



ONTARIO BORDER COLLIE CLUB
2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting held October 21, 2007 in conjunction with the Butternut Creek Sheep Dog Trial with 16 members present, and no proxies presented. List of such members available upon request. Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm by President Tara Dier. Tara welcomed all present and thanked all for coming.

Agenda Item #1 – Declaration of Proxies

Secretary Kelly Knowlton took attendance of members present and asked for any proxy's, for which there were none, for the record.

Agenda Item #2 – Acceptance of Agenda

Approval of Agenda was accepted as presented.

Agenda Item #3a Old Business– Acceptance of 2006 Minutes

Viki Kidd made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 2006 AGM with the exception of a minor error and omission.

Item 6b. The Trial Committee was reported to be Amanda Milliken, Mary Thompson, Lorna Savage, and Karen Curtis. The actual Trial Committee for 2007 was Amanda Milliken, Carol Guy and Karen Curtis.

Omitted from the 2006 AGM minutes was a mention of funds donated to the Club by Carol Guy of \$250.00 in the memory of George Fleming.

The minutes were seconded by Carol Guy.

Agenda Item #3b Old Business – Newsletter Editor Appointment

Viki Kidd has graciously accepted to take over the newsletter. On behalf of the executive Tara Dier thanked Amanda Milliken and was very grateful for her efforts over the last two years in publishing the newsletter.

Agenda Item #3c Old Business – Revision to Trial Guidelines

Viki Kidd made mention of a couple of items that appear in the trial guidelines that are currently out of date, including the mention of the ranch class, and the means for posting trial sanctioning. Viki will review the trial guidelines and consult with the trial committee and the executive and will report any revisions in the next newsletter.

Agenda Item #3d Old Business – Quilt Raffle

A new raffle license was obtained by Carol Guy and will take place in November 2008. A new quilt has been purchased and as of this meeting, ticket sales have already paid for it. Tara Dier indicated that

she has tickets for any member who wants some to sell. A suggestion was made to have a picture taken of the quilt and posted on the website.

Phyllis Van Horn has made the quilt every year and is a huge asset to the club. Amanda Milliken and Ellen Donnelly will interview her for the newsletter.

Agenda Item #4a – President’s Report

President Tara Dier reported that this has been a tumultuous year. The Club hosted its first trial, 80 Acres Trial, which was a huge success. This trial ran simultaneously with Ewesful Acres and both trials each attracted a large number of handlers. Tara announced that she will be stepping down as president after 5 years on the board. On behalf of the club, Tara would like to thank all the trial managers, volunteers and board members for making the Club what it is today; a voice for all sheep dog handlers in Ontario. She went on to say how important the Club is to the sheep dog handler and its focus; measured by how well we do as a board, as well as how well our handlers do. Tara would like to congratulate Amanda Milliken for her 2nd place finish with Ethel in the Canadian National Championships, as well as winning the Nursery Finals with Clive. Amanda you made us proud.

In closing Tara said a special thanks to Werner Reitboeck for his time and tireless effort in running our website. Werner was instrumental in the initial development as well as being the webmaster over the years and now that he is stepping down from this duty, Tara wanted to ensure him that his work had not gone unnoticed. Werner, job well done.

Agenda Item 4b – Secretary’s Report

Secretary Kelly Knowlton reported that this year has been a tough year for the Club in retaining its members. Our membership is currently 60 members compared to 80 last year, and with the help of our active trialing members, we were able to attract good number of new members.

Agenda Item 4c – Treasurer’s Report

Kelly Knowlton provided all members present with a Treasury report and proposed Budget for the new year. Kelly pointed out that we sold \$1,100 worth of clothing and that there is a significant amount of stock for next year that will not require a large outlay of funds to replenish the stock; it was also decided to reimburse Tara for the clothing that was purchased. The club currently owns an inventory of clothing, retail value of \$1,125.

Amanda Milliken moved to accept the Treasury Report, seconded by Viki Kidd.

Regarding the proposed budget, Amanda Milliken moved to make a contribution to the Canadian Finals, which will be held again in Kingston in 2008. Tara Dier will investigate what we can do to promote the club at the finals. Ann Brown suggested that each handler be given an OBCC baseball hat.

Lorna Savage made a motion that because all the clothing and quilt for next year have been paid for, that the club should donate \$600 to the Canadian Border Collie Association to go towards the Canadian Finals. Ann Brown seconded, all in favour.

Viki Kidd moved to accept the Budget for 2008; Cynthia Palmer seconded.

Agenda Item 4d – Trials Committee Report

The 2007 trial season consisted of 10 point-sanctioned trials. The weeklong August trials did not require funding as these trials have enough entries to stand on their own. This consists of 80 Acres Trial, Ewesful Acres Farm Trial, and the Kingston Sheep Dog Trials

2 smaller trials were funded for the full available amount. This consisted of Georgetown SDT (one day only), and Brynog Farm SDT.

