

BALLOT

This ballot will be tallied via phone call set up by the President on **Wednesday, September 13, 2017**, and will count as our meeting, if a quorum is reached.

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All discussion comments are to be returned via email to be printed in the next Communique'. Do not send in your comments written by hand. Send discussion comments to E-mail to ccasec@tctelco.net.

FOR VOTE:

1. The President presents for approval the New Members and Reinstates (unpaid longer than one year and less than five years) from Membership.

FL	Hector	Hector	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
FL	Meridith	Hector	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
IL	Patricia	Behnen	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
IL	Stephen	Behnen	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
IL	Judith (Jody)	James	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
IL	Tom	Soeder	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
OH	Catherine	Crawford	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
OH	Kelly	Kontur, DVM	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
SD	Benjamin	Benson	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____

Foreign

JAPAN	Aya	Murakami	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
JAPAN	Yoko	Murakami	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____

Reinstate (- 5 yr)

FL	Sandra	Leon	A. Approve _____	B. Disapprove _____	C. Abstain _____
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2. The President presents the following request for approval from the Host Club for CCA 2020 and chairman, Laura LaBounty. We propose 4 trials in 2018 and 2019 (spring and fall, 2 days each) for a total of 8. Location is Syracuse Obedience Training Club. We hoped to have a trial weekend in fall 2017, but it's getting late to plan this, usually need 6 months to get on AKC calendar.

A. Approve _____ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

3. The President presents for discussion the following Host Show Committee members for CCA 2020 from Host Show Chair, Laura LaBounty.

A. Becky Tehon, Herding Chair A. Approve _____ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

B. Erin Blaisure, Merchandise Chair A. Approve _____ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

C. Candy Ardizzone, Facilities Chair A. Approve _____ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

D. Susan Abrahams, Trophy Chair A. Approve _____ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

E. Jennifer Hammond, Agility Chair A. Approve _____ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

4. The President presents for approval the following motion made on 6/15/2017 by John Buddie and seconded by Carolyn Foreman. I make a motion that the National Show Rules Committee and the Judges Education Committee work together to come up with same basic criteria or suggestions for eligibility to judge the National specialty.

A. Approve _____ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

5. The President presents for ratification of a vote taken by the Executive Committee for the CCA to participate in the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin by hosting an AKC Meet the Breeds booth on December 16 & 17, 2017 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando FL Electricity cost for the weekend \$110. Medallions....conformation – \$100 per variety (\$200); obedience - \$45; and agility - \$45. *Since our last Board meeting the President contacted Paula Clairday asking her to chair the event as she has done for the past several year for the Collie Meet the Breed booth with a budget of \$500.*

A. Approve _____ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

DISCUSSION:

1. 8/3 & 7/2016 Made by Nancy Anstruther and seconded by Kathy Moll. I have the full backing and support of the Junior Showmanship committee for the following motion, the purpose of which is to have the proposed Junior Interns learn how the CCA runs and thus encourage them to continue on with Collies and the Collie Club of America.

I move that we add one Junior Intern to each CCA committee. The Junior Interns would be former CCA Junior Showmanship handlers who have aged out of the Juniors program. The Junior Interns would shadow the committee members as the committees meet to conduct their CCA business.

The potential Junior Interns would inform the CCA of their interest in the program. Every two years, when committees change, all names of interested potential Junior Interns would be placed in a "hat"; committee names would be treated similarly. One Junior Intern name would be drawn as would one committee name and the two would be paired. If there are not enough Junior Interns to be matched with all committees, the Junior Showmanship committee would select which committees would be available to host a Junior Intern and only those committee names would be used during the draw. Only one Junior Intern would serve on a committee.

MOTION AMENDED – on 8/11/2016 received a note from Nancy Anstruther that she and Kathy Moll have reworked their motion to reflect the input from other district directors. Therefore, she is amending her above motion to read as follows:

"With the backing of the Junior Showmanship committee, I move to adopt an Ex-Junior Intern program. Our youth is our future, and in that vein our aged out Juniors will learn how the CCA runs, and thus encourage them to continue on with our breed and the Collie Club of America.

We will add one ex-Junior intern to each CCA committee - ex Juniors who have aged out of our excellent program. They would shadow the committee members as the committees meet and conduct CCA business. The Junior Showmanship committee would administer the program and facilitate the pairing of ex-Junior interns with the committees. The ex-Juniors would be presented with a list of all CCA committees, and would indicate their interest in by picking their top five preferences and rank them in their order of interest. Even though a certain committee may be ranked as the number one choice, it is not a guaranteed assignment. The committee will attempt to give each ex-junior their highest ranked choice as possible. Only one ex-Junior intern would serve on each committee, and no ex-junior intern would serve on more than one committee. Ex Junior's would stay on the committee for the entire two year term, and change when the committees term has ended change when the committees change.
Thank you for your support of this motion.”

11/19/2017 Clarification on the above motion – Junior Interns

To clarify the questions that have been asked - we would limit the program to those who have aged out of Juniors, up to ten years post-Junior. The Ex-Junior Intern is there to learn how the CCA and its committees work, and the amount of involvement on the committee is solely up to the committee itself. People have suggested that they not be assigned to Ethics or Treasurer, and while I certainly understand your points, I would prefer to see the Intern have the opportunity to learn how the committee works, without having to become involved in the actual ethics cases or in the numbers. That being said, any committee may opt out of this program if they desire.

Again, our youth are the future. Marjorie Tuff and her committee have turned out not only excellent Juniors, but all round good people, and these people would be an asset to the running of the CCA. We need to encourage them to become involved with the CCA. I hope you will approve this motion and let the Junior committee try this program out. Nothing is set in stone, things can be tweaked and modified, but we need to start moving forward with this club.

Nancy

DD Canada

If there is no discussion on the above motion, it will be removed from discussion by the next Communique'. The motion can be returned for submission at a later date.

2. *The President would like continued discussion on this topic of a dues increase.*

MOTION: Made by John Buddie on March 30 and seconded by Nancy Hehre, Erin Blaisure, Carrie Lenhart & Pam Eddy.

As most of us are well aware, our clubs financial picture has been dwindling for the last couple of years. We have all looked at the various reasons why, but at this point regardless of all that , think it is time that we raised our dues and brought them up to current rates that all other clubs or asking. I think this would be a definite asset to keep our club in good financial straits for now and the future.

Pulled 8/09/2017 MOTION: In that vein, I would like to make a motion that the dues for the Collie club with America be raised to \$65 for single and \$75 for joint membership. There were several directors at an informal meeting recently who said they would second this motion. I ask you to come forward now and second it again so that we can vote on it allowing us to vote on it ASAP.

3. *Pulled 8/11/2017 On 7/3/2017 the following motion was made by Marion Johnson and seconded by Joan Scialdone regarding dues increase.*

MOTION: If dues have to be raised, I propose \$10.00 as a logical & considered amount. Plus including an accounting of what and where the increase will be used.

Clarification as the second: I would second Marion Johnson's motion to increase CCA dues \$10 making, single \$45 and couple \$50. Joan Scialdone

Pulled 8/8/2017 4. On 7/8/2017 the following motion was made by Larry Willeford and seconded by Pam Eddy regarding dues increase.

MOTION: I would like to make a motion that we raise dues by \$15 for both single and joint memberships.

4. MOTION made on April 14, by Nadine Beckwith-Olson and seconded by Linda Mabus.

After our local club meeting the CCA members stayed to discuss potential dues increases and eliminating or going to an on-line Bulletin. Although we have several new CCA members the majority of our members are either close to or over 25 year members.

The major theme to come out of the discussion was what are we getting for our dues? All favor a financial committee to examine budgets and allocation of monies. The Bulletin (and Yearbook) is an item that every CCA member receives. Not everyone goes to the National and it seems that that the Rules are not easily adaptable to the changing times of fewer entries. Breed education occurs once a year at the National and has a very low attendance in comparison to the show. Performance has 2 obedience trials, 2 agility trials and 2 herding trials. Also there are 2 - 3 herding regional events each year. It was mentioned that we have given great financial assistance to recues which have contributed to the decline in our monies. We spend a great deal of money to assist a small number, but are looking to eliminate an item that all receive.

Members are not asking that we eliminate these things but that we more closely examine the expenditures we are making.

In addition, if we were to elect to go to an on-line Bulletin, who would the editors be? Karen and Gary have a business, will we be competing against them? Most of us have noticed that Colliesonline is not receiving a great deal of advertising. Most people are advertising on Facebook and the internet. We know it will not be an easy task to turn the Bulletin around. We do have a committee that is suppose to be looking into reducing Bulletin costs and we think they should be given a chance.

MOTION: As requested by the Iowa members, **I am making a motion that a committee be appointed to review our budgets and money allocations to make suggestions on how we can best spend our monies to the benefit of our breed and members.**