

## **USBCHA BOD MEETING**

**JANUARY 28, 2025**

**8 PM EST**

### **Attending:**

Officers: Lori Cunningham, Linda DeJong, Russell McCord, Tony Luper

Directors: Amanda Milliken, Billy Bishop, Bob Washer, Cy Peterson, Haley Hunewill, Jamie Spring, Jan Stebbins, John Campbell, Kay Stephens, Lori Chamberlain, Lori Perry, Marianna Schreeder, Rachel Ritland, Russell McCord, Scott Glen, Shane Scallan, Sue Schoen

### **Adoption of Minutes from Dec 19,2024**

Motion: Cy Peterson to accept Minutes

Second: Marianna Schreeder

Unanimous approval

Lori Cunningham proposed that future minutes be put on BC Boards for BOD to review. If there are no corrections, post on website as soon as possible. The aim is to get information to membership more quickly.

### **General Comments and expectations**

Lori wanted to thank all directors and officers for willingness to serve and to thank BOD for the opportunity and honor of serving a president of USBCHA.

She wanted to explain some of her expectations and style for the upcoming term. She believes the best results can be achieved through robust and respectful discussion and involvement of all stakeholders. To expedite this process she is planning to use the BC Boards more frequently.

She believes in being direct and in handling issues that arise informally if possible. Lori encourages all directors to listen and respond to member concerns and to reach out to other directors and officers if they need information or suggestions to deal with issues if needed.

She wants to be transparent with the membership and make information available to them.

### **Financial Report-Tony-present treasurer, Marianna-past treasurer**

There is no financial report ready at this time due to transition issues. Tony reported he will have it ready by the next BOD meeting

## **Website Improvement Proposal**

Lori expressed appreciation to Pearse Ward for managing the website for the last several years.

A proposal for Heather Nadelman to redesign and manage the USBCHA website for the next year with a stipend was approved by the BOD.

Motion: Amanda Millikin moved that the proposal be adopted

Second: Scott Glen

Passed without dissent.

Lori will inform Heather and Pearse

A committee was formed to oversee the process.

## **Sheepdog Finals**

### **2025 Finals Committee**

USBCHA members: Haley Hunewill to chair, Lori Chamberlain, Patrick Shannahan

ABCA will appoint 3 members to complete the committee

**Judge Nominations:** there are none currently. Nominations close Feb 28. BOD encouraged to help get a strong list of nominees. Linda will send out another group email to the membership soliciting nominations.

**2026 Finals:** Deadline for bids has been extended to the end of February. Currently there is a bid expected from Texas.

## **Cattledog Finals**

There is no bid currently for 2025. Expecting a bid from Jeff Livingston soon.

Looking for a liaison for cattledog finals.

## **Committees**

Website Committee: Sue Schoen-Chair, Rachel Ritland, Maria Amodei

Finance: Marianna Schreeder, Tony Luper. Marianna will be working on confirming other members

Disciplinary: Viki Kidd chair

Plan is to assign directors when complaints are filed

Rules: Specific rules committees will be formed based on needs to revise rules

A committee has been formed to review the disciplinary process

Kay Stephens will initiate the review process

Prize Committee: will review and organize the National Finals prizes

Rachel Ritland, Jaimie Spring in consultation with Linda DeJong

### **ISDS World Trial- USA Team Management Guideline Draft**

Lori contacted all directors to invite comments on the draft which was tabled at the last meeting. Comments were edited into the document. The BOD discussed the current draft.

General discussion was held for separate sections of the Guidelines.

Motion: Marianna Schreeder moved to adopt the document as written with only a minor wording change on Item 2

Second Cy Peterson

Passed unanimously

Suggestion was made to set up a section on BC Boards so past World Team members could share their experiences and suggestion to make experience of future team members less trouble prone. Access would be granted to team members from past and new ones who qualify.

### **New Business**

Lori and Billy Bishop proposed there be discussion how the USBCHA can promote and provide information about the club and its mission. It was suggested it be put on BC Board to enable suggestions how this would happen.

### **Motion to adjourn:**

Motion: Lori Perry

Second: Cy Peterson

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM EST

