

**ONTARIO BORDER COLLIE CLUB**

**2019 DRAFT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The annual general meeting was held November 17, 2019 at the home of Victoria Lamont with members present, online and proxies presented. List of such members and proxy votes are available upon request. Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by Tara.

**Agenda Item #1 – Declaration of Proxies**

Rebecca Lawrence took attendance

Eight (8) present in person and three (3) on the phone/online. Nine (9) proxies were noted for the record.

We have a quorum.

**Agenda Item #2 – Acceptance of Agenda**

Victoria Lamont moved to accept the agenda, Kelly Morrow seconded it. All in favour.

**Agenda Item #3A Acceptance of 2018 Minutes**

Carol Guy moved to accept 2018 minutes and seconded by Marie Sawford. All in favour.

**Agenda Item #3B Old Business**

Re: Animal Rights Activism, the Board is to review and discuss. Information to be sent to Club Members.

**Agenda Item #4 – Annual Reports**

**A – President’s Report (synopsis)**

Tara Dier presented. She thanked the Board and the Club for a smooth year. There was not a lot of work that was required from the Board this year, we had no proposals of by-law changes, nor did we have any incidents arise that needed to be addressed.

Thank to the good work done by the Trail Committee, they undertook the task of tracking, sanctioning & getting information posted. It was done very smoothly.

The Club enjoyed the excellent newsletters that were produced this year. We went down by one issue this year for the Newsletter, and Tara feels that we could go with fewer newsletters in future years. As the newsletter is no longer relied upon for upcoming information regarding trials & entry forms, we may not need as many issues. It is still important though to have as a written record of our Club’s history. Michelle Lawrence and Kris Kiviaho are happy to continue for 2020.

Thank you to the good, active & keen Learning & Outreach Committee. They have undertaken 3 events this year, and hope to continue the same next year. If anyone wants to offer their help/farm, please contact the Committee to arrange it. Carol noted that the Committee takes care of all the work associated with an event: paperwork, set up to the farmer’s wants, clean up & even took away the little amount of garbage generated!

This has been a great trial year, with new trials taking hosted by Andrea de Kenney in May, and Victoria Lamont’s Open trial . We didn’t loose any trials this year. A thank you to all who helped us to enjoy a busy trail year: the trial managers, hosts & sheep owners. Lots of hard work & skill!

Fundraising: Pamela & Tania have been nothing short of amazing. Very hardworking & diligent. While Tania will not be continuing for 2020, Pamela will but may need help.

Website has been very good.

Tara would like to thank the Board Members, we didn’t need a lot of meetings this year, mostly one at the start of the year to get on board, then emails through out the year. She is very grateful with how this year went.

And to all the new champions, congratulations on your accomplishments! There are new names in all of the classes and the handling is getting better and better

**B – Secretary’s Report**

Nothing much to report in changes, Rebecca will work with Kim to see about setting up a Google Doc to help track the membership, and provide access to the Trial, and Learning & Outreach Committees, so that both can see if members are in good standing. Tara is not comfortable with making this list available on the website, so access will be kept to the above.

Victoria says we need to have strong working to members to make sure that they are in good standing, so we do not experience any issues with people being non-compliant. Carol says she used to acknowledge each payment so that the member know it had been accepted.

We can create a post on the Facebook group to remind people that membership is due.

**C – Treasurer’s Report**

The following was submitted by Kim Gretton. Michelle accepted it, and Kelly seconded it.

It does not include the newsletter that went out this week, plus some prepaid 2020 memberships. Quite a few donations have been made via clinic fees & donations. A lot of our funds were obtained via Raffles & 50/50, along with the Silent Auction in Kingston. Kim has left the budge for 2020 as the same for 2019 as she does not feel it requires any changes.

Newsletter costs are down even with the increase number of pages in the issues. We still need to keep the newsletter for Club members who do not trial.

Kim notes that we have 10 new members this year!

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| Bank balance Mar 5/19 | | $3,357.36 |  |
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| REVENUE | 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET | ACTUALS | % |
| Membership | $2,000.00 | $1,875.34 | 94% |
| Donations & Clinic Fees | $500.00 | $300.00 | 60% \* |
| Merchandise Sales | $4,000.00 | $5,057.85 | \*\* |
| Raffle & Silent Auction Sales | $700.00 | $330.00 | \*\* |
| **Total Revenue** | **$7,200.00** | **$7,563.19** | **105%** |
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| EXPENSES |  |  |  |
| Bank Charges | $50.00 | $44.50 |  |
| Insurance /Legal | $550.00 | $417.24 |  |
| Merchandise Costs | $1,200.00 | $1,621.09 |  |
| Newsletter Printing | $1,000.00 | $361.60 |  |
| Office & Newsletter Supplies | $10.00 | $0.00 |  |
| Postage | $300.00 | $186.32 |  |
| Promotion of Club Goals | $700.00 | $300.00 |  |
| Prize Expense/ribbons | $200.00 | $357.08 |  |
| Event Support | $800.00 | $900.00 |  |
| Website Charges | $30.21 | $0.00 |  |
| Year End Awards | $500.00 | $311.54 |  |
| **Total Expenses** | **$5,340.21** | **$4,499.37** | **84%** |

Bank balance as of Sept 25/19 $5528.79

* \* Outreach cheque to Carol Guy was voided, she donated the $300 back to the club -$300 shown as expense and as a donation.
* \*\* The monies received from Pamela have not been split up into the raffle/silent auction and merchandise sales. The $330 shown under raffle/silent auction is for one of the barn quilts in the silent auction paid direct to me.

