

ONTARIO BORDER COLLIE CLUB
2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting held November 15, 2009 at the residence of Tara Dier, with 10 members present, and 7 proxies were presented. List of such members and proxy votes are available upon request. Meeting called to order at 2:10 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 approved as presented. Lorna Savage moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Carol Guy.

Agenda Item #3a Old Business– Acceptance of 2008 Minutes

2008 minutes were updated to reflect a few errors in year meeting was held, acceptance of 2007 minutes, as well as count a couple of votes to accept guidelines. All changes were made. Teresa Castonguay moved to accept amended 2008 minutes, seconded by Lorna Savage.

Agenda Item #3b Old Business – Business arising from 2008 minutes

Ranch class – new guidelines were to be written and presented to member throughout 2009, to be voted on at this meeting. As no guidelines were created, no further action is to be taken.

Agenda Item #4a – President's Report

President Cynthia Palmer reported this was a non-contentious year, very quiet, no real issues. She went on to thank the following individuals; Carol Guy, Mary Ellen Young and Bruce Smart for standing on the Trials Committee; Viki Kidd, for her excellent work on the club newsletter; Teresa Castonguay, Randy Kelly, Viki Kidd, and Kelly Knowlton, for the numerous teleconferences throughout the year; and Anne Wheatley and Ellen Donnelly for searching for potential candidates.

Agenda Item 4b – Secretary's Report

Last year Kelly reported that we currently had 92 members, this year that number has dropped to our current member count is 72. Hopefully in the future these tough economic times will get better and our members will return.

Agenda Item 4c – Treasurer's Report

Kelly Knowlton provided all members present with a Treasury report and proposed Budget for the new year. We have had a down turn in our bank account due to a number of items. In 2009 we replaced the quilt that was stolen, as well as purchasing a new one for future fundraising. We also created recognitions plaques for our 25th anniversary.

The proposed budget for 2010 was presented. The budget was updated to reflect next year's Canadian and US championships. Fundraising was also addressed. A copy of the approved budget is included with these minutes.

Teresa Castonguay moved to accept the amended budget, seconded by Lorna Savage.

Agenda Item 4d – Trials Committee Report

The trials committee consists of three OBCC members Bruce Smart, Mary Ellen Young and Carol Guy (Chair). There were there were six trials that requested sanctioning: Indian River (2) Shepherd's Crook, 80 acres, Grass Creek, and Butternut. **Shepherd's Crook and Indian River Summer Trial all received trial funding.**

Butternut and Indian River fall trial requested funds for October to secure Bobby Dalziel as the judge who agreed to come but with his intern. This money provided necessary funding to support additional costs associated with the private lessons at both locations and that of having an additional persons to house and transport.

The approval of the amendments to the Trial guidelines at the 2008 AGM has clarified for most various situations that have arisen in the past that created confusion such as dogs moving from one handler to another -up and down through the classes.

The trials Committee worked with Viki Kidd and our club friends at NEBCA to sort out the matter of scoring Pro Novice runs for NEBCA members. NEBCA does not have a cross drive and consequently the drive in this case is scored out of 20 points where as the OBCC Pro Novice drive is scored out of 30.

We hope to encourage a few folks to have fun trial events in 2009 to raise money to support the OBCC, the CBCA championships and the USBCHA finals.

The current committee members have stated that they will stay another year on the trials committee and work with the current executive toward another successful year.

Agenda Item 4e – Clothing Sales

Tara Dier reported that fewer public trials have decreased our opportunities for clothing sales. She is looking for some new ideas for the future. What can we sell that is inexpensive but worth the cost. A few suggestions were brought forward; throw rugs, hand towels, place mats, K-9 collars. Anne Wheatley volunteered to help Tara come up with new ideas and manage the clothing sales.

Agenda Item 4f – Club Website

On behalf of Janet Burton, webmaster, Cynthia Palmer reported on the website. The most visits to the website were in July and August; pages accessed: Trials, links, champions. Referring websites; www.Canadianbordercollie.org, www.canadaguidetodogs.com, www.nebca.net, www.canadgos.com, www.bordercollierescue.org. To search phrases; border collie, Ontario Border Collie Club, Border Collie breeder Ontario, sheepdog trials Ontario.

Flow of information still needs tweaking.

1. Trials need to be posted in a more timely fashion - entry forms, running orders
2. Champion's page was more frequently accessed this year.

Suggest: have trial managers send results to info@ontariobordercollieclub.com or trials@ontariobordercollieclub.com. Janet would calculate the scores and forward to Kelly to have a

central record. This was deemed not to be the answer. All results will continue to be forwarded to the secretary for review and then forwarded to the webmaster.

It was also determined that someone should be assigned as a backup for Janet, for when Janet is away and something needs to be put on the website in her absence. Ellen Donnelly volunteered to be that individual. Ellen and Janet are to get together early in 2010 to facilitate the learning of the site.

