



ONTARIO BORDER COLLIE CLUB
2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting held November 23, 2007 at Montana's Restaurant, Winston Churchill Blvd and Hwy 401, Mississauga, Ontario with 15 members present, and 13 proxies were presented. List of such members and proxy votes are available upon request. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Cynthia Palmer. Cynthia welcomed all present and thanked all for coming.

Agenda Item #1 – Declaration of Proxies

Secretary Kelly Knowlton took attendance of members present and tallied all proxy's, for the record.

Agenda Item #2 – Acceptance of Agenda

The Agenda was amended to include under Annual Reports the presentation of the year end awards. Teresa moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Ann Brown.

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

Viki Kidd made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 2007 AGM, seconded by Sue Jewel.

Agenda Item #3b Old Business – Newsletter Editor Appointment

Viki Kidd will continue as editor of the club newsletter.

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

The Proposed Trial Guidelines as compiled by Viki Kidd and its subsequent feed back were reviewed by her. VK identified that input from trial managers, executive and club members was sourced for the revisions. The draft guidelines were published in the spring '08 newsletter for full club membership review; feed back published in Summer '08 newsletter and web-site for voting at this meeting. The specific feed back items requiring individual approval prior to the overall vote of the Proposed Guidelines included the following:

1.3 Open Class

Proposed wording for Qualified dog:

Qualified dog: Dog of any breed that is capable of competing at Open level, as determined if necessary by Trial Manager &/or Trials Committee.

Proposed feedback change:

Qualified dog: Dog of any breed that has moved up from lower class or is capable of running in class.

A vote was taken by show of hands; 8 opposed, 19 in favour 1 abstained. Janet Burton moved to accept, seconded by Tara Dier.

3.2 Care of Animals

Current wording

3.2.1 No dog which is unfit, blind, lame or is suffering from an infectious disease shall be brought onto the trial ground.

Proposed feed back change:

3.2.1. No dog which is unfit, or lame shall be permitted to compete in the trial. Any dog whose health endangers other dogs, livestock or persons shall not be permitted on the trial grounds.

A vote was taken by show of hands; 27 in favour. Tara Dier moved to accept, seconded by Ellen Donnelly.

2.3 Class Eligibility

Current wording:

2.3 Once a dog has moved up a class it cannot move back down as long as it is handled by the same person. Dogs may move down one class if they change handlers subject to the following limitations: an Open dog may revert to the Pro-Novice class if the handler has never competed at a higher level than Pro-Novice, similarly a Pro-Novice dog may revert to the Novice class if the hander has never competed in a higher class.

There were three options available. Discussion ensued and Viki Kidd made the motion to accept option B, seconded by Sue Jewel, 27 all in favour. Option B worded as follows:

2.3 Once a dog has moved up from any OBCC recognized class it cannot move back down to that same OBCC recognized class as long as it is handled by the same person. i.e. The same dog/handler team cannot move up from OBCC Pro-Novice to a more advanced class in one trial (whether in OBCC or another association) and then return to OBCC Pro-Novice in a subsequent OBCC trial.

2.4 Dogs may move down one class if they change handlers, subject to the new handler being eligible for that lower class as described in the handler's definitions. i.e. An advanced level dog (i.e. Open, Open Ranch, Ranch, Advanced Pro-Novice etc) may revert to the Pro-Novice class if the handler has never competed at the higher level than OBCC Pro-Novice, similarly a Pro-Novice dog may revert to the Novice class if the handler has never competed at a higher level.

1.2 Pro-Novice course description

Current wording:

1.2.1 The Pro-Novice course shall consists of an outrun of no more than 250 yards, a lift, fetch, drive away of up to approximately 2/3 of the outrun, but not exceeding the length of the outrun, a cross drive of a maximum distance up to the centre line of the Pro-Novice fetch panels at the discretion of the Trial Manager and a pen.

Proposed change:

1.2.1 Pro-Novice course shall consists of an outrun of no more than 250 yards, a lift, fetch, drive away of up to approximately 2/3 of the outrun, but not exceeding the length of the outrun, a cross drive of two obstacles set up to a maximum distance of 100 yards apart, a return drive and a pen.