**D – Trials Committee Report**

In 2019, the trials committee consisted of:

Janet Fahey

Carol Guy

Tracy Hinton (Chair)

John Palmer

We started the season with Funding requests. Requests were received, and monies were paid to support the following trials. The committee thanks the board for their support:

* May 4, 2019 Andrea de Kenedy Cloudberry Open SDT
* August 24, 2019 Teresa Castonguay Good Companions
* September 7 & 8, 2019 Victoria Lamont Handy Dog Open
* October 19, 2019 Leslie Gamble Forfar Open SDT
* October 20, 2019 Janet Fahey Jimmies Farm Novice SDT

We were lucky enough to have 14 OBCC sanctioned trials in Ontario this past year! I believe that may be a record. Of note, Cynthia and John Palmer held a new arena trial in July and Victoria Lamon held a new Open trial in September.

The 2019 trials were:

05/5/2019 Cloudberry

05/27/2019 Swaledale Novice #1

06/24/2019 Swaledale Novice #2

07/08/2019 Handy Dog Novice

07/21/2019 K9 Sportsfest – Maxville

08/04/2019 80 Acres

08/08/2019 Grass Creek

08/25/2019 Good Companions

09/08/2019 Handy Dog Open

09/29/2019 Indian River

10/03/2019 Swaledale

10/04/2019 Shepherds Crook

10/20/2019 Forfar SDT – Open

10/21/2019 Jimmie’s Farm Novice SDT

Many thanks to the trial managers/hosts who open your homes, farms and fields to us. We couldn’t do it without you!

**E – Club Activities**

* 1. **Learning & Outreach**

OBCC LEARNING AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE 2019 — REPORT TO THE BOARD

COMMITEE GOALS FOR 2019

To spread our events across the province as much as possible.

To provide opportunities for club members to -

1) Work their dogs with guidance from experienced handlers.

2) Increase their understanding of livestock behaviour.

3) Increase awareness of, and conscientiousness around, bio security.

EVENTS

Four events of 8 to10 participants were held. Each was designed to appeal to handlers with a

range of experience, Open Handler support was provided. In the first event participants viewed

and discussed the ABCHA’s ‘Judging Clinic on BluRay’. The first of three working days was

focused on shedding, the second on running a trial course. Both included livestock handling

exercises. The final day focussed on penning. All the days filled and feedback from participants

was positive. Detailed reports on these events can be found in the 2019 OBCC Newsletters.

Our events were possible because club members stepped up and made themselves and their

farms available to the Committee. We were determined to return the generosity of our hosts by

doing all that we could to make their experience an easy and enjoyable one. Committee

members took care of registering participants, collecting money, organizing food, helping with

farm set-up and ensuring that the hosts’ property was left as we found it. All registration fees

went to the host.

We were also supported by Open Handlers who donated their time to help out. Their

assistance was crucial to the success of our events. Thank-you to hosts Carol Guy, Tracy

Hinton and Tara Dier. Thank you to handlers Anne Wheatley, Louis Hadley and Lorna Savage.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Committee had flyers printed with OBCC information on them, for distribution at The

Kingston Sheep Dog Trials.

ACCOUNTING

The Committee requested and received $300.00 from the OBCC. $77.66 was returned to

OBCC.

Expenses

$130.00… Port A Potty Rental

$ 92.34 ….Water Cooler, Re-usable utensils, carry bag (all useable next year)

IN CONCLUSION

We feel we achieved our goals, though we would like to have given students of sheep dogging

in the western and more easterly parts of the province something more local to attend. A

‘Judging Clinic on BluRay’ get together planned for Victoria Lamont’s, has been delayed until

early Spring 2020.

The events we organized in 2019 were well received, people found them enjoyable and

educational. We learned a lot organizing them; we gained a better understanding of what the

community is looking for in learning events, what exactly is involved in holding them, and what

steps we can take to ensure that club members will continue to offer to host us on their

properties.

