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### BALLOT

This ballot will be tallied via phone call set up by the President on July21, 2016, and will count as our meeting if a quorum is reached.

Any Questions to: Janie Clymer, Secretary, 3385 Upland Road, Lost Springs KS 66859-9654  
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#### 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. There are no reinstates this month.

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| 1 | IL | Debra     | Janik     | A. Approve _____ | B. Disapprove _____ | C. Abstain _____ |
| 2 | IL | Dianne    | Trost     | A. Approve _____ | B. Disapprove _____ | C. Abstain _____ |
| 3 | IN | Linda     | Cooper    | A. Approve _____ | B. Disapprove _____ | C. Abstain _____ |
| 4 | IN | Peter     | Cooper    | A. Approve _____ | B. Disapprove _____ | C. Abstain _____ |
| 5 | KY | Susan K.  | Smith     | A. Approve _____ | B. Disapprove _____ | C. Abstain _____ |
| 6 | MA | Mary J.   | Forfa     | A. Approve _____ | B. Disapprove _____ | C. Abstain _____ |
| 7 | MA | Joseph B. | Forfa     | A. Approve _____ | B. Disapprove _____ | C. Abstain _____ |
| 8 | NC | Laura     | Seelinger | A. Approve _____ | B. Disapprove _____ | C. Abstain _____ |
| 9 | NC | Mark      | Seelinger | A. Approve _____ | B. Disapprove _____ | C. Abstain _____ |

#### 2. The President presents for approval the Treasurer’s Reports presented by Mike Esch, Treasurer (April & May Financials).

A. Approve \_\_\_\_\_ B. Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_ C. Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. The President presents for approval the request of from our Film Librarian, Kathy Peters of a little The compensation “thank you” to Mr. Paul Beck to whom she has worked for years on our film library promotions.

To the CCA Board:

The new DVD just released of “The Story of Royal Rock with Les Canavan filmed on location at Sunnybank Memorial Park is having marvelous reviews and is a big edition to the CCA Film Library. Previews of the film will be shown at the Quarter Century dinner in Kentucky and our Secretary, Janie Clymer, will have copies of the complete DVD at her booth at the National this year.

At this time I think we should show Mr. Paul R. Beck our sincere gratitude for his superb editing, special effects and hundreds of hours of his time at no charge for his time only materials used; he even loaned his \$5000 camera equipment to do the videography on location at Sunnybank Park.

I propose an \$1000 stipend reward gift to Paul R. Beck for his extraordinary service and kindness.

Thank you all and your support for our CCA Film Library.

Kathy Peters  
CCA Film Librarian

**Secretary's note:** In conversation with Kathy, she mentioned that the 2009 film edited by Mr. Beck was a complete makeover of the Collie Gait film which we generated 150 copies now sold out but for two left and that film has paid for itself over 3 times of its original expenditure.

**Note requested for more information on any or other stipend given to Mr. Beck since 2009.**

**Additional information from Kathy Peters,** Yes, we gave Beck \$500 in 2009, when he digitally remastered the complete film and restored the whole correct, edit of the "Gait" from Rachel Paige Elliot on the collie. He and I traveled to Elliott's in December of 2008 for approval from her directly. It was a big job. Then the copies were created and the "Gait" film has paid for itself over and over through the years. She has 3 copies left – one Master which never leaves her care or is used for archives and duplication purposes. There is also a Master Copy in Pal Format which is the format for the DVD's sent overseas. He has never charged for HIS hours of work but for materials and duplication only. She has sat with him for hours upon hours at night working with him, frame by frame to edit, and so much more that it takes to create a film project.

He did correct and revamp digital remastered and transferred to DVD: THE WICKMERE STORY Bobbi Roos and the ACCALIA STORY. Previews of DOWN MEMORY LANE, NOSTALGIA, AND CLEVER PRELUDES OF ROYAL ROCK AT SUNNYBANK Both shown for the CCA Quarter Century Group in Kentucky and Oklahoma and at Sunnybank.

Please note that Mr. Beck isn't out there waiting for collie films - he is the busiest professional SMPTE award winning film, TV broadcasting engineer in the East. He is the President of the Broadcasting Museum in Rhode Island and the Train Club, NY NE Railroad, and restores all the old train films. Boston/Maine Hartford and NE. He has worked with me and the CCA Film Library since 2009 on restoring and preserving our history.

A. Approve \_\_\_\_\_ B. Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_ C. Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**4. The President presents approval from the Operations Manual Committee with the input given by the Board for a new District Director Guide to be developed. All documents created by the Operations Manual Committee will be presented for approval by the Board.**

A. Approve \_\_\_\_\_ B. Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_ C. Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**5. The President presents for approval the proposal for the Board consideration from the Secretary.** I am presenting the idea that the Board at the National Board meeting begin a policy of presentation and vote of events that the CCA participates in a yearly basis. Those items for consideration are both of the Meet the Breeds Events – presently, AKC/Eukanuba Invitational in FL, AKC Meet the Breeds/ NY during Westminster, and sending the chair of the CCA Health committee to conference events. We should consider taking all these items one by one but voting on them at the Board Meeting at the National as they are yearly events that we support with a \$500- \$700 budget. These are events that the CCA is yearly participating. My proposal is to expedite the form process so that when the announcements come from AKC asking for us to participate we can go ahead and fill out the forms instead of doing as they do now. Which we received from the AKC with short deadline return dates, asking for our commitment of participation.