Janet Burton motioned to now accept the Proposed Trial Guidelines with approved feed back changes as a whole document for implementation effected the 2009 season. In response, Ann Brown made a

counter motion to postpone the vote of the trial guidelines as a whole until after the New Business item #5D – Re-introduction of Ranch, Sue Jewel seconded; Vote:5 in favour, 22 opposed, motion is defeated

Ellen Donnelly seconded the motion to accept the trial guidelines; 22 in favour 1 opposed, 4 abstained, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3d Old Business – Quilt Raffle

The draw for the quilt raffle is scheduled for November 26th. The winner will be reported in the winter newsletter. This need to be here – even if it stated that it is follow-up to the meeting.

Agenda Item #4a – President’s Report

President Cynthia Palmer reported the executive made a promise last year to be more transparent in their dealings with the general membership. More executive meetings were held, both at trials and privately, either in person, or via teleconference. She went on to thank the following individuals; Janet Burton for taking the role of webmaster, Viki Kidd for the newsletter and trials guidelines, and Teresa, Ann, Kelly & Kim. She would also like to hear from the general membership on ways to better promote the sport.

Janet Burton moved to accept, seconded by Andrea deKenedy, all in favour.

Agenda Item 4b – Secretary’s Report

Secretary Kelly Knowlton reported that when Viki Kidd took over the newsletter last year, in an effort to regain old members, she made a suggestion to send a complimentary newsletter to individuals who were members in the past but their membership has lapsed. Kelly was happy to report that from this complimentary newsletter, we regained 16 members from prior years. Last year Kelly reported that we currently had 60 members, but failed to take into account family memberships. If last years count of the membership was taken and family was counted as two, we would have reported 79 members. Kelly was happy to report that as of this meeting our current member count is 92.

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 due to the fact that no raffle is planned for next year; the proposed budget is showing a year end reduction in funds.

Viki Kidd moved to accept, seconded by Ann Brown, all in favour.

Agenda Item 4d – Trials Committee Report

Trials Committee Chair, Carol Guy reported that the 2008 trial season consisted of 9 point-sanctioned trials. Three trials were funded for the full available amount. This consisted of Indian River SDT, Brynog Farm SDT and Renaissance Farm SDT.

There were just a few queries about aspects of the trial guidelines and they were handled successfully on a case-by-case scenario. The committee is currently investigating a request for another trial in Lindsay for 2009 in conjunction with the Highland Games.

On behalf of the Committee, Carol extended their thanks and appreciation to the hosts and Trial managers for making 2008 such a success. Cynthia thanked Janet, Carol & Bruce for their efforts this year

Ellen Donnelly moved to accept, seconded by Sue Jewel, all in favour.

Agenda Item 4e – Year End Awards

Kelly Knowlton was happy to report and congratulate, after all OBCC sanctioned trial points were tallied, the following individuals as 2008 Champions:

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| Open Champion | Amanda Milliken | Clive |
| Open Reserve Champion | Amanda Milliken | Ethel |
| Pro Novice Champion | Amanda Milliken | Roz |
| Pro-Novice Reserve Champion | Kim Purich | Spark |
| Novice Champion | Helene Lawler | Hannah |
| Novice Reserve Champion | Chris Knowlton | Amber |

Agenda Item 4f – Clothing Sales

Tara Dier reported that after trial week in August, a profit of \$1,000 was made on clothing sales. These sales consisted of hats, t-shirts, stock sticks, whistles, lanyards. She thanked Keith & Ellen Donnelly, Anne Wheatley and Kelly Knowlton for their help particularly at Grass Creek. Tara advised of some interest in OBCC sweatshirts; she will investigate a source and determine if it is cost effective to purchase an inventory. Tara identified and thanked Fran Wheeler, a US handler and proprietor of Bordercollics anonymous, for providing the stock sticks to the club as cost.

