

NEBCA Summer 2020 Meeting via Zoom
June 30, 2020

37 members attended

Called to order at 8PM.

I. Minutes for the Annual Meeting were approved as written.

II. Executive Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's Report (Martha Walke) - The membership stands at 222 as compared to 234 at the 2019 Cummington meeting. There are 7 life members; 166 individual members; and 49 Family/Farm members. Since January we have gained 5 new members. All members are current in the Points System.
- B. Treasurer's Report (Denise Leonard) - Denise presented a financial summary as of May 31, 2020. The total account balance was \$51,797.19. Spending is less this year due to no trials and no money expended for either of NEBCA's Finals. Chris Bowen suggested that NEBCA reduce dues for the 2020-2021 year. Discussion, pro and con, followed. The USBCHA is giving money to trials for needs due to the virus and local ordinances. Suggested that more funds be donated for working with novice handlers (see Education Committee report). The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

III. BOD Report (Annie Palmer) - It has been a very quiet year so far for the BOD. Not much has happened except for the decision for NEBCA to go along with the USBCHA decisions concerning the sanctioning of trials.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Open Trials Committee (Warren Mick) - The decision to not have the 2020 Fall Foliage was made at the Annual Meeting. Paul Batz has been appointed to the committee. Other members are Mich Ferraro, Christine Koval, Michael Nunan and Warren Mick.
- B. Novice Trials Committee (Amy Hershberger) - The committee is discussing whether to hold the 2020 Novice Finals. An announcement will be forthcoming. The committee thanks Paul Batz for the offer of his facility for the Novice Finals.
- C. Newsletter (Sallie Butler) - The Newsletter continues to be published on its quarterly schedule with 20 pages of content in the two formats, online color version and print black and white version. The Newsletter staff look to members to share articles, photos and other information that may be of interest. The 2020 Summer Newsletter is the last issue edited by me. It has been an honor to create both articles and issues. It was a challenge to learn about "preserving and protecting the Border Collie as a working stockdog" from dedicated members with exceptional depth and breadth of knowledge. Adding to the challenge of

collecting information was the joy of interacting with members in production of each Newsletter. I am grateful to all who sent, read or commented on news items.

Pam Mueller was asked if she would continue, for the time being, working both as editor and on layout as NEBCA looks for another editor. She would like someone to step forward and be the “content scout” and find ideas/content from members. Currently, Pam spends 30-40 hours working on the layout of an issue.

V. Select Committee Reports

- A. Calendar Committee (Kate Collins) - The 2021 calendar has been designed and compiled and put together for printing. It will be printed the first week of August. This is late for printing, but the dynamics of the pandemic and social distancing have resulted in this later printing. The committee, after analyzing the cost for printing fewer copies, and with agreement from the Executive Committee, decided to have only 150 calendars printed. Calendars sold with membership renewals should cover the expense of the printing. With fewer trials, members are urged to take calendars to any clinics or trials they will be attending. Email Kate at katecollins64@gmail.com and calendars will be sent to you or given to you at a mutual meeting point. The new calendar will be on the website soon and can be ordered from the site or by emailing Kate.
- B. Merchandise Committee (Kim Lippolis) - The committee currently consists of Joanne Krause, Kim Lippolis, Liz Shaw and Ed Walker. The 2020 merchandise was ordered and delivered. It is currently being stored by Barbara Eriksson. We do not anticipate setting up at any trials this year (items will be taken to Paul Batz’s trial in August) so no additional merchandise will be ordered for 2021. All merchandise will be divided and taken to trials in 2021. Items ordered consist of: hats and visors in new color with embroidered NEBCA logo; t-shirts with a new design by Kate Collins and her sister Barbara; tote bags designed by Barbara Armata; crewneck sweatshirts with the logo; and grey short and long sleeved t-shirts with a large logo. As always, thank you to all who help at trials with set-up, tear-down and sales. We could not do this without you!
- C. Education Committee (Rose Redick) - The committee approved funding for an educational event at Cascade Farm. Several other events are under consideration: Barbara Armata is holding a clinic Aug. 1 - 2 for 5 novice handlers and 5 open handlers; Denise Leonard is holding a clinic at the end of July; Sharon Barrett is holding a clinic in August. Dave and Mary Ellen Young are planning an event for members in Quebec and Hilary Flower an event in Nova Scotia. Christine Koval has volunteered to host a program. All programs will be different. There will be something for all levels. These opportunities will have support from the other trial committees. Rose has volunteered to do fliers and will advertise to members for these events.

The committee has also developed funding guidelines for future requests:

1. Funding requests are submitted to the Education Committee chair or committee member for review and approval.
2. The event must be published on the NEBCA website clinic or trial schedule.
3. Participants shall be NEBCA members at the time of the event.
4. Non-NEBCA participants are eligible when vacancies cannot be filled by NEBCA members.
5. Receipts and attendance list shall be submitted to the Education Committee chair. The chair will forward receipts to the treasurer for reimbursement.

D. Library (Martha Walke) - There has been very little activity this winter/spring. The updated listings were published in the 2020 Summer Newsletter and on the NEBCA website.

VI. Old Business

- A. AED - this has been talked about at many meetings with no progress being made. Warren suggested that this idea be dropped. DY/WD: moved and seconded that the discussion of the AED be dropped. Passed: 24 yes; 2 no.

VII. New Business

- A. Lori Tsuruda thanked Sallie Butler for her years as editor of the NEBCA Newsletter. Round of applause. A card and gift will be sent.
- B. Jim Murphy suggested that all deceased members be removed from the USBCHA and NEBCA points list. Suggested he contact Maria Amodei.
- C. Werner Reitboeck reported on his talk with Warren about concerns in the Best Practices Guidelines on the NEBCA website. They have been changed. He stated that the policies for trials should be as useful and applicable as possible. Suggested that each person carry their own disinfectant and use it frequently, remembering to take 20 seconds each time.

Warren requested suggestions for the running of Zoom meetings. What would be more useful? What would make them run smoother? The next Zoom meeting will be in August or September.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, Secretary