Amanda Milliken reported on behalf of the committee. She indicated that we have a strong group, strong trials and hopes all members will help promote the sport. She reported that there is a new trial on October 27-28; Sand Bay SDT. This is an open only trial this year, but if successful could happen again next year and could include all classes. This trial could also further more trials in the future. Several individuals have shown interest in hosting a trial for the first time, including Mark Ritchie and John and Cynthia Palmer.

Keep on trialling.

Agenda Item 4e – Clothing Sales

Tara Dier reported that she purchased all the clothing stock this year, and purchased enough to carry us over into 2008.

Agenda Item 4f – Club Website

As reported in the last newsletter, we were in search of a new webmaster, as Werner Reitboeck has announced that he is stepping down from this position. Tara Dier is ecstatic to announce that Janet Burton has answered the ad. Janet has already done some work to freshening up our website, and hopes to go live by the end of October. She has a lot of good ideas that will keep the site current; including a meet the members section.

Agenda Item 5a – New Business – Election of Board of Directors

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Cynthia Palmer reported that the following members were nominated for positions on the OBCC Board of Directors:

President – Cynthia Palmer
Vice President – Theresa Castonguay
Secretary/Treasurer – Kelly Knowlton
Director – Kim Purich
Director – Ann Brown

Amanda Milliken moved that the new Board of Directors be accepted. Motion was seconded by Viki Kidd. So moved.

Agenda Item 5b – New Business - Committee Appointments

The following members have put their names forward to be appointed to the Trial Committee:

Amanda Milliken
Carol Guy
Karen Curtis
Bruce Smart

Cynthia Palmer will deliberate and the appointments will be reported in the newsletter.

Agenda Item 5c – New Business – Proposal, re: August 2007 memberships

Tara Dier asked Teresa Castonguay to chair this portion of the meeting to enable her to make the following proposal.

With the low membership this year, at the 80 Acres Trial, Tara was speaking with a number of American handlers from the North East and they asked what they could do to show their support to the Club. Tara came up with the following solution. If you support our club and become a member, for this year only, we will extend your membership to the end of 2008. Before Tara made this proposal to these individuals, she spoke with the executive in attendance; Kelly Knowlton, Kim Purich, and Werner Reitboeck. All agreed that this would be a great idea. Tara then presented her idea to these handlers and they readily joined our club.

Tara Dier then made the motion to have the Club fund these memberships for 2008.

Werner Reitboeck, although initially agreed with this proposal, now disagrees with it. He indicated that it states in the Club constitution that there are set dates for receiving memberships and that this falls within the period for this not to extend into 2008.

At this time a vote was taken by a show of hands.

10 voted to accept this proposal
3 voted not to accept this proposal
2 abstained.

Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5d – New Business – Location and timing of AGM

It was noted that the normal time for the Club's AGM has been the 3rd weekend in November. A suggestion has been brought forward to see if the AGM could be held in conjunction with a Sheep Dog Trial.

Ann Brown is in favour of holding the meeting at a trial as a large number of members are already at the trial, and would be on site to attend the meeting. With holding meetings away from the trial, this takes away time from other things our members have going on off the trial field, as well as the distance they have to travel to attend such meetings.

Chris Knowlton states that it is a disadvantage to hold the meeting at a trial, as the trial season is not over, so no championships can be awarded. Viki Kidd adds that there is no physical presentation of the year end awards, which she feels are one of the highlights of the AGM.

Werner adds that other clubs have distinct trial seasons different from their actual year end.

The executive will take all views into consideration and will deliberate and report their final decision in the newsletter.

Agenda Item 5e – New Business – Club communication

In the past the 1st line of Club communication has been the newsletter. A question has been brought forward as to whether this needs to be changed. The newsletter comes out only 4 times a year and there have been times when this does not fit into the necessity of a trial announcement. A point was made that there are a number of non-trialing members, and that they would not need another outlet for making such announcements. A suggestion was made that there could be a combination of outlets as a dual function.

Viki Kidd accepted the task of reviewing this issue and will tie it into her report of Trial guidelines.

Agenda Item 5f – New Business – Directors meeting

Kelly Knowlton brought forward a suggestion that the Directors should meet periodically over the year to just touch base with each other to ensure that no issues or problems are left unanswered. This could be done either over the phone, via email, or in person. It was suggested that Janet create a restricted section on the website for directors only.

The board is to discuss the feasibility of this idea.

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business

Viki Kidd asked why there was no CBCA report. In the past, this was always on the agenda, and this year it was not. Werner Reitboeck, Secretary of CBCA, does not feel the need to report the goings on of the CBCA, as all information is available on the website.

With all other business concluded, Teresa Castonguay presented, on behalf of the Club, a small gift to Tara Dier to thank her for all that she has given to the Club in the past 5 year.

At 6:30 pm with all business concluded, Bruce Smart moved that this meeting be adjourned.