

SYNOPSIS OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The following is a synopsis of the key items of business that were addressed at 2019 Annual Meeting of Members held on June 1, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Winnipeg Airport West, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Please note that the proceedings shown below are paraphrased for the sake of brevity. In the event of dispute, the specific wording should be taken from the official minutes. The detailed minutes of the meeting will be formally approved at the next Annual Meeting of Members.

Eighty-six (86) members and guests attended the meeting.

Joan Bennett, Chair of the Board, opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. MDT by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. The Board of Directors, members of the management team, and distinguished guests were introduced.

This was followed by a moment of silence in memory of all those members who have passed away since the previous Annual General Meeting.

The following presentations were made in recognition of significant CKC milestones:

- Mimi Chrystal – 50 years of membership.
- Roberta Tougas – 50 years of membership.
- Grace McDonald – 50 years of membership.

The Chair recognized MJ (Joey) Nattrass and presented her with a framed certificate in appreciation of serving as 2018 Honourary Chair. In her remarks, Joey shared some of the highlights during her 71 years as a CKC member and her involvement in the world of dogs.

The Chair introduced Virginia Lyne from British Columbia and announced that she had been named the CKC Honourary Chair for 2019.

Dr. John Reeve-Newson was invited to the podium. He spoke on the topic of “Conflict Between Breeders and Veterinarians”. As part of his remarks, he encouraged the CKC to write to the

Deans of the five Canadian Veterinarian colleges asking them if they could get some time in curriculum to address the students about breeders' responsibilities and to work together to find a more harmonious relationship between breeders and vets. When he finished speaking, the Chair thanked Dr. Reeve-Newson for his presentation and presented him with a framed certificate in appreciation for serving as the 2018 CKC Honourary Veterinarian.

The Chair announced the name of the 2019 Honourary Veterinarian: Dr. Greg Keefe, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General were adopted with no changes made.

The 2018 audited financial statements were presented by the CKC's auditor: Marcus Sconci, CPA. CA. Partner, BDO Canada LLP.

In her Chair's report, Joan Bennett commented it has been a busy year. She went on to say, *"Some projects include branding at CKC events; our membership in the International Partnership for Dogs; and we are in early development of a Breeder Certification Program. During 2018, we wrote our Judges Observer Program which utilizes trained observers for our judges. We wanted to have some consistency from one coast to the other and we trained some people who have been doing a fabulous job. Our partnership with the CDJA in hosting the annual Judges Education Conference continues. Our Genetics & Medical Committee has formulated an Infectious Disease Statement for inclusion in our Policy Manual, and our crown jewel, the IT4YOU Project, is nearing completion. None of this could have been accomplished without the assistance of our staff and our dedicated volunteers who sit on various committees and councils. We currently have a full-time staff of 41 plus two on contract. Our volunteers are kept busy dedicating many hours to assist as members of four independent standing committees, 17 councils and 12 standing committees, as well as several ad hoc committees which take on specific projects. A special thank-you to all those volunteers who sit on these committees and councils. We truly appreciate their hard work and would be hard-pressed to have the accomplishments that we do have without you. Thank you.*

There is another group of hard-working volunteers without whom we couldn't function and that is my colleagues here at the head table. Their support is greatly appreciated; I couldn't do my job without them.

2018 saw the continued growth of legislation at all levels of government, as well as at SPCAs and veterinary associations across the country that have brought challenges to the dog world. As a result, we have established several task forces to address the issues and we have been

fortunate to become stakeholders in some instances. That status allows us to get an inside track”.

Executive Director Lance Novak delivered a report on operations. Highlights were:

- The Club remains financially stable. We have at least 5 to 6 months of operating cash if we ran into an emergency or disaster. That’s a good standard for the nature of our business. As well, it puts us into a position to think strategically and consider investments in our future to continue to grow and diversify.
- For a few years in a row now we’ve had increases in events entries and registrations. We want the increment of growth to get much larger but at least we’re headed in the right direction
- One of the things we’ve heard from members is they would like us to provide more presence at shows. In that regard, a CKC Branding Pilot Project was launched in 2018. CKC provides branded materials to clubs who have offered to grow and work with us. Overall, we know it’s been well received, and we plan to expand the project in 2019.
- In 2018, the Board supported CKC’s membership in the International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD). It is an international not-for-profit organization of like-minded organizations with a common purpose of promoting the health and well-being of canines. The value of this membership is to share information, best practices, repositories and libraries of information related to genetics, and emerging issues. Another benefit of that membership is that Board member, Dr. Paul Eckford has been able to attend a workshop in England as our representative. Our Board has been monitoring his Facebook postings about how excited he is about what he’s learning, what he’s seeing, and what he’s going to bring back to the CKC to help feed some of our strategies on genetics and medical issues, and health and well-being of dogs.
- In 2018, Sprinter and Chase Ability were launched. In 2019, we launched Scent Detection and Therapy Dog Title Recognition.
- Marketing and Communications strategies have evolved throughout the year. In 2018 we realigned resources to better represent the CKC in advocacy issues. We have partnered staff with members, who are subject matter experts and have access to additional resources to coordinate task forces assigned address regional issues. This is proving effective in gaining access to people of influence to present a clear and consistent position. The foundation of our strategy when we speak with these people is that the CKC wants to project itself as an organization that recognizes opportunity, is prepared to collaborate, promotes communication, and can offer its expertise and consultation with these tough issues. These elements are what opens the dialogue and helps us through healthy conversation to get to a suitable solution instead of something more drastic.

- In our pursuit to have our 2017 and 2018 Referendums approved, and through the back and forth communication with Agriculture Canada, we've come to learn a lot more about our position in the Animal Pedigree Act, why it exists, why it's positive for us, and where we can do better. Agriculture Canada has helped us to distill it into themes that will be incorporated into our future communications. Those themes are promoting breed improvement, value and well-being aligned to:
 - Committee operations and accountabilities.
 - Breed Club accountabilities.
 - Role of Breed Standards and Rules of Eligibility.
 - Governance and the Board's role.
 - Business Operations.

The Chair then introduced David Trus, Animal Industry Division, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Mr. Trus gave a presentation on the Animal Pedigree Act and Breed Associations, both generally and with respect to CKC.

Following a refreshment break, Andrew McCallister, e-Business Manager, presented a video showcasing some of the features and functions of the IT4YOU Project.

Leila Bahorie, Director, Registration & Membership Services, was presented with a framed certificate in appreciation for her milestone of 45 years of service. She then spoke a little about the highlights of her tenure as a CKC staff member.

The Annual Report was presented to the meeting. It includes reports on all the hard work and accomplishments that committees and councils have done over the last year.

The floor was then opened to questions and comments from the membership. All items raised were recorded and will be added to the agenda of the next meeting of the Board of Directors for appropriate follow-up or referral.

The following Zone 8 CKC members were recognized for their contributions to the Club, the Dog Fancy and the Canadian dog community:

Gail Carroll – Lifetime Contribution Award

Valerie Reith – Performance Award

Jody Ripstein – Mentorship Award -

Lloyd Simmons – Breeder of Record Award

Fort Garry Kennel Club – Club Recognition Award. The award was accepted by Gerry Taylor.

Before adjourning the meeting, the Chair thanked Director Corinne Walker and the volunteers in Zone 8 for their warm welcome and assistance in the success of the event.

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m. MDT.



After the meeting adjourned, members and guests enjoyed a buffet lunch. This was followed by a keynote presentation by Jackie Wepruk, General Manager of the National Farm Animal Care Council, on “Promoting Civil Discourse and Consensus Building Amongst Diverse Groups.”