

USBCHA-Directors' Meeting

August 31, 2020

Attending:

Officers: Peter Hall, Linda DeJong, Marianna Schreeder

Directors: Amanda Milliken, Cy Peterson, David Saunders, Dianne Deal, Faansie Basson, Frank Smith, Jan Stebbins, Jennifer Boznos, Joe Haynes, John Palmer, Kay Stephens, Laura Vishoot, Linda Tesdahl, Lori Cunningham, Louanne Twa, Mary Minor, Mich Ferraro, Mike Neary, Milton Scott, Sue Schoen, Terri Warner, Wyatt Fleming

Guests:

President's Opening Statement

The USBCHA Covid-19 refund policy announced has been announced- Thanks to Linda and Pearse, there is an easy on-line form for submitting requests.

PPPP grant announced

Purina Pro Plan Winner is Faansie Basson

Anyone who has put on a trial or attended a trial and has feedback re infection control is encouraged to let Pearse know so it can be posted.

Director elections are on-going with 130 ballots in as of this meeting.

Peter had a conversation with Bob Wagner about possibility of NCA co-sanctioning with USBCHA. Peter told him that he is not in position to make any commitment on the part of the USBCHA but there is a possibility a committee might be formed to examine the issue. Peter will give a written summary of conversation.

Comment from board: This issue was raised last year and voted down

Insurance Update:

Clarification from Sportsmen's policy coverage has been received and posted to BC Board. Still not very clear but company basically said USBCHA should be listed as the additional insured by the trials rather than hosts being additional insured. If that is the case the insurance applies only to the National Finals and we should not be offering additional insured to trial host with our current insurance. Peter has pursued alternate insurance companies and has not found any that would better meet our needs. He will continue researching the issue.

Waiver/Release

Feedback received has been received and waivers used by other organizations have been looked at but not exactly match the USBCHA model. The question is whether to include waiver/indemnity clause or just improve current waiver and leave out indemnity. Final decision is dependent on final insurance. The issue was tabled without discussion

2021 Finals Qualifications

Committee Report- Cy Peterson

5 options were presented on BC board. Committee recommendation is no changes to qualifications. It is premature to change qualification at this point. Early results from trials indicates that people are traveling and competing. The number of trials posted at this time is in line with previous years.

Nursery qualifying is closed for 2020 based on previous decision of board

Discussion/Comments

A point was made that people are looking for certainty- concern about revisiting at a later time and encouragement to make a decision.

Comment that there is a lot of variation among regions and that the 5-2 solution of top 2 from 2020 and 3 from 2021 would be a fair way to meet the needs.

Directors addressed feedback received from their regions. Some districts had strong support for carry over of points while other districts expressed preference to start year fresh.

It was stated that we are more likely to get best teams if we take some points from times when normal traveling was allowed.

A compromise and best option for giving some certainty to make decisions would be the 5-2 option. Important to make a commitment

Motion: Sue Schoen- **adopt the 5-2 option** for the 2021 season:

Second: Amanda Milliken

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote

Suggestion was made that for Nursery- dogs that aged out receive some open points. No discussion or motion was made.

2022 Sheepdog Finals

Discussion of what to do if 2021 finals also canceled. Decision was tabled as to speculative at this time

New Business

Annual Member Meeting: need to touch base with membership- looking for suggestions.

ABCA Meeting-Eileen Stein president asked about annual meeting.

Officer elections: Nomination open shortly until Oct 5.

Plan how to roll out plan for changes to qualifying- put announcement on website. Will be circulated.

Rules

Part II(A)(a) of the rules needs clarification: Suggestion rules committee to look at it as the wording is a little vague.

Adjourn: Linda Tesdahl

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Addendum: it was determined that the change of qualifying points would require a change in bylaws which requires a vote by the general membership. Ballots will be posted and accepted until Oct 23.