

## **USBCHA – Director’s Meeting**

Date Wed. Dec. 6, 2017

5:00 p.m. Pacific Time; 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Present: Maria Amodei, Faansie Basson, Dianne Deal, Wyatt Fleming, Stephanie Goracke, Tracy Hinton, John Holman, Amanda Milliken, Mary Minor, Lori Perry, David Saunders, Frank Smith, Bob Stephens, Kay Stephens, Linda Tesdahl, Joni Tietjen, Laura Vishoot, Pearse Ward, Terri Warner, Carol Clawson (President), Marianna Schreeder (Treasurer), and Linda DeJong (Secretary). Absent: Scott Glen, Joe Haynes, Lyle Lad and Beverly Lambert

1. **Rule change proposal** – Kay Stephens moved to amend Part II.F.5 of the rules to state: Fresh water shall always be available on the field for cooling a dog. Laura Vishoot seconded the motion.  
This matter was discussed prior to the meeting on the Forum and there was a lengthy discussion during the meeting. The motion passed with one No vote (Pearse Ward)
2. **Judging Guidelines** – A review of the proposed Judging Guidelines was tabled and will be reviewed during the February meeting.
3. **Finals** – After discussion, the Board agreed without objection to the following policies/procedures for the National Finals. Carol explained that the Officers are working on something like procedural manual and will include these items. They can be changed by the Board at any time.
  - a. Nursery Class Size – Number of days – when there are 86 or more dogs, the Nursery class will be run over 3 days.
  - b. Definition of Rookie
    - i. Open Rookie: Defined as the highest placing handler who has never run in the Open at the Finals, but may have run in Nursery.
    - ii. Nursery Rookie: Defined as a handler who has never run in the Finals (either class) and is running in the Nursery for the first time. This means that a handler who has run in Open at the Finals but has never run in the Nursery finals is NOT eligible to be the Nursery Rookie.
  - c. Prize Money Allocations (info posted on Forum): For the Open, it was agreed to accept Marianna’s proposal for pay-outs. For Nursery, it was agreed that Marianna and Carol would look at various options. Carol also

encouraged that Board members continue to offer suggestions on the Forum.

#### **4. Nursery trophy proposal – Joni Tietjen**

Discussion:

Joni pointed out that the nursery traveling trophies are in poor shape and volunteered to look at options for upgrading them.

There was a discussion about perpetual trophies, noting that they are frequently poorly maintained and damaged in transit. It was suggested that there also be annual trophies that the winning handlers can keep. Carol noted that individual trophies were given in 2015 and 2016 along with perpetual trophies.

It was decided that the HA can afford to pay for upgrades. Joni and Carol will work on ideas for the Nursery trophy to be presented to the board for approval.

#### **5. Other business**

It was pointed out that, since the Board approved investing its savings, the USBCHA has earned approximately \$7,000, a substantial increase from prior years.

February meeting agenda will include bids for 2019 sheep and 2018 cattle finals, a review of the proposed changes to the judging guidelines and an updated financial report for the 2017 Finals.

**Meeting was adjourned 6:11 PM PST**