

BIOGRAPHIES ON THE CCA WEBSITE

Idea presented by Nancy Anstruther, Canada

Motion: Presented on December 4, 2019 by Deborah Gates, Washington

Seconded by: Nancy Anstruther, Canada and; Lily Russell, then Emily Berkley, KS questioned Deb's roll as she is resigning, then another motion made by Jackie Caruso, NJ, who was seconded by Cookie Jones, NJ

Idea: by Nancy Anstruther - Every time someone volunteers for a position within the CCA a biography is requested, then published in our mail meetings, and then voted upon. I'm not sure we've ever NOT voted in a willing volunteer.

I'm currently helping with the 2022 Utah bid and have been chasing down bios for including in the mail meeting, and while talking to Joe Reno (ok I was whining about it) he threw out an idea that has lots of merit. We have a Members Only section of our web page, much like many many other breed clubs, and in there people can publish their bios, and can update them at any time. You want to know more about the people helping out with committees and Nationals, all you need to do is refer to their bio on the website.

From Deb Gates: As always, the delegate from the Great Nation of Canada comes up with fabulous ideas! I think that Joe Reno and you have developed a proposal that is first rate. Lets follow the lead of other breed clubs and have people publish their bios on the club website. Even better, the individuals can update their bios as more information comes in.

On behalf of the Great State of Washington, the Evergreen State, I move that the CCA authorize the publication of bios of Committee members in the Members Only Section of the CCA website.

I am cc'ing Board Secretary Janie Clymer on this Motion. I am cc'ing Gwen Means on her personal e-mail to more easily facilitate Gwen's accessing the e-mail from a computer or smart phone.

From Lily Russell: Hello to all! Thank you Nancy and Deborah! I would like to second the motion for bios to be available on the CCA website. I will check for the correct wording and send my second into Janie.

From Emily Berkley: Below is a copy of the email sent to this list on November 22, 2019. The email states that the DD from Washington is tendering her resignation and the email is dated. There is no indication that the resignation is not valid until a future date and reads as if it is

effective at that time. I think, therefore, that there is a question as to whether or not the state of Washington actually has a sitting DD right now.

Given that, I think that the motion to add bios to the “Members Only” section of the CCA website made by Deb Gates (which is a good idea and should be the subject of a motion) needs to be made by another DD who is, for sure, a member of the BOD at this time. It would be a shame to have a good idea challenged later as invalid so the idea could not move forward.

As I am the person questioning the validity of the motion as presented yesterday, I don’t think I should be the person to make another motion on the subject. Therefore I encourage another DD to step up ASAP (and say thanks to him/her for doing so).

From Jackie Caruso: I move that the CCA authorize the publication of bios of Committee members in the Members Only Section of the CCA website.

From Cookie Jones: I second the motion for bios on the members page.

From Lily Russell: I second the motion for Bios on the members page.

From Deb Gates: The interim Director for Washington State will be selected on December 18, 2019. Under the CCA Bylaws, a DAL is prohibited from picking up Washington State. The reason I issued that letter was to authorize Janie to undertake an election for an interim District Director per the CCA Bylaws and Constitution. Janie sent out the letters immediately and the Washington members must ensure that Janie is in receipt of their ballots by December 17.

HAWKINS SYSTEM REBOOT

Motion: Presented on December 16, 2019 by Bree Ardizzzone, NY.

Seconded by Jerry Sulewski, WI, and Nancy Anstruther

The Hawkins system is well established as the Collie Club of America’s annual determinant of our top winning dogs. A lot has changed since it was designed.

The intent of the Hawkins system was to recognize dogs who won in larger entries taking place under the most respected judges. During the 70’s, a 3-point major required approximately 20 rough dogs. Therefore, it makes sense that a major entry would be required to earn points in roughs at the time, and thus became the best entry size to consider a show as having a higher caliber of quality and competitors. With Smooths, who were a rarity in those days, the level was set at 8. There were less shows in those days, and our breed popularity was at its peak. Mr. Hawkins chose to award a point for each defeated dog for BOV and BOS to BOV winners. At

specialties, bonus points were awarded to BOB and BOS to BOB based on the size of the specialty. When adding bonus points for all breed show group placements and Best in Show awards, again show sizes were the focal determinant for awarded bonus points. This left the majority of points awarded towards the best collie coming from the variety competition, meaning that respected collie specialists and those very respected all breed judges would be the serious contributors to the determination of the CCA's top dogs.

There have been many changes in dog shows since the Hawkins program was designed. Foremost, our breed's popularity has declined so that a single digit entry in Rough dogs now makes a major all divisions in the US. Even smooth requirements that were higher in some divisions have become minimal. In addition, there have been changes in the dog show progression and the dynamics of the awards:

- 1- Working Group broken into working and herding groups
- 2- The addition of the Grand Championship title and its various degrees of the title.
- 3- The awarding of Select.
- 4- The awarding of Reserve Best in Show.

Other changes have been discussed for the future:

- 1- Additional splitting of the groups
- 2- Awarding additional placements in the Group competition
- 3- The awarding of a runner up to Reserve Best in Show.

The Hawkins system is not owned by the CCA. The owners of the Hawkins system are not interested in bringing any changes to the system to make it current, nor to plan for potential future changes. Many CCA members have stepped up to me to talk about what should be done to fix the problems we see.

Therefore, I make a motion to form a committee to evaluate establishing a new system to determine our top winning dogs.