- The Learning and Outreach Committee 2019

Anne Wheatley, Jane Kessler, Patrick Gosselin, Susan Shipton

* 1. **Merchandise Sales**
* Pamela brought merchandise to all trials
* Held Raffles, 50/50, and Silent Auction
* It was brought up that we could speak with Pamela regarding the possibility of an online store
* Victoria Lamon said the Board of Directions should connect with Pamela to see what she needs to organize a team to continue
* **Newsletter**

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| **ANNUAL TOTALS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2019 Issue | Qty Printed | # Pages in issue | Number Mailed | | | | **Printing Cost** | Actual Mailing Costs per Issue | | | | | | Total Cost of Issue Distribution (Print & Post) | **Actual Annual Postage Paid** | Incidentals | **Total Costs Incurred** |
| CAN | USA | Special | TOTAL | CAN | CAD Special | Subtotal CAD Dist | HST 13% CAD Mail | USA | Actual Mail Costs Per Issue | Mailing Labels & Sealers \* |
| Winter | 40 | 16 | 26 | 4 | 0 | 30 | **180.80** | 49.40 | 0.00 | 49.40 | 6.37 | 12.48 | 68.25 | 249.05 | **119.83** | **0.00** | **300.63** |
| Spring | 40 | 16 | 25 | 4 | 2 | 31 | **180.80** | 47.50 | 0.30 | 47.80 | 6.21 | 12.48 | 66.49 | 247.29 | **66.49** | **0.00** | **247.29** |
| Summer/ Fall | 35 | 20 | 23 | 2 |  | 25 | **196.56** | 43.70 | 0.00 | 43.70 | 5.68 | 6.24 | 55.62 | 252.18 | **6.24** | **0.00** | **202.80** |
| ***ANNUAL TOTALS*** | | | | | | 86 | **558.16** |  | | | | | | | **192.56** | **0.00** | **750.72** |
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| Canadian Stamps - STOCK ON HANDPostage Value | | | | | *Notes* | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Number**  Purchased/ Used | **Face Value**  Purchased/ Used | HST 13% | Total Value Purchased/ Used | Value of Stock on Hand |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | 51.30 | 6.67 | 57.97 | 57.97 | 3x 1.80 stamps remaining in stock; 24x 1.90 remaining in stock | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 57.97 | 3 x 0.10 stamps to add to above 3 x 1.80 Mailed 2 copies to Dafydd Davies: *Michelle/Bruce Lawrence donated envelope, packing material and mailing cost of $25.00* | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| -23 | -43.70 | -5.67 | -49.37 | 8.60 | Used stamps from stock to mail out to Canadian addresses. Extra copies printed (re timing) but not mailed re membership paid year. | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  | 8.60 | 4 stamps in stock to carry to 2020 Winter *\* Michelle Lawrence donates Mailing Labels.  \* Michelle/Bruce Lawrence donated mailing seals at cost of $7.67* | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |

* **Website update**

Rebecca Lawrence reported to the group:

* Not many changes this year, still working on fixing items on the site, do not feel it is worth the charge to the Club to move the site re: hosting. We currently have free hosting
* Password will change in the new year, an email will go out to the membership

**Agenda Item #5 – Year End Awards**

Cynthia announced and congratulated the 2019 OBCC Champions:

Open Champion A. Milliken Howell

Open Reserve Champion A. Milliken Dorey

Pro Novice Champion P. Gosselin Drew

Pro-Novice Reserve Champion S. Moore Gibb

Novice Champion S. Moore Skye

Novice Reserve Champion P. Hall Journey

Tara Dier would like to congratulate all the winners on behalf of the Club !

She is working on have the plaques ordered & sent to the winners. A special thank you to Jane Kessler for gathering & engraving the trophies this year. The trophies will be available to pixk up at a trial, to arrange with the winners.

**Agenda Item #6 – New Business**

1. **Election of Board of Directors**

The Board has agreed to stay on another year. The following is the new board to 2020

Tara Dier

Janet Fahey

Kim Gretton

Victoria Lamont

Rebecca Lawrence

Kelly Morrow moved to accept this board, Carol Guy second. All in favour.

1. **Committee Appointments**

Committee Appointments were discussed but not finalized

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Victoria & Rebecca

TRIALS COMMITTEE

Tracy Hinton – Standings & Chair – holder of the ribbons

Carol Guy

John Palmer

Janet Fahey

LEARNING, EDUCATION & OUTREACH

open

FUNDRAISING/Merchandising

Pamela Hall

1. **Newletter Editor & Webmaster Appointment**

NEWSLETTER

Michelle Lawrence and Kris Kiviaho have agreed to continue as newsletter editors.

WEBMASTER

Rebecca Lawrence will remain.

1. **Location and Timing of 2020 AGM**

The proposed date for next years AGM is scheduled for November 14th, 2020 @ 1PM. Both Tara & Marie have offered to host.

**Agenda Item #7 Other Business**

No new business

At 2:50pm with all business concluded, Michelle Lawrence made a motion that 2019 Annual General Meeting be adjourned, Victoria Lamont seconded.