

# **OBCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **Sunday, November 20, 2022,**

**convened at 1:00 pm via Zoom**

**Agenda Item #1** – Declaration of Proxies  
2 received    participant list available on request

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

1<sup>st</sup> Anne Wheatley                      2<sup>nd</sup> Andrea de Kenedy                      CARRIED

**Agenda Item #3** - Acceptance of 2021 AGM Minutes

### Corrections

1. Item #1 - Discrepancy between recorded attendance -Twenty-three (21)? It was noted that 2 people left midway through the meeting.
2. No written Secretary report. Written is unavailable
3. Item #7 – incorrect date (November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020) corrected to November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Kim Gretton                      2<sup>nd</sup> Patrick Gosselin                      CARRIED

**Agenda Item #4** - Old Business

### Update - Liability Insurance for OBCC

The old policy was held under the Sports Dog Association and covered only the club not the directors, volunteers or membership at large. The premium was increasing from \$550 to \$1085 annually. The decision was made to let the policy lapsed and Trial organizers were asked to add OBCC to the waiver on entry forms.

**Agenda Item #5** – Annual Reports

### A – President's Report

Many thanks to:

- The current OBCC directors and especially Teresa for her endless help.
- To the Trials Committee and all the hosts of the clinics and trials this year
- The Learning and Development committee for the well-received clinics. Hopefully more next year.
- To Pamela Hall who is retiring as fundraiser. Your efforts in the past few years are greatly appreciated. Anybody looking for a job let us know!
- To Tracy Hinton for her expertise and energy in revamping our website. She has agreed to continue as webmaster.

The Board opted to use a 'blog' format to report on the Club's activities. Our 'view' stats show that this has been a popular move. I encourage anyone with a blog idea or article to forward it to Tracy to be posted.

Congratulations to all the winners in 2022.

See you on the trial field in 2023!

Kevan Gretton, President

## B – Secretary's Report

It was decided to remove the password protected pages of the website as members found it difficult. Much of the club administrative business such as meeting minutes is now open access on the website. To maintain a more streamlined site previous years documents are being moved to the cloud (OneDrive). It was decided to only retain two years of minutes and newsletters on the website. We are gradually moving years prior to 2020 from the website into the archives. These are still available upon request and will be accessible to incoming boards and webmasters. Thanks to the previous Board and its Secretary OBCC archival files had been moved to OneDrive. It was this year's task to organize them into an accessible and hopefully user-friendly system. As decided by a previous Board the OBCC membership list is protected and is now maintained in the cloud with only a simplified list available to committee members to verify members' status. Communications around club business is being done via email. A business Zoom account has been purchased to facilitate meetings of all kinds. Other OBCC communications are via The Official OBCC Facebook page and the website both of which are open to members and non-members.

Teresa Castonguay, Secretary

## C – Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance as of November 1, 2022, **\$8692.19**

**83 current members**

REVENUE	2021 ACTUALS	2022 BUDGET	2022 YTD	2023 BUDGET
Membership	\$ 2,699.98	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,849.10	\$ 2,900.00
L&D Income			\$ 913.00	\$ 500.00
Merchandise Sales	\$ 1,476.22	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,745.50	\$ 3,000.00
Raffle & Silent Auction	\$ 1,176.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 984.50	\$ 800.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 5,352.70</b>	<b>\$ 6,700.00</b>	<b>\$11,492.10</b>	<b>\$ 7,200.00</b>
EXPENSES				
Bank Charges	\$ 18.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 29.50	\$ 50.00
Insurance/Legal	\$ 550.10	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Merchandise Costs	\$ 1,181.32	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 5,850.89	\$ 1,800.00
Meeting Expenses	\$ -	\$ 485.00	\$ 158.20	\$ 200.00
Promotion of Club Goals	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 937.21	\$ 500.00
Learning and Development	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,500.00
Prize Expense/ribbons	\$ 68.48	\$ 100.00	\$ 180.76	\$ 200.00
Trial Support	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,500.00
Website Charges	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 500.00
Year End Awards	\$ 444.30	\$ 700.00	\$ 594.38	\$ 700.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,712.20</b>	<b>\$ 7,135.00</b>	<b>\$10,885.94</b>	<b>\$ 7,050.00</b>

Inventory

2022 Merchandise in stock wholesale value \$2426 and old stock retail value \$625

Kim Gretton, Treasurer

## DISCUSSION

It was pointed out that Total Revenue Year to Date was missing the 1 and should read \$11,492.10  
The Promotion of Club Goals Year to Date was overspent. The request to place OBCC items in the Grass Creek Handlers bags were more expensive than anticipated. It was recommended that this line item not exceed the amount given as trial support (\$400). A suggestion was made that an award for highest placing OBCC member at the Grass Creek trial be considered to show support for this trial.

### D – Trials Committee Report

2022 was a very busy season with great turnouts at every trial. Attendance was high as we entered the new pandemic normal.

The TC sanctioned 9 trials:

1. Handy Dog Benefit trial- July 9 & 10
2. Shepherd's Crook Novice (cancelled) -July 23
3. 80 Acres Open -July 28 – August 1
4. Kingston SDT Open – August 2 – 7
5. Handy Open - September-10 & 11
6. Shepherd's Crook – September 30 – October 1
7. Jimmie's Farm – Novice – October 13
8. Kitley Corners October 14 – 16
9. Indian River October 28- 30

#### Trial Funding

Requests for financial support are listed below:

1. Association Border Collie Quebec \$400 (trial cancelled)
2. Handy Dog July trial \$400
3. Handy Dog September trial \$400
4. Kitley Corners \$400
5. Jimmie' Novice Trial \$200
6. Indian River - \$400

### **Total trial funding provided =\$1600**

It was an extraordinary year for upcoming handlers. Novice classes historically have had 10 or less entries- this season had 20 to 25 entries per trial. These novice handlers demonstrated very good skills in running their dogs and managing the livestock around the courses. Many of these Novice handlers were from various locations in Quebec as well as Ontario. They brought with them a wonderful spirit of comradery and enthusiasm in addition to some very skilled handling. It is very exciting that this sport is very much alive and growing.

Brian Epp and Celeste LaCroix hosted not only their first trial in Ontario but several days of clinics and lessons – both were well attended.

Given how busy the season was- it is unsurprising that there were a few concerns brought to the attention of the Trials Committee.

The first was one about some Trial Managers not being current members of the OBCC. The Trial Guidelines state that **Trial Managers must be members in good standing 6.1.3.**

A second concern was that a Judge permitted a handler to stay at the post during a Novice Novice class - instead of leaving the post to wear/assist in driving the sheep. OBCC article 1.1.2 states: It is at **the trial manager's discretion to allow assisted driving in sanctioned trials where OBCC rules prevail. Such a decision is to be announced prior to the start of the class. 6.2.2 OBCC rules and guidelines will prevail first and foremost for sanctioned trials that have applied for and received club funding.**

Several members complained that Judges from overseas were not following USBCHA guidelines. This was addressed several times at trials and noted. They were given the link to the USBCHA guidelines. A suggestion is that, perhaps, Trial Hosts & Managers could provide judges with copies of the OBCC and USBCHA guidelines in advance of their trials

The Trials Committee would like to recommend an amendment to the current guidelines: Sanctioning Trials:  
**6.1.2 Only trials within Ontario will be considered for sanctioning.** We suggest amending this to read Only trials within Ontario will be considered for sanctioning **and funding**.

The Trials Committee does not oppose the continued approval for funding for Events in special circumstances - such as providing financial assistance to the CBCA Championships and the USBCHA Finals when they are taking place in eastern Canada and the US; etc.

In addition, the Trials Committee recommends developing their own form for trial reports. This year's results were often not reported, reported incorrectly, or illegible photos of trial scoresheets sent to us. We would like to have a form that is easily used by everyone and list the results in descending order. Tracy Hinton has agreed to assist with this and our thanks to her for all her support this year.

In closing, many thanks to all the Hosts and Managers for continuing to provide trials in this province. We are most fortunate for their support. Also let us not forget a big thank you to all those who volunteered to help trial hosts in their endeavours.

The current Trials Committee members are happy to volunteer again for 2023.  
Stay safe and see you next season on the trial field.

