



LOWCHEN CLUB OF AMERICA ONLINE BOARD DISCUSSION FEBRUARY 2008

Debbie King reiterated the need to get the left over boutique items out of her house. JoAllyn responded that Janette Swindler as 2008 Nationals Host would accept the inventory. Debbie to make arrangements to have the items shipped to Janette.

Cecile Balizet brought the election of an Associate Membership Application to the Board and requested a vote for Carol Laskey. Carol was accepted as an Associate Member with a majority affirmative Board vote by Glenda Martin, JoAllyn Beckett, Earle Marie Dingel, Althea Smith, Debbie King, Lyle Harding, Herb Williams, and Jann Nienhaus.

JoAllyn Beckett charged the Policy Committee to create a Bid Proposal letter for future show chairmen/hosts to use when soliciting lodging venues. Herb Williams, Policy Committee Chair responded the Policy Committee would get right to work.

Glenda Martin reported receiving 5 of the 11 secret ballot votes on February 2. She reminded the Board that President JoAllyn Beckett had requested voting be completed the end of the first week of February and requested all ballots be returned no later than the first full week of February.

Glenda Martin posted a letter received from the AKC regarding Club Annual State Filing.

JoAllyn Beckett requested feedback on entry fees for the 2008 Nationals. Discussion of last year's entry fees and local fees in the area the Nationals will be held in began. Opinions varied and JoAllyn and Janette Swindler took all suggestions into consideration and came up with a compromise. The compromise submitted for entry fees 1st entry \$27, 2nd entry of same dog \$20, Veterans, Puppy, Bred-By \$22, Junior with entry free, Junior without entry \$20, Sweeps \$20, Stud dog with get in classes \$20 passed by a Board majority affirmative votes from Earle Marie Dingel, Lyle Harding, Herb Williams, Debbie King, Althea Smith and Cecile Balizet. Negative vote received from Glenda Martin.

JoAllyn Beckett asked if the Board wanted an eye clinic to be set up after the Specialty showing is concluded. Jann Nienhaus responded that if an eye clinic were made available the LCA should advertise and open it to other breeds as a fundraiser. She also suggested a microchip clinic. Herb Williams stated an Eye Clinic would demonstrate the Club's commitment to health testing.

Glenda Martin reported receipt of 7 secret ballots for the Standards Revision as of February 6. JoAllyn Beckett encouraged all Board members to get their ballots in and commented that it will have to go before the general membership.

Cecile Balizet reported that 2/3 of the Board had not voted to accept the Member Application for Jerry Davis. Votes were 6 accept, 3 reject, 1 abstain and one Board member did not vote.

Jann Nienhaus reported that email notices had been sent to all LCA members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2008.

JoAllyn Beckett asked Herb Williams to also have his Policy committee create a National Specialty Bid form for LCA use along with the Bid Proposal letter.

Glenda Martin reported 2 ballots short for the Standards Revision on the due date of February 9th. President JoAllyn Beckett was asked what to do and she responded to wait for the last 2 ballots.

JoAllyn Beckett called for a vote on the Standard Revision @10:15 A.M. February 12th. Glenda Martin reported the secret ballots received by mail and 1 by email comprised 6 yes votes and 5 no votes. JoAllyn Beckett replied that she was not sure when the votes came in but she was exit-polling the Board for individual votes to confirm the ballots and demanded votes again by midnight. 5 no votes were received.

At this point the subject of the Standards Revision vote resulted in Board member dissension.

On February 14th JoAllyn Beckett stated she had reflected on the lack of a solid consensus for the Standard Revision vote and no answers forthcoming from the yes voters and her disappointment. She conceded that according to the Constitution and By-Laws the vote had passed and asked that the responsible person follow AKC protocol and to submit the Standards Revision to Mary Beth O'Neill at the AKC and that in Cecile Balizet's cover letter relate the vote of 6 in favor, 5 opposed.

JoAllyn Beckett questioned Debbie King about the color changes submitted to AKC. Apparently the AKC changed the registration to Havanese colors and eliminated the current Lowchen colors rather than just adding colors. Cecile Balizet provided a copy of the letter sent to the AKC for the Lowchen Color Registration change.

Glenda Martin submitted a list of LCA members who she had not received verification for of their 2008 membership renewal.

Cecile Balizet presented a listing of the LCA 2008 Officers and Directors for Board review.

JoAllyn Beckett reported her contact with Gina DiNardo Lash, AKC, and signing the necessary document to receive the Lowchen Stud Dog Book.

JoAllyn Beckett remarked on her research of the Standard Revision Committee, that it was a temporary committee and its function was over when it presented its Standards Revision Proposal to the Board. She declared that the committee was officially dissolved early Summer of 2007.

JoAllyn Beckett forwarded a letter to the Board addressed to Cecile Balizet and Sue Tapp requesting back issues of the Stud Dog Book from Sue Tapp.

Cecile Balizet forwarded a letter from Peg McIntyre with an article on Mega esophagus that Peg wanted to share.

JoAllyn Beckett mandated that Regional Reports be made available for Summer Headlions and that these become regular reports.

9 Monthly Board discussions were summarized and submitted to the Board.

Glenda Martin submitted a new form for present membership status to be mailed with the 2008 Membership Roster for review. Suggestions for improvement from Cecil Balizet and Jann Nienhaus were incorporated.

Received email letter of resignation as National Show Chair addressed to all Board members from Cheryl Hatchell, for the 2009 Lowchen Nationals in Atlanta.

Received email letter of resignation as an LCA Member and Host of the 2009 Lowchen Nationals addressed to all Board Members from Donna Jones.

JoAllyn Beckett called for a vote for Bobbi Mallace as Club Historian. Motion by Althea Smith, 2nd Jann Nienhaus. 2 affirmative votes received from Althea Smith and Lyle Harding. Discussion and clarification of Historian's responsibilities was requested by Glenda Martin. JoAllyn Beckett stated she could appoint this person.

Motion by Lyle Harding to have meeting minutes posted on the Yahoo LCA member list. 2nd by Jann Nienhaus. Herb Williams suggested having the minutes published in Headlions and on the LCA website. Cecile Balizet agreed.

JoAllyn Beckett called an emergency meeting to discuss a new venue for the 2009 Nationals.

END FEBRUARY 2008 BOARD DISCUSSION

