



Ontario Border Collie Club

Telephone Conference call held
April 14, 2009
Commenced at 7:30 pm

Executive present

Cynthia Palmer, Kelly Knowlton, Teresa Castonguay, Viki Kidd

Absent: Randy Kelly

1. 25th Anniversary
 - Viki has taken the time to create the survey for the recognition “awards” for our 25th Anniversary. Discussion ensued with regards for some wording. The final draft to be published in the April newsletter, and available on the website.
 - Viki to ask Janet if a format can be presented on the website to enable members to do the survey on-line.
 - Teresa sourced “trophy’s” for the recognition “awards” and it has been agreed by all that the Iceburg “award” would be the better fit. Teresa to order the “award” and provide what is to be etched on it.
2. Trials
 - The following trials are sanctioned and will appear in the newsletter
 1. Shepherds Crook
 2. Indian River SDT
 3. Lansdowne Park
 4. 80 Acres
 5. Grass Creek Park - Kingston
 6. Butternut Creek Farm trial
3. Report on Website
 - Teresa has provided the following on the status of the website

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With the current layout, we are limited to the number of internal links we can put on the site. If we want to change the navigation, then a complete overhaul of the site design will be in order.

Janet thinks that we are on a path to overhaul the entire website, not just from a content perspective but from a design [look and feel] perspective as well. That said, we should decide if we are ok with the colour scheme. The current font colours can be changed fairly easily but I will need a list of acceptable colours to use. Also, many fonts that we use in the newsletter do not translate well to the internet. They don't always display correctly on various browsers and platforms. For example: Internet Explorer displays things differently on Windows XP vs Windows Vista and Mac OSX. Mozilla firefox has several versions for the various platforms. Same goes with colours and the operating system and the hardware that each individual uses. Something may display one way for one person and look completely different for another. I guess what I am trying to say is that the internet functions VERY differently from print and am not always unified.

As for the Forum, Janet is thinking that it would be a good place for members to share their photos, have a place to discuss local trials and upcoming events, just create a bit of a sense of community. By posting the photos there it should negate the need for the newsletter editor and the website designer to have to spend time soliciting photos. We can put a disclaimer right in the forum saying that if one posts a photo in the forum you are agreeing for it to be used on the website and/or in the newsletter.

Question for board – approve

External Links

Already on site CBCA, ABCA, ISDS, NEBCA, USBCHA, BC, Saskatchewan & Alberta Associations

Breed Information

www.bordercollie.org (Heather Nadelman & Eileen Steins's pages)

<http://www.workingbordercollies.ca/BorderCollieFAQ.htm> (Werner's page)

Rescue

<http://www.bordercollierescueont.com/> (Cindy Boht's site)

<http://www.bcrescue.info/> (Luan Egan's site)

Trainers

Herding

<http://www.canadianbordercollies.org/breeders.html>

<http://www.bordercollie.org/boards/index.php?>

Dog Sports

Agility - <http://www.aac.ca/en/home/main/default.aspx>

Flyball - <http://www.flyball.org/> and <http://www.u-fli.com/>

Obedience and general - <http://www.apdt.com/>

4. Other Business

- Teresa has found a foundation that has animal welfare in their objectives. She is attempting to create a generic history of the club to send along with funding applications. Teresa will work with Viki to create a short paragraph detailing our club.
- There are foundations that offer funds for capital assets. ie portable handling systems. This could help the club better motivate new trial managers to rent the portable handling systems to help remove initial set up costs.
- Discussion ensued with regards to obtaining a perpetual trophy for the "hall of fame" award. This award would be handed out each year, if a dog warrants the recognition.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm