

## SYNOPSIS OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The following is a synopsis of the key items of business that were addressed during the 2022 Annual Meeting of Members held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. It was a hybrid meeting comprised of in-person and remote attendance via Chime. Thirty-nine members and guests attended in person and another 136 participated remotely. 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 AGM.

The meeting opened with a keynote presentation made by Bill Lambert who joined from the Kennel Club across the pond. Bill made a presentation about how the Kennel Club is supporting breeders in sustaining and improving the health and well-being of purebred dogs, and how all kennel clubs can work with their breeders to become partners in preservation. Bill is the Vice Chair of the Board of the International Partnership for Dogs and the Health, Welfare and Breeder Services Executive at the Kennel Club in the UK. He oversees the KC's numerous health and welfare initiatives, including breed health and conservation plans, tools for breeders, and Kennel Club supported breed rescue, and he is the KC's chief spokesperson. For those members who missed it, his presentation will be posted on the CKC website.

Following a refreshment break, Corinne Walker, Chair of the Board, called the 2022 AGM to order at 3:00 p.m. NT for the transaction of business. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking time out of what is surely a busy start to the show and trial season to attend.

The Chair then asked for a moment of silence in memory of all those members who have passed away since the previous AGM.

**Minutes** of the 2021 Annual General Meeting were adopted with no changes made.

No **correspondence** was presented to the meeting.

The **2021 Audited Financial Statements** were presented by the CKC's auditor, Marcus Sconci, CPA. CA. Partner, BDO Canada LLP. Marcus then took questions and in doing so, he was assisted by Tanya Hatton, Chair of the CKC's Audit Committee.

In the **Chair's report**, Corinne Walker commented, *"When I reflect on 2021, I am amazed at what we have come through as a Club. We started 2021 off with a brand-new Executive Director. Not only new to the CKC staff, but also new to the dog show and the CKC community, Jeff's not-for-profit background was exactly what we needed for a fresh look at how we could adapt and thrive under the challenges that had been presented to us. As Marcus mentioned, we ended a year initially projected to have a \$344,000 loss with a surplus of \$771,000 – an improvement of \$1.1 million dollars.*

*We pulled ourselves out of a monumental registration backlog through the hard-work and countless hours of dedicated staff and volunteers – and through the patience and understanding of our members.*

*We closed the IT4YOU project in June and moved into a maintenance and growth phase for our new computer system. We are now registering a record number of dogs online, faster than we have ever managed before. Applications like TCNs are now instantaneous, and most litter registrations submitted through the portal are processed and completed the same day. Most Canadian-born dog registrations are processed within one to five days, and applications submitted by our Membership Plus members are processed the following business day.*

*We also worked through what turned out to be another year of lockdowns, with restrictions easing during the spring and summer and shows & trials returning on-mass, rivaling pre-pandemic levels. Only 156 performance and conformation events were scheduled in the first half of 2021 – an 89% decrease compared to pre-pandemic years. In comparison, 1,900 events were scheduled for the latter half of the year.*

*Clubs and members have shown their strength and determination throughout the past year by thinking outside of the box and holding events under less-than-ideal circumstances. From Covid-19 waivers to wrist bands to vaccination confirmation at check-in, our clubs have kept competitors as safe as possible while allowing us all to compete in the sport we love.*

*We welcomed Canuckdogs into the CKC family. A strategic acquisition that allowed the CKC to not only benefit from Sue Coughlan's expertise and years of dedication to the Canine Community, but also allowed us to support our members and the tools they use in their shows & trials journeys.*

*We are now in the early days of a “new normal”. Just as our clubs and volunteers learned to adapt and adapt again, our organization is becoming nimbler and more proactive. With the hiring of Jeff Cornett as our Executive Director, we took a huge step into developing the CKC to be a more responsive and more forward-thinking organization. We are striving to become a better communicator to our membership and all dog lovers in Canada. I see in our future a Club that will be the go-to source for everything canine. We will strive to grow our base membership, become a larger online presence, and be an everything canine resource center.*