Agenda Item 4g – Club Website

Janet Burton, webmaster, reported on the various statistical components of the site:

- that the average visit to the site is 5 to 15 minutes,
- the main page visited being the trial section.
- bulk of the visitors are from the US, using the following search words: Border Collie, Amanda Milliken, training, and rescue.
- The following websites has our site linked; CBCA, City of Kingston, NEBCA.
- Main reason for visits; download of forms, trial information, trial results, point standings.

Janet requested suggestions on how to create more fun on and improve on the website, as the current site has had feed back as being too corporate. To this end she requested members send any photos to janet@innovativelogistix.com or vkidd@rogers.ca . and requested assistance in doing so- that committee be commissioned:

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

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Cynthia Palmer reported that Ann Brown has resigned her position and would not be running again. The following members agreed to remain in their positions on the OBCC Board of Directors:

President – Cynthia Palmer
Vice President – Teresa Castonguay
Secretary/Treasurer – Kelly Knowlton
Director – Kim Purich

Ellen Donnelly, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the following candidates for the vacated and incumbent Director at Large positions: Viki Kidd, Randy Kelly
A vote was taken, and counted by Andrea deKenedy and Sue Jewel.
The new executive for the 2009 trial year.

President – Cynthia Palmer
Vice President – Teresa Castonguay

Secretary/Treasurer – Kelly Knowlton
Director – Viki Kidd
Director – Randy Kelly

Cynthia thanked Ellen Donnelly for all the work she did on obtaining, single handily, nominees for this year.

Agenda Item 5b – New Business - Committee Appointments

President, Cynthia Palmer, has made the following Committee Appointments

Trials Committee

Carol Guy - Chair
Mary Ellen Young
Bruce Smart

Nominating Committee

Ellen Donnelly
Anne Wheatley
Kim Purich

Website Committee

Helene Lawler
Ellen Donnelly
Janet Burton

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

Viki Kidd noted that the year end awards should be given out at the AGM, to show recognition to the winners. With this in mind, it was recommended that future AGM's be held on the 3rd Sunday of November.

Agenda Item 5d – New Business – Reintroduction of Ranch Class

Sue Jewel proposed that the OBCC accept Ranch as a recognized class. Inclusion of class at **ALL** trials will encourage US handlers to attend more OBCC trials.

It was noted that all OBCC sanctioned trials, with the exception of one, offered Ranch in 2008. A question was posed that if all OBCC sanctioned trials offered a Ranch class, why not recognize? A discussion ensued and opinions were offered for both sides of the issue.

Andrea deKenedy made to following motion: For a 2 year trial basis: the inclusion of the Ranch Class is to be mandatory for a trial holding Novices classes to receive OBCC Sanctioning. Sue Jewel seconded the motion; 9 in favour, 17 opposed, and 1 abstained. Motion defeated

Viki Kidd, on behalf of Bruce Smart indicated that before he makes a decision with regard to the Ranch class, he would like to see description and revised guidelines.

Janet Burton made the following motion: Try OBCC Ranch for two years. Novice classes can, on a voluntary basis, offer Ranch to obtain OBCC sanctioning.
Ann Brown seconded the motion; 7 in favour, 22 opposed, motion defeated.

Bruce Smart, via Viki Kidd, made a motion to have the OBCC re-examine the Novice program to include a Ranch class, create a Ranch description and trial guidelines ready for the spring newsletter and to be voted on at the 2009 AGM.

Viki Kidd seconded the motion; 14 in favour, 12 apposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business

Cynthia Palmer informed all members present that the quilt that was purchased last year for our raffle was stolen from a member's vehicle. The individual offered to pay for a replacement, but the executive made a unanimous decision have the club cover the cost of replacing the quilt. Once the winner has been drawn on November 26th, they will be given an option of selecting a quilt that has already been made, or they can wait to receive a new "Border Collie" inspired one that would be completed some time mid 2009.

It was also noted that 2009 is the 25th Anniversary of the Ontario Border Collie Club.

At 7:34 pm with all business concluded, the 2008 Annual General Meeting was adjourned.