

SYNOPSIS OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The following is a synopsis of the key items of business that were addressed at 2020 Annual Meeting of Members held on September 12, 2020. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was held virtually. Two hundred and twenty-five (225) members and guests were in attendance. 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 General Meeting.

Joan Bennett, Chair of the Board, opened the meeting at 12:05 p.m. ET. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. The Board of Directors introduced themselves and 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.

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

The Chair recognized Virginia (Ginny) Lyne who served 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 wished all the candidates well. She ended her remarks by thanking everyone for the honour of serving.

Video greetings were then received from Dr. Greg Keefe, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Prince Edward Island, who served as Honourary Veterinarian for the year 2019.

The Chair thanked both Ginny Lyne and Dr. Keefe for serving the CKC community.

It was noted that in June, the Board appointed Thora Brown from Almonte, Ontario as the 2020 Honourary Chair, and Dr. Eric Carnegy from Halifax, Nova Scotia as the 2020 Honourary Veterinarian.

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting were adopted with no changes made.

The 2019 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, "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."

The Executive Director's report included:

- A report on operations.
- 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 an update on the IT4YOU project and a sneak preview of things to come.

The 2019 Annual Report was then 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 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.

Congratulations were extended to the 56 members celebrating 50 years of CKC membership this year.

The floor was then opened to questions and comments from the membership. All items raised were recorded and will be reviewed for appropriate follow-up or referral to committee or council.

Before adjourning the meeting, the Chair thanked everyone for attending the first Annual General Meeting held virtually.

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