*CKC is not just shows and trials, not just registrations. We are that and so much more! I would like to thank all the volunteers that have dutifully served on our councils and committees and the CKC staff for their dedication and hard work through this past year. Thank you to my fellow CKC Board Members, eight of whom were new in 2021. They have willingly given their time to attend meetings, answer inquiries, communicate to members, and be the go-to persons within their zones. Thank you for having the passion to sit through hours of Zoom meetings, read hundreds of pages of meeting materials, and stay current on complex and ever-changing issues.*

*The next years will be an exciting time for the CKC. The Board and their committees are hard at work on new initiatives that will be very exciting when launched. Thank you to the members for entrusting us with your Club. We will strive to meet and exceed your expectations.”*

Executive Director Jeff Cornett then presented his report. It included a financial update of the first four months of 2022, (revenues were \$247,946 ahead of budget and expenses were \$126,910 lower than budget). In operations, membership number have grown by 9% from 2021; the record-breaking trend in litter and dog registrations that begin in mid-2020 peaked in May 2021 and is slowly returning to normal; and the number of events in 2022 are forecast to be slightly more than pre-pandemic levels. Recently completed projects include an HR system upgrade, a financial system upgrade, fee schedule updates for simplification and operational efficiency, 2021 event results and titles, official 2021 Top Dogs results, improved dog title and results information and improved registration emails.

Continuing his report, Jeff remarked that upcoming projects include: moving to a new office location in April 2023 with a 64% reduction in expense; a phone system upgrade, redesign of both the public website and the member portal, AKC reciprocal registrations; a 2022 Special Referendum which will include Rules of Eligibility for final approval, By-law updates and new breed registrations; a July 12<sup>th</sup> symposium on health dog breeding; an improved student bursary program supporting future veterinarians and building relationships with all five vet colleges; and an integrated breed health program.

As part of the Executive Director's report, Stewart Dankner, Chair of the Breeder Relations Committee, and Dr. Paul Eckford, PhD, Chair of the Genetics and Medical Committee spoke about the integrated breed health program. It includes: a DNA program integrating genotypic parentage and health testing information, advanced breed health strategies, and a breeder program (education, elevation, and recognition).

The Vice Chair of the Board, Denis Gros-Louis then presented the **Annual Report** which not only contains reports on the activities of our committees and councils, but also showcases photos of our members' beautiful purebred dogs. It has stories that speak to the activities of the Club and its members in 2021 and acts as a summary of our challenges and achievements during the year. Denis ended his remarks by thanking CKC members who volunteer their time and expertise as members of our committees and councils, as subject-matter experts, and as CKC representatives in their canine communities to shape and guide their Club's progress.

CKC's 2021 Honourary Chair, Dr. Tammy Dunbar, DVM, from Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, was introduced and she presented the members who are celebrating 50 years of membership. In her remarks, she noted that these 60 recipients are members of canine communities across the country and many of them are the people who have been driving our breeds and our dog sports forward for the past 50 years. They have helped shape the CKC into what it is today and made it so that all of us can continue to enjoy the breeds and dog sports we hold dear. She ended her remarks by congratulating the recipients.

Corinne Walker remarked that Tammy Dunbar's term as 2021 Honourary Chair concludes with this meeting and on behalf of the Board and the membership, she thanked her for her service.

The Chair then announced that in the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board meeting, the Board appointed Joan Bennett from Vancouver as the **2022 Honourary Chair**.

Attention turned to presentation of the three **2022 Chair's Awards**. Corinne Walker stated that this is the second year we have presented these annual awards. They recognize the outstanding commitment, dedication, and accomplishments of CKC members. Nominations for the awards were submitted by CKC members.

- The **2022 CKC National Heritage Canine Performance Award** recognizes an individual with significant achievements in heritage performance events such as CKC hunting-type and field trial events, herding, lure coursing, and many others. The recipient was Janet Tanya Wheeler.

- The **2022 CKC National Breeder of the Year Award** recognizes a breeder who has dedicated their life to improving the health and wellbeing of purebred dogs. The award was presented to Judi and Blair Elford.
- The **2022 CKC National Obedience Competitor of the Year** recognizes an individual for significant achievement in the area of CKC Obedience and/or Rally Obedience. The recipient was Ward Faulkner.

The floor was then opened to questions and comments from the floor and from members who participated remotely.

Before adjourning the meeting, the Chair thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. NT.