Tara Dier moved to accept the all reports, seconded by Carol Guy.

Agenda Item 5 – Year End Awards

Kelly Knowlton was happy to report and congratulate, after all OBCC sanctioned trial points were tallied, the following individuals as 2009 Champions:

Open Champion	Amanda Milliken	Clive
Open Reserve Champion	Beverly Lambert	Mirk
Pro Novice Champion	Amanda Milliken	Monty
Pro-Novice Reserve Champion	Lorna Savage	Kaylee
Novice Champion	Anne Wheatley	Dixie
Novice Reserve Champion	John Palmer	Spec

Agenda Item 6a – New Business – Election of Board of Directors

Ellen Donnelly and Anne Wheatley reported that no new nominees were found. All member of the executive agreed to remain in their positions on the OBCC Board of Directors:

President – Cynthia Palmer
Vice President – Teresa Castonguay
Secretary/Treasurer – Kelly Knowlton
Director – Viki Kidd
Director – Randy Kelly

Agenda Item 6b – New Business - Committee Appointments

Your 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

Agenda Item 6c – New Business – Newsletter Editor Appointment

Viki Kidd has done a great job over the last 2 years, but feels it is time to move on. Tara Dier has graciously volunteered to become our new Newsletter Editor.

Agenda Item 6d – New Business – Location and timing of AGM

The proposed date for next years AGM is November 21, 2010, location do be determined at a later date.

Agenda Item 6e – New Business – Fundraising

With both the Canadian and US Championship being in the East this coming year, we have decided to organize another fundraising raffle. As mentioned in the Treasurer's report, we have already purchased a quilt. Carol Guy will take care of securing a license for the raffle.

Suggestions have been made to offer clothing on our website. Cynthia will discuss this with Tara and Janet, as well as investigate Paypal structure and report in the spring newsletter. Lorna will contact ABCA and request a grant. Carol will offer lanyards to the club for sale.

Agenda Item 7a – Other Business – Final Recognition Award

Over the course of the year, the executive have presented members with Recognition awards for our 25th anniversary. The final award to be presented this year is the 2000's Hall of Fame dog. This award goes to Amanda Milliken and Ethel.

Agenda Item 7b – Other Business – Donations to CBCA and USBCHA

Amanda made a motion to contribute to both the Canadian and US 2010 Championships.

\$500 USBCHA

\$1,000 CBCA

Lorna Savage seconded motion.

Agenda Item – 2010 CBCA Championships

It was put forward that Amanda and the City of Kingston were not interested in hosting the 2010 Canadian Championships. At an early OBCC meeting this year the subject was brought up. The OBCC executive created a sub-committee to find an acceptable site and make a proposal to the CBCA.

Kevan Gretton, after reading the minutes of said meeting in the newsletter, put his farm forward as a potential site for the championships.

In all, four sites were reviewed and visited, looking for the following criteria:

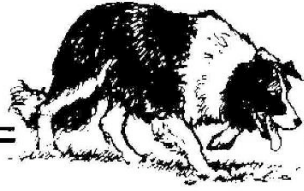
- availability for a double lift
- sheet were extremely accessible

At the CBCA AGM in August, Viki Kidd put forward a bid. At that time, the proposed date for the CBCA Championships was August 26-29, 2010, and the field had been narrowed down to two sites. This proposal was approved by CBCA members present.

A lot of thought was put into the date for the event; either the 3rd week in August or the 1st weekend in October. Weighing all the options, including the availability of sheep, Kevan Gretton's farm just outside of Lindsay, Ontario has been chosen as the site for the CBCA 2010 Championships, with a firm date of August 26-29, 2010

At this point in time a 2010 CBCA Championships Trial Committee needs to be formed. Viki Kidd has put her name forward as Trial Manager, and has indicated that sub committee's will be formed and volunteers are greatly needed. She wanted to ensure that these volunteers do not have to be dog trialing individuals, as the skills needed are what we use everyday in our regular day jobs.

At 4:35 pm with all business concluded, Lorna Savage made a motion that 2009 Annual General Meeting be adjourned, seconded by Anne Wheatley.



**Ontario Border Collie Club
2010 Proposed Budget
as of November 15, 2009**

Existing Bank Balance as of November 15, 2009 3,617.99

REVENUE

2010 Membership	1,750.00
Clothing Sales	1,200.00
Fundraising	3,000.00

TOTAL REVENUE 5,950.00

EXPENSES

Newsletter & Supplies	800.00
Trial Expenses	1,600.00
Bank Charges	180.00
Clothing Costs	500.00
Website Charges	200.00
2009 YE Awards	250.00
2010 Championship CBCA - donation	1,000.00
2010 USBCHA	500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 5,030.00

BUDGETED BANK BALANCE END OF 2010 4,537.99

Submitted at AGM, November 15, 2009

Kelly Knowlton, Secretary/Treasurer