

USBCHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES

March 2, 2022

Call to Order: 6 PM CST

Attendees:

Directors: Amanda Milliken, Bob Allen, Bob Washer, Cy Peterson, Frank Smith, Jamie Spring, Jan Stebbins, Jennifer Boznos, Lori Cunningham, Louanne Twa Mich Ferraro, Mike Neary, Milton Scott, Russell McCord, Scott Glen, Stephanie Goracke, Steve Rhidenour, Sue Schoen, Terri Pelkey, Wyatt Fleming

Officers: Russell McCord, Pearse Ward, Linda DeJong

Guests: Lyle East

Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2021:

Moved to accept: Steve Rhidenour

Seconded: Jan Stebbins

Passed unanimously

Information: minutes will be posted on the website prior to BOD approval of the minutes to allow timely posting of information for the membership.

Reports:

Finance Report

In absence of Marianna 2021 Year End Report was sent to BOD.

To date there have been no COVID related entry fee refund requests since last report. 1099's have been issued to all recipients. Tax documents will be sent to the accountant in the next couple of weeks.

Questions or comments may be directed to Marianna.

Moved to accept report: Cy Peterson

Seconded: Stephanie Goracke

Passed unanimously

Other

Officers Elections: Russell will be ending his term of president as of December as previously announced.

Old Business:

2022 USBCHA Sheepdog National Finals Update

Mary Minor was unable to attend this meeting, but Russell communicated with her earlier. Plans are proceeding well. They have reserved Merino long yearling ewes for the competition and will likely have enough for fresh sheep for the first round and semi-final round. The finals will be held on Bentley Ranch which has 50,000 acres resulting in a wide variety of options where to hold the Finals and is located relatively close to a town. Beginning to work on sponsorships.

Russell recommended improvements that can be made in the finals:

More recognition of ABCA contributions to finals

Split up days for USBCHA and ABCA annual meetings so they don't fall on the same day at the Finals.

2022 USBCHA Cattledog National Finals Update

Wyatt Fleming is chairman and Lyle East will stand in for USBCHA president at the finals since Russell will be unable to attend.

Lyle joined meeting to discuss

Vivian Christenson will act as treasurer for the finals

Committee has so far had one meeting and planning more.

Still in process of meeting amount of the bid but very close.

Importance of the Cattledog Finals was emphasized need to continue growth and improvement. It is the only competition which has an outrun and lift and occurs outside an arena.

Need more Cattledog trials for qualifying scores.

2023 USBCHA National Finals

There has been a delay on Finals proposal for sheep. Currently Bridget Strang is the only pending proposal. Russell is continuing negotiations with Bridget and plans on finalizing to present to the BOD.

There will be likely several options for 2024 finals on the East Coast.

National Finals Waiting list Ad Hoc Committee: proposed new wording based on the system used in the past finals:

Handlers, wishing to remain on the waitlist at the finals, must sign in with the secretary no later than 5 PM on the day before Finals. Sign in may be done in person, by proxy or electronically. It is the handler's responsibility to ensure secretary receives notice prior to the deadline.

Scratches will be filled daily up to 30 minutes prior to the first open run of the day, in order of earned qualifying points and based on the wait list compiled as stated above. Good sportsmanship requires handlers to notify secretary of scratches in a timely manner to allow secretary to fill in scratched slots in the run order.

Moved to accept the recommendation: Cy Peterson

Seconded: Jan Stebbins

Passed unanimously

Judge Ad Hoc Committee proposal regarding disqualification at the National Finals

Consists of 2 parts

1. Proposal to add sentence that Trial Committee cannot overrule judge guidelines. They can only interpret the rules in the event of question.

Moved to accept proposal: Mike Neary

Seconded: Scott Glen

Passed unanimously

2. Proposed to leave DQ rule as it is currently: if a judge DQs a dog, that judge stops judging and run continues with other judge/s continuing to judge.

Discussion occurred about a range of issues: Importance of independent judging vs times when judges might need to confer to reach a decision about disqualifications and reruns. Also, how the rule is written vs how it has been handled in past at the Finals. An alternative recommendation had been submitted.

Moved to accept committee recommendation not to change wording: Jan Stebbins
Seconded: Mike Neary
Proposal rejected: Roll call vote: 7 yes, 10 no
Proposal is sent back to Lori Cunningham and Pearse Ward to work on an alternative proposal.

Susan Orr Silent Gather proposal update

Previous BOD decision to accept Finance committee recommendation to decline proposal was communicated to Susan Orr and received a positive response.

Other

Linda provided an update on the status of the nominations for 2022 National Finals judges.

New Business:

Proposed Rule Change - Part III. Sec B.2 - number of NA judges required for Sheepdog Finals

Proposed that number be changed back to 1 North American judge required instead of 2 currently required: Mike Neary moved to accept the recommendation.

Seconded Amanda Milliken

Passed unanimously

Awarding points in the event of an unbroken tie

Pros and cons of USBCHA awarding points to unbroken ties were discussed.

Moved: Trial host needs to break tie prior to sending results to USBCHA:

Bob Washer

Seconded: Jamie Spring

Passed unanimously

Associations ineligible to co-sanction USBCHA sanctioned events.

BOD felt list on website appeared complete and recommended secretary continue to research new associations to make sure they are in compliance with USBCHA requirements of not being a national organization and not supporting conformation competitions. No action needed.

Clarification of Trial Hosts giving priority to entries based on entry to all Classes offered.

Discussion followed and BOD agreed it was not an issue at this time. No action was taken.

Other Business:

2022 Finals Awards

Russell discussed selection of a new silver company for awards at Sheep and Cattle Finals and requested volunteers to assist with selecting-designing new buckles and other awards, as well as, tracking down rotating awards and setting up for awards ceremony at the 2022 Finals. Russell requested individuals interested in assisting to contact Linda or Russell via email or text.

Adjournment:

Moved: Steve Rhidenour

Seconded: Mich Ferraro

Passed unanimously.

Adjourned 7:30 PM CST