



Ontario Border Collie Club

Telephone Conference call held
February 11, 2008
Commenced at 6:15 pm

Executive present

Cynthia Palmer, Kelly Knowlton, Teresa Castonguay, Ann Brown, Carol Guy (for trial committee)

Absent: Kim Purich

1. Trials committee Chair

- Carol Guy was asked to chair the committee. She has graciously accepted.

2. Recent conflict and how to handle

- Cynthia informed the Board of a recent conflict regarding two trials that are being held on the same weekend. Shepherds Crook SDT and Renaissance SDT. Cynthia has spoken with both trial managers and has informed both that OBCC will work with them to provide an amicable solution.
- Lorna Savage (Renaissance SDT) informed Cynthia that she is not concerned that a solution will be found, and indicated she and JP Lalonde are reviewing their options and might move their date.

3. Sanctioning trials: who has to be a member for sanctioning to occur; decisions re sanctioning/when and by whom

- There has been some confusion with regards to who can apply for sanctioning and what role they must play in the trial. There is no mention in the current Trial guidelines that states that the trial manager must be an OBCC member, however, this condition has been practiced in the past.
- The trial guidelines are currently being reviewed and updated by Viki Kidd. It is of the Board's opinion that for a trial to be sanctioned by the Ontario Border Collie Club the trial manager must be a member. Cynthia will ensure that Viki Kidd is informed of the Board's decision for inclusion in the new guidelines.
- As stated above, the trial guidelines are currently being reviewed and updated by Viki Kidd. Upon review of the Constitution, it has been determined that any revision to the Trial Guidelines must have final approval by a majority of members at an AGM. Our goal is to have the revisions complete before the April newsletter is issued and include the proposed changes in the newsletter and ask the membership to comment on these changes. The final draft of the new Guidelines will be complete and made available to the membership before the AGM and the final vote will happen at that time.

4. Correspondence back to inquiries

- Discussion ensued that in the long term the process of corresponding back to inquiries be simple and straightforward. We also want to have a clear message with regards to responses and to accomplish this any correspondence to the Board or its committee must include every member of said Board or committee and any reply's should follow the same procedure. (no blind CC's on emails)
- The following is the procedure that should be followed:
 1. Webmaster collects sanctioning requests made through the website
 2. Webmaster provides requests to trial committee
 3. Trial committee provides decision/recommendations to the Board
 4. All Board members have 5 days to respond to Trial Committee
 5. A formal standard response will be created by the committee and sent back to the original individual who placed the request. This standard

response will include directions on how to communicate any changes of trial information and confirmation on when the trial will be posted on the website and included in the newsletter.

6. The webmaster and the newsletter editor will be copies on all reply's
 - Cynthia will communicate this protocol to Janet and Carol will coordinate with the other members of the trial committee.
5. Forms for trials: sanctioning, funding
 - These new forms have been brought into play to provide the trial committee with a sense of assurance that the trial managers have read the trial guidelines and a signature on this form relays this assurance.
 - Since these forms are new for this year, there has been a mixed response from trial managers; extra work, not able to do it online, etc. It has been determined at this time to solicit feedback from the membership and revisions will be considered.
 - With the ongoing review of the trial guidelines, the Board to a second look at the funding guidelines that were introduced last year and found that this was one small omission to the guidelines. Upon reviewing the constitution, it was determined that the Executive Board may make revisions to the funding guidelines without membership approval at an AGM. At this time, the funding guidelines are to be revised to include within the first paragraph to following:
 - Trials must be OBCC sanctioned events to quality, **and trial managers must be OBCC members**, and must be run under OBCC rules.
 - The Board has decided to add a checklist to the current form indicating eligible items for requesting funding from the club. Carol will add the checklist.
6. Trials list on the web site/newsletter
 - Some confusion has arisen as to how to present trials on the website. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that trials sanctioned by the OBCC will be shown separate from other Ontario trials and fun events. Janet to make this change.
 - On a go forward basis, for trials not sanctioned by the club requests need to be made before they will be posted on the site.
7. Eye clearance changes
 - Championship guidelines state that an eye certificate be submitted by all champions for the year. This certificate clearance is to report any hereditary eye condition, and its goal is ensure that the future breeding stock is clear of any eye condition. An alternative test was posed to the executive committee to allow the new DNA test be accepted (including clear results from an individual dogs parentage) as a means of ensuring that this goal is achieved. It has been mentioned that the new DNA test does not provide the same results the eye certificate does, so it has been determined at this time that this new DNA test result can not be used in place of an eye certificate.
8. Who is to get involved in what communications
 - if communication warrants a response, the board will review and have a consensus for a response
 - When replying to emails reply to all individuals who were originally copied on the email. Do not blind copy. If you want to add someone, use "cc" not "bcc"
9. Quilt
 - At the next meeting please ensure that tickets are issued to members to sell.
10. Membership – 53 member for 2008 to date
11. Other business
 - Trial guidelines to be posted on website. Until new guidelines are complete, old guidelines will be posted, indicating that they are currently being revised.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm