

MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Members of the Canadian Kennel Club was held on September 12, 2020. Due to health and safety guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held remotely.

ATTENDANCE

Two hundred and twenty-five (225) members and guests were in attendance including the Board members, staff members and guests shown below.

Board of Directors:

Joan Bennett, Zone 11, BC Southwest (Chairperson)
Lendra Barker, Zone 1, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland,
and Labrador
Paul Oslach, Director, Zone 2, New Brunswick,
and PEI
Linda St-Hilaire, Zone 3, Quebec
Richard Paquette, Zone 4, Ontario North
Paul Eckford, Zone 6, Ontario West
Peter Laventhall-Wolfish, Zone 7, Ontario Central
Corinne Walker, Zone 8, Manitoba
David Gilmour, Zone 9, Saskatchewan
Sharon Derrick, Zone 10, Alberta, NWT, and Nunavut
Lynne Bruce, Zone 12, BC Interior & Yukon

Absent Director:

Thomas Nesbitt, Zone 5, Ontario East

Staff:

Lance Novak, Executive Director
Leila Bahorie, Registrar
Jackiy Boychuk, Manager, Marketing & Communications
Diane Draper, Manager, Regulatory
Bernardita Fernandez, Controller
Andrew McCallister, e-Business Manager
Sarah McDowell, Manager, Government and External
Relations
Tara Merrimen, Manager, HR and Governance
Sherry Weiss, General Manager
Annette Maggs, Recording Secretary

Simultaneous French language interpretation:

Sanaa Elkhatabi, Language Marketplace Inc.
Gabriel Manseau, Language Marketplace Inc.

Guests:

Thora Brown, 2020 Honourary Chair
Tanya Hatton, Audit Committee Chair
Lucy Bender, Discipline Committee Chair
Lionel Whittaker, Appeal Committee Chair
Ray Iredale, Registration Committee Chair
Ginny Lyne, 2019 CKC Honourary Chair
Marcus Sconci, CPA, CA, Partner, BDO Canada LLP, CKC Auditor

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum confirmed, Joan Bennett, Chair of the Board, opened the 2020 AGM at 12:05 p.m. ET by welcoming everyone to our first virtual AGM and thanking them for attending.

Notice of meeting was issued to the membership on April 29, 2020.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

The Board of Directors were introduced, and they told a little about themselves and the work they do on behalf of the membership. Executive Director Lance Novak was introduced, and he introduced the members of the management team.

3. OPENING REMARKS

3.1 – Memorial

The Chair extended condolences to the families and friends of the members of our community we have lost since our last Annual General Meeting. The meeting then observed a moment of silence in their memory.

3.1 – Chair's Opening Remarks

In her opening remarks, Joan Bennett stated that usually at an AGM, we are socializing with everyone all in one meeting room. This time, however, we come to you from twelve different municipalities spread across the country. She thanked all those who made this virtual meeting possible and commented that it is no small feat.

3.2 – 2019 Honourary Chair's Remarks

The Chair recognized Virginia (Ginny) Lyne and thanked her for serving as Honourary Chair for the year 2019. In her remarks, Ginny touched upon the effect COVID-19 is having on shows and performance events and how we interact with each other. At the same time, the demand for purebred puppies has significantly increased which may present opportunities for more involvement in the sport. She spoke a little about the fact that 2020 is a Board election year and she wished all the candidates well. She ended her remarks by thanking everyone for the honour of serving.

3.3 – 2019 Honourary Veterinarian's Remarks

The Chair thanked Dr. Greg Keefe, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Prince Edward Island, for serving as 2019 Honourary Veterinarian.

The meeting then received video greetings from Dr. Keefe.

3.4 – Announcement of 2020 Honourary Chair and 2020 Honourary Veterinarian

The Chair announced that in June, the Board appointed Thora Brown from Almonte, Ontario to serve as the 2020 CKC Honourary Chair, and Dr. Eric Carnegy from Halifax to serve as the 2020 CKC Honourary Veterinarian.

4. MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In introducing the minutes of the previous AGM, the Chair reminded the meeting that all members in good standing and who have completed one year of continuous membership as of January 1, 2020 are eligible to vote. Instructions as to how to vote remotely were issued.

The Chair then commented that the minutes of the 2019 AGM had been posted on the CKC website and no notice of errors or omissions had been received. The following motion was put before the meeting:

MOVED BY Corinne Walker: "THAT, the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting held on June 1, 2019 in Winnipeg, Manitoba be adopted, as circulated."

➤ The motion was carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2019 audited financial statements were presented by the CKC's auditor, Marcus Sconci, CPA. CA. Partner, BDO Canada LLP.

The meeting paused from 1:05 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. ET

7. REPORTS

7.1 – Chair's Report

In her Chair's report, Joan Bennett commented, *"because of the pandemic, 2019 may have been the last normal year for many years to come or perhaps it was the year that after more than 30 years of service, the old IT system collapsed and had to be laid to rest and fortunately, we didn't lose information. Some of the 2019 milestones were: three of the four Independent Standing Committees were repopulated, the Strategic Planning Committee drafted a new three-year Strategic Plan which was accepted by the Board in December, CKC representatives interacted internationally and shared a myriad of common issues with foreign kennel clubs. The canine world is truly an international community. The CKC is a member of the International Partnership for Dogs, and as such, Dr. Paul Eckford attended the International Dog Workshop in Windsor, England in the spring of 2019. And in the early summer, Executive Director Lance Novak and I represented the CKC at the International Congress of Kennel Clubs in Stockholm. In June, our own Sarah McDowell was invited to attend the American Kennel Club Government Relations Conference in Washington, DC where she was well received; and the year ended with Lance and me attending the AKC National Championship Show in Orlando where we had discussions with a number of the AKC management team members.*

At the end of May, CKC had a booth at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in Québec City. 2019 saw the launch of Scent Detection and it certainly took off. Also launched in 2019 was the Therapy Dog Title Recognition and the Board approved the Trick Dog Title Recognition Program. Several Select Committees were established, including the Brachycephalic Breeds Advocacy Committee, the Non-Standard Colours Ad Hoc Committee to review registration options for colours not in breed standards, and the Versatility Titles Committee. Between chairing committees and being Board liaisons to councils, the Board was kept busy, as were the staff liaisons to the committees and councils. A special thank you to those who serve on the various committees and councils. We couldn't do it without you.

The current term for this Board is drawing to an end and I'd like to thank them for their hard work and dedication over the past three years. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the CKC staff at all levels who have been there for us."

7.2 – Executive Director's Report

In introducing his report, Lance Novak commented that he has had the good fortune over the past several years to present annual updates on the operations mostly consistent with strong financial results, growth and progress against our goals and objectives. He noted that we were heading down that same path in 2019 until a lot of unpredicted surprises and challenges occurred at the tail end of the year. Some of the ups and downs and concerns of 2019 have extended into 2020. He then delivered his report which included:

- A report on operations and a comparison to previous years.
- An update on the challenges with the backlog, the service levels, and IT.
- 2019 highlights in advocating for the Club and our members.
- The Strategic Plan that will guide us for 2020 to 2022.
- A discussion of the impact of COVID-19 on operations, finance, and Shows & Trials.

As part of the Executive Director's report, Andrew McCallister, e-Business Manager, presented a report on the IT4YOU project. It contained the background of the project, where we are now, and a sneak preview of things to come.

7.3 – Annual Report

The 2019 Annual Report was presented to the meeting. It features articles and stories on CKC support of clubs and events, the next generation, responsible dog breeding, advocacy, and government relations as well as the annual reports of the committees and councils. There are four groups of committees and councils: Independent Standing Committees, Standing Committees, Standing Councils and Selected Committees.

The Chairs of the four Independent Standing Committees were then introduced and given an opportunity to say a few words.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Membership Milestones

Congratulations were extended to the 56 members celebrating 50 years of CKC membership this year while a list of their names was scrolled on the screen.

9. NEW BUSINESS

The floor was then opened to questions and comments from the membership. Many questions were received during the meeting that related to individual transactions, answered during the meeting or offline, and/or will be/have been addressed by Managers after the event. A compilation of any feedback and questions that remain open for Board action/referral will be brought to the Board's attention at the December Board meeting.

10. CLOSING REMARKS

Before inviting a motion to adjourn the meeting, the Chair thanked everyone for attending the first Annual General Meeting held remotely.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Paul Oslach: "THAT, the meeting be adjourned."

➤ **The motion was carried**

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m. ET