A. Approve \_\_\_\_\_ B. Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_ C. Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**6. The President presents for approval of Lori Montero to head a committee for the CCA to reconsider to change the present system of show site selection and to present the option of one, two, or three national sites.**

The National Show Committee and National Show Rules Committee are discussing the CCA considering going to 3 permanent show sites. With expenses rising everywhere and it becoming more and more difficult to find locations in various parts of the country we think it's the way to go. Therefore the NSC and NSR are asking for Board discussion and

consideration on this change. We suggest - east coast, mid-west, west coast and then repeat. We feel that the exhibitors, dogs and spectators will benefit from knowing what to expect each year. We also feel our ability to negotiate with the sites should also be improved if we have a fixed schedule with these locations and can guarantee our return on a regular basis. The shows that have been approved to date, will not be effected. Sacramento in 2017, Virginia Beach in 2018, and Peoria in 2019 would all remain as is. The invitations are due to go out for 2020 to submit bids in the end of May. The Zone is the north east. If a decision cannot be reached before then, we suggest beginning this rotation in 2021. The committees are supporting the President in his suggestion of Lori Montero to chair this new committee.

## **Discussion:**

### **1. Motions made by Nadine Beckwith-Olson on 5/11/2016 (needs a second to these motions)**

1. Would it be possible to combine the National Show Rules Committee and the National Show Committee? It seems that the rules need some revision to adjust to the changing times/conditions/economics that many people are experiencing. Currently the rules seem inflexible, especially in relation to the site requirements. Also, it would seem that their input would be essential when looking into 3 or 1 National site.

2. Committee members and chairs: I noticed when voting on the items, that there are several individuals that are on two or three committees. Even those that I approved for all committees may need to rethink the amount of time they can contribute to each of those committees.

### **2. 6/09/2016 Made by Gayle Guthman and seconded by Jan Storm and Betty Abbott.**

I move CCA ceases the practice of the secretary printing and mailing the minutes of the meetings and all communiques beginning immediately.

### **3. The President presents for discussion the filling of the vacated position of DAL (2014-2022) left by Judy Guthrie and the balance of the position of DAL (2014-2018) left by Hildy Morgan. Nominations for these position are now open for nomination.**

## **ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DUTIES**

**SEC. 10. VACANCIES.** Any vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by the majority vote of the Board of Directors, except as noted in Article III, Section 3, and in the case of District Directors, in which case the membership of the District shall be polled by the Secretary and the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be the Director to fill the vacancy. The tenure of office of all officers and directors elected to fill vacancies shall be until the annual meeting following the next election.

Sec. 12 The balance of the elected term of any Officer or Director-At-Large who is suspended and subsequently removed from office, will be filled in accordance with Article III, Section 3, or Article III, Section 10.

**I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ . (Please ask them if they are willing to run.)**

**I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ . (Please ask them if they are willing to run.)**

**4. The President presents the following members for consideration. They have been submitted by CCA 2019 Host Show Chairs, Jean Framke and Kelly Montgomery as the CCA 2019 Show Committees positions.**

<i>COMMITTEE</i>	<i>CHAIR</i>	<i>CO-CHAIR</i>	<i>Committee Members</i>
Host Show	Kelly Montgomery	Jean Framke	
Facilities	Kelly Montgomery	Jean Framke	Laura Rizzo
Jim Framke			
Obedience/Rally	Anita Andorn	Sally Richardson	
Agility	Donna Darland	Caryn Thacker	
Herding	Beth Elliott	Deanna Levenhagen	
Treasurer	Mike Esch		
Trophy	Joanne Huff	Karen Paul	
Merchandise	Lenore Owens	Jean Framke	
Welcome Party	Mike & Cindy Poturalski	Jerry Sulewski	
Reserved Grooming	Laura Rizzo		
X-pen Rental	Laura Rizzo		
Reserved Seating	Cheryl Sulewski		
RV Parking	Laura Rizzo	Sue Webber	
Vendors	Jerry & Kathy Zehetner	Suzanne Steiner	
Announcer	Bob Myers		
State Baskets	Pat Toeldano	<b>Diane Trost</b>	
Advertising/Communications	Laura DeLaurentis	Chandra Flaim	
Chief Ring Steward/Arm Bands	Mary Murphy	Lilly Russell	Nina Biddinger
Hotel Liaison	Sue Webber	Jerry Sulewski	
Ring Décor