The Trials Committee- Carol Guy, Andrea de Kenedy, Louise Hadley

## DISCUSSION

The concerns raised in the committee reports were emphasized by several members. In addition to the concerns raised in the report, it was pointed out that one trial received funding for two trials but that Trial Guidelines 6.2.1 state that **"Trial managers may apply for such funds only once per trial season."**

Benefit trials were also mentioned. While neither Trial nor Funding Guidelines exclude Benefit (or Fundraising) trials, it was not an appropriate use of funds.

It was worrying that many trials did not appear to be familiar with or follow the published guidelines. Kevan noted that these concerns would be communicated to trial organizers.

Changes to the Trial Guidelines were proposed as follows:

### TRIAL GUIDELINES

#### 6.1.2

From

Only trials within Ontario will be considered for sanctioning.

To

Only trials within Ontario will be considered for sanctioning **and funding. Funding exceptions would be at the discretion of the Trials Committee and Board of Directors.**

#### 6.1.3

From

Trial Managers must be members in good standing

To

Trial Managers **and/or Trial Hosts** must be members in good standing

A discussion and vote on the above 6.1.3 wording 'and' or 'and/or' was held. The majority (19) were in favour of 'and/or'

Motion to Approve above changes to **TRIAL GUIDELINES 6.1.2 and 6.1.3**

1<sup>st</sup> Anne Wheatley 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrea deKenedy

CARRIED

## E – Learning & Development Committee Report

Zoom Judging Clinic with Lee Lumb

March 20, 2022, 1pm est on Zoom

31 people in attendance

Questions were posed in advance by participants through L&D

Lee gave very thoughtful responses that emphasized good workmanship

Participants reported enjoying and getting a lot out of the session.

Net Profit to club \$417

International Shedding Practice Day

May 7, 2022, 9am to 4pm at Applewood Ridge Farm

Tracy designed and facilitated the day

L&D helped w Promotion

15 active participants

Auditors

Contribution from the club \$200

Amanda Driving Clinic (held over from 2021)

June 5, 2022, at Amanda's Farm

L&D arranged the event

8 active participants

4 Auditors

Net \$87

Training Kina with Patrick Gosselin

June 18,19, 2022, 8am to 4pm at Patrick's Farm

Patrick brought this popular event to L&D

15 people attended

Contribution from club \$200

Returned to the club \$409.20

Net \$209.20

James McGee Young Dog Day

James McGee all subjects clinic

October 17, 18, 19 2022

Celeste Lacroix applied to the L&D for funding assistance

OBCC members had first access

Contribution from the club \$200

\*Total net to the club \$313.20 (It is not a goal of the Committee to profit)

Thank you to all those who worked on these events to make them a success:

Lee Lumb, Tracy Hinton, Kevan Gretton, John Palmer, Amanda Milliken, Patrick Gosselin,

Celeste Lacroix, Brian Epp and James McGee.

The Learning & Development Committee Members - Cynthia Palmer, Anne Wheatley, Genevieve Pronovost

## F – Other Club Activities

### Fundraising & Merchandise Sales

The fundraising committee had another event filled year. We attended many trials taking all the merchandise with us to have on hand for club members and the public to purchase. Our biggest purchase and sale was at Kingston sheepdog trial, which as usual was a big hit. I'd like to give special thanks to Genevieve Pronovost and Annie-Claude Laniel for being my 50/50 girls, (their name not mine) they did an awesome job of patrolling the crowd and selling tickets. Thank you to all the volunteers that came to Kingston and helped out it's always a huge help. There's a good amount of clothing stock left if people are looking for gifts or items for next year. I still have Stock Sticks and the plastic whistles in multiple colors. It's been a great four years heading up this committee I will be around to assist and give any direction that's required in the upcoming year or years.

Thank you everyone for your support and helping with fundraising events.

Sincerely,

Pamela and the other 2 Hall girls.

### Digital Newsletter

The decision to go to a digital newsletter was made at the 2021 AGM. No newsletter editor or content editor stepped forward this year. While a redesign of the website was undertaken an interim solution was agreed to. A new blog page was created, and trial and clinic reports were requested. Permission to republish previous newsletter articles was obtained. Four categories were created; **Ewe Herd it Here** (trial and clinic reports) **Follow the Flock** (interviews with judges and general interest) **I Bought A Farm!** (or a dog, and another dog, trailer) and **What the Flank!** (training related articles). Stories and reports began appearing this fall.

Teresa Castonguay, interim editor

### Website

The website revamping is ongoing. This year we accomplished the following:

1. Reviewed website content and determined what should be held
2. Crafted a new website structure with proposed menu tree and content
3. Website changes that were implemented this year:
4. Reworked the HOME tree and added the About Us landing page
5. Implemented a BLOG with 4 categories
  - a. Follow the Flock
  - b. I Bought a Farm!
  - c. What the Flank?
  - d. Ewe Herd it Here
6. Opened the Members Info page to be accessible to all and resurrected the News section.
7. Removed old documents
8. Implemented Membership mass mailing campaigns
9. Normal updates as required throughout the year
10. Capture and report to the board website traffic on a monthly basis

Although it was my hope, I have been unable to have all planned website changes completed prior to this AGM. I will continue to work on the remaining changes with completion planned in early 2023.

Website Update

By Tracy Hinton

Motion to accept all reports

1<sup>st</sup> Kelly Morrow

2<sup>nd</sup> Lynn Johnston CARRIED

## **Agenda Item #6**– Year End Awards

Novice Novice Champion	Beth Harris & Finn
Novice Novice Reserve	Daniel Turcotte & Denver
Pro Novice Champion	Hillary Flower & Daisy
Pro Novice Reserve	Rebecca Lawrence & Meabh
Open Champion	Kevan Gretton & Bud
Open Reserve	Tracy Hinton & Tye

Kevan congratulated all the winners

## **Agenda Item #7** – New Business

### Election of Board of Directors - Proposed Slate for 2023

Kevan Gretton – President  
Marie Sawford – VP  
Kim Gretton – Treasurer  
Teresa Castonguay – Secretary  
Kelly Morrow – Director

### **Committees to be appointed by the new board**

Trials Committee  
Learning and Development Committee  
Fundraising and Merchandise Committee  
Nominating Committee  
Digital Newsletter Editor and Content Collection  
Webmaster

**Motion to accept** 1<sup>st</sup> Lynn Johnston 2<sup>nd</sup> Lorna Savage CARRIED

## **Agenda Item #8** - Other Business

### A. Most Promising Bi-Annual Novice Handler Award 2022

Congratulations to Pamela Hall

#### Discussion

Suggestions were made that this award be modified to include all levels of handlers, volunteers, and non-competitors. Name changes and modification were put on the table for further consideration.

### B. Proposal #1

To retire the perpetual trophies

#### Discussion

A majority (18) voted to continue the tradition of perpetual trophies. Suggestions and ideas around repair, transport or alternative logistics were discussed. An investigation into the cost of maintaining will be undertaken with further decisions tabled once determined.

C. Proposal #2

Offer members a choice between placement ribbons or club carabiner

DISCUSSION

Response was generally positive provided design and cost to the club was appropriate.

D. Proposal #3

Acknowledging 3 long time OBCC Members with an Honorary Membership

- a. Michelle Lawrence
- b. Lorna Savage
- c. Bruce Smart

*OBCC Membership Bylaws #4.0 include:*

*HONORARY – A person who has shown a special interest and support for the Club or the Border Collie breed, who has the affirmative vote of the membership in attendance at an Annual General Meeting*

Motion to approve above 3 members be granted honorary memberships

1<sup>st</sup> Jim Murphy      2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Guy      CARRIED

E. Proposal #4

Amending Trial Guidelines as below:

**8.0 GUIDELINES FOR TRIAL MANAGERS**

**8.2 Results**

8.2.1 Trial managers must report trial results to the Secretary within 21 days after the trial.

To

8.2 .1 Trial managers must report trial results to the **Chair of the Trials Committee** within 21 days after the trial **using the OBCC form.**

Moved      1<sup>st</sup> Carol Guy      2<sup>nd</sup> Genevieve Pronovost

**Location and Timing of 2023 AGM**      November 19, 2023, at 1 pm

Moved for ADJOURNMENT at 2:36 Lorna Savage