

# USBCHA DIRECTORS MEETING

## May 19, 2021, 5 PM PST

### Attending:

**Officers:** Peter Hall, Russell McCord, Linda DeJong, Marianna Schreeder

**Directors:** Amanda Milliken, Bob Washer, Cy Peterson, Jamie Spring, Jan Stebbins, Jennifer Boznos, Joe Haynes, Kay Stephens, Lori Cunningham, Louanne Twa, Marianna Schreeder, Mary Minor, Mich Ferraro, Mike Neary, Milton Scott, Russell McCord, Sue Schoen, Wyatt Fleming

### President's Opening Statement

#### Finals:

Sheepdog Finals: Peter has been in contact with Sandy Payne. Scheduled for Belle Grove, October 5-10. Sandy is chair of finals committee. Current confirmed judges are Michael Gallagher, Peggy Anderson, Linda Fogt, Aled Owen subject to restrictions current at the time. Peter has contacted contingency judges in the event any of current judges are subject to restrictions

Cattledog Finals: Finals committee chair is Lyle East with help from Rich Hall. Will be held at same place as previous finals, Sandeen Farm, Blakesburg, IA, October 21-24. Judge will be Bob Salmon.

Note: Judging list has been posted on USBCHA website.

### Grant Request to ABCA

Peter posted the grant proposal to be submitted to ABCA.

\$4500 from ABCA request for webcast

Peter will submit it based on directors' approval of current proposal.

Passed by voice vote.

### Finals Finances

Finance Committee Report has been posted for directors.

Recommendations: Not recommending increase amount requested from ABCA.

ABCA already paying \$65,000 towards payout.

Payback- top 17 get 60% payback and use 100% of entry fee.

Finance Committee agree on leaving 40% of payout for preliminary round, 10% for semi-final and 50% for final. Payout increased based on going to using 100% of entry fees towards payback.

Note: in 2019: highest payout to one competitor was \$2948 based on 2 dogs in each round. Second highest \$2552 with 1 dog who was 1<sup>st</sup> in final run.

### Webcast

5 O'clock Films & Media submitted a proposal with a variety of options for BOD approval.

Options included coverage of nursery final day, additional cameras, coverage of preliminary rounds. All options included would be \$50,000 but BOD needs to determine which options to accept.

Unit costs are a little lower based on better internet coverage and less travel for the company.

Discussion: Difference between dedicated cross drive camera vs. calling it a 3<sup>rd</sup> camera to increase coverage of whole trial- could be used to get better angle on lift, not just head-on view of cross drive. Single camera coverage of nursery finals would be \$6200. Added camera would be \$1260 more. Question raised whether it would be possible to live stream and make available for viewing for longer time. Answer was that it is an issue of our platform used to deliver the live stream and making sure it supports this

option and whether it would involve additional cost. Also might be a way of putting it behind a pay wall. Point was made 2019 finals on YouTube.

Peter will research the issue bearing in mind that the objective is to broaden the ability of interested people to watch and the ability to watch regardless of time zones and other factors would be of benefit to members and finals. Will talk to Pearse about this. Also worth discussing is increasing promotion so more people know about options.

Proposed: open qualifying, semi-finals and finals plus a third camera and what else to add

Motion: Amanda Milliken: Commit to 5 O'clock shooting the Finals with a 3<sup>d</sup> camera total price of \$22,000

Second Mich Ferraro

Passed via voice vote- no objections

Suggestion was made to assign someone to work with video company to improve quality of film. Comment made that Heather Nadelman did a good job mentoring them at previous final in VA and that Jennifer Glen was helpful at the last finals. Peter will contact Heather to check for her level of interest.

Suggestion also made that liaison go through previous finals with 5 O'clock to point out areas of improvement. Comment made good reason to stick with same video company as they improve with experience with venue.

### **Nursery qualifying rule**

Question was raised about whether Canadian bred dogs were considered imported in rule about dogs imported after 1 year of age not being eligible. Canadian dogs have not been treated as imported in the past but issue raised whether it would be useful to have ruled more clearly stated.

- i. *Imported dogs, meaning dogs bred in countries other than the United States or Canada are eligible for the USBCHA Nursery ONLY if imported BEFORE they reach one (1) year of age.*

Discussion: Rational behind the rule- When nursery was first introduced the impetus was to encourage domestically trained dogs. The result was an increase in such dogs resulting in better domestic training. This is a clarification rather than a rule change. Point was made that Canada and United States have always been considered domestically trained for purposes of USBCHA.

Motion: Joe Haynes: Accept the wording change

Second: Jennifer Boznos

Passed without objection

### **Closing date for Sheepdog Finals**

It was noted that Cattledog finals has explicit date while Sheepdog Finals does not have it explicitly noted although July 31 is the accepted date.

Discussion: how to handle trials that bridge July into August trials. Differentiating between a class that start in July and runs over into August vs. a class within a trial that starts in August although the trial started in July. Peter will write a clarification of guidance to present to the board.

### **Insurance**

Research is still ongoing. Have been unable to find an insurance company that USBCHA can expand to covering individual trials without undue number of requirements for host. Suggestion was made whether USBCHA could help hosts cover part of their insurance. Need to examine economic impact on USBCHA. \$75 copay issue was raised and was pointed out this is no longer in effect due to it not really covering the host.

## **Interim Rules**

Discussion whether to extend rules to July 31 (end of finals year) or let it lapse at the end of this year. Pros and cons discussed. Marianna reported there have been no request for entry fee refunds since the last meeting. Only 9 requests for grants with slowly decreasing requests. Apparently the need is slowly decreasing.

Motion: Amanda Milliken: extend to July 31

Second Jaimie Spring

Passed with no objection

**Adjourn: 6:25 PM PST**