

USBCHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2021, 6 PM CST

Attending:

Directors: Amanda Milliken, Bob Allen, Bob Washer, Cy Peterson, Jamie Spring, Jan Stebbins, Joe Haynes, Lori Cunningham, Louanne Twa, Marianna Schreeder, Mich Ferraro, Mike Neary, Russell McCord, Stephanie Goracke, Steve Rhidenour, Sue Schoen, Tracy Hinton, Wyatt Fleming

Officers: Russell McCord, Marianna Schreeder, Linda DeJong, Pearse Ward

Guest: Mary Minor

**Approval of Minutes**

**USBCHA President Resignation:** Peter Hall submitted resignation effective Nov 25, 2021 due to health concerns

Russell expressed willingness to complete term of president until the next election and recommended Lori Cunningham as vice president for same period.

**Motion:** Amanda Milliken made motion for Russell as president and Lori as vice president

**Second:** Cy Peterson

Discussion: Thank you to Russell and Lori for willingness to assume posts

**Motion Passed** by unanimous voice vote

Russell made statement that he would like to get caught up with USBCHA business and be ahead of any potential problems. He requested that directors send him a brief email stating strengths and interests to be considered in committee assignments. Russell asked for support and help during the transition.

**Reports:**

**Finance Report:** Marianna Schreeder

Finance Committee will be needing to be updated as Russell will be moving off. Marianna requested that directors let her know if interested in Finance Committee.

Previous decision was made to keep about \$50,000 in accounts for immediate expenses. As a result, \$20,000 will be moved to the investment account.

**As of November 30, 2021**

Checking account balance = \$72,495.73

Savings account balance = \$50,007.54

Ameriprise account balance = \$300,438.00

Current Net Income = \$7,107.81

## **COVID-19 Interim Rule Programs**

2020 PPPP Grant Funds to Hosts = \$4,950.00

2020 Entry Fee Refunds to Hosts = \$1,372.00

Total 2020 Funds = \$6,322.00

2021 PPPP Grant Funds to Hosts = \$6,000.00

2021 Entry Fee Refunds to Hosts = \$1,820.00

Total 2021 Funds = \$7,820.00

2020-2021 Total COVID-19 Funds Issued to Trial Hosts = \$14,142.00

## **2021 Webcast Financials**

Total Cost = \$21,940.63

Less matching by ABCA & USBCHA = \$9,000.00

Less Donations = \$4,051.63

Net Cost to USBCHA = \$8,889.00

Note: Report from the 2021 National Sheepdog Finals was not submitted as of this meeting.

A few requests under guidelines were refused based on concerns about circumstances. Marianna noted the number of requests for the grants and reimbursements have decreased in last half of 2021.

Marianna asked that any director, with questions about the report, contact her.

## **Old Business:**

### **Report on Webcasting at National Finals:**

Webcast appeared very popular with the membership. Quite a few viewers livestreamed from the beginning and the YouTube viewing has also been high. In summation the webcast is worth the costs to USBCHA.

### **Interim COVID guidelines**

Directors discussed various options for continuing, stopping or modifying the current program. Program, in principle, expired Oct 31 but Marianna has continued processing requests received before the end of December since BOD has not been able to meet prior to Dec 1.

**Motion:** Amanda Milliken: Extend current policy until May 31 without further extension

**Second:** Tracy Hinton

**Motion failed** via role call vote: 5 yes, 11 no votes

**Motion:** Lori Cunningham:

If a trial host incurs a monetary loss that he/she cannot otherwise recover because of a Covid related entry withdrawal after the trial refund date, the host may submit a request for reimbursement of that cost to the HA. Requests must

include all supporting documentation related to the amount of the loss and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

The option to submit these requests will expire on July 31, 2022.

**Second:** Jamie Spring

**Motion passed** via voice vote with 2 no votes.

**2022 National Finals:** Mary Minor briefing

Sheep, property, infrastructure basically set up at this time. Planning on a tour at the beginning of the year to settle final choice of venue

Patrick Shannahan will be sheepdog trial committee chairman

Wyatt Fleming will be Cattle dog Trial Committee chairman

Other member will be assigned at the beginning of the year.

### **New Business:**

**2023 USBCHA National Finals:** Bridget Strang is offering to do the finals in Colorado again. Agreement will be presented at the next BOD meeting.

**Purina Contract:** Ends Dec 31. Purina is willing to do a 2-year contract which is the same as the current contract.

**Motion:** Mike Neary: Accept Contract, authorize president to sign

**Second:** Cy Peterson

**Motion approved** with unanimous voice vote

### **Rule change proposed by Kay Stephens.**

The secretary will be allowed to fill vacancy openings until 3 hours before the scheduled run time of the person with- drawing.

If anyone scratches a dog and fails to inform the secretary at least three hours prior to their scheduled run time, they will be fined \$100 unless the withdrawal is due to an emergency or health issue for owner or dog.

**Motion:** Marianna Schreeder: Accept Kay's proposal but increase fine to \$250- rescinded motion based on discussion

**Second:** Cy Peterson

**Discussion:** After discussion it was decided to table the proposal. Russell will assign an ad hoc committee to study the proposal and recommend wording to present to BOD for decision.

### **Cattle Dog Finals 2022 proposal to have 2 judges**

**Discussion:** Several issues were discussed relating to the issue Mike Neary made a recommendation to let both trial committees from USBCHA and ABCA come back with a recommendation. Russell McCord will report back with the trial committee's recommendation.

### **2022 Cattledog Finals**

Russell will organize committed to determine place and date of the finals.

### **Finals Disqualification guidelines**

Discussion about the directions given judges at 2021 Sheepdog Finals and relation to the guidelines as written by USBCHA. It was determined that the system used did not materially affect the outcome of any runs but general feeling was that the way disqualifications are handled needs to be clarified and not changed by the trial committee at the time of finals. Handlers need to have a clear understanding of how DQs are handled.

Determined that rules committee need to review the current rules and recommend any changes to the board.

### **Silent Gather Proposal**

Tabled and sent to Finance Committee for recommendation.

### **Other Business**

#### **Finals Judge Nominations:**

**Motion:** Mich Ferraro: Extend nomination period to Feb 28

**Second:** Marianna Schreeder

**Motion passed** unanimous voice

**Motion to Adjourn:** Cy Peterson

**Second:** Milton Scott

**Passed** unanimously

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:32 CST