepting bid.

Purina Contract (Russell, Lori)

Contract has been negotiated and presented to board for approval. Concerns were raised about the exclusivity requirement, amount of money offered and some of wording of contract. Lori is going back to Purina to share those concerns with Purina. Board will then decide whether to accept contract proposal or allow current contract to lapse at the end of this year.

Trial Committee Authority and Responsibility (Joe Haynes, attachment)

Rules committee has been reviewing current guidelines for Trial Committee with ABCA feedback. Found that there is little formal guidelines and submitted a draft for approval of BOD.

Highlights include number of members from ABCA and USBCHA, time lines for appointment of members, pre-visit to finals site, handling disputes and resolution.

Discussion:

ABCA proposed change that committee arrive on ground by noon the day before.

Motion to accept Rules Committee recommendation with ABCA proposed change included: Scott Glen Second: Viki Kidd

Passed unanimously

Request for use of “Upcoming Trials” information on 3rd party website

Discussion: Concerns raised about appearance of USBCHA sanctioning other organization with events listed on the site and whether they would be selling ads on the site that were not acceptable to USBCHA. Pearse will make contact and further clarify intentions of the 3rd party. Will report back to Board.

New Business

Scott proposal to readdress rule about spouses of judge running under them. Tabled for discussion on forum.

Proposed to appoint a new webmaster to reduce burden on president doing both jobs. Marianna is willing to look at potential webmaster and report back to Board after Bluegrass

Next meeting June 19

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Cy Peterson Adjourned 6:30 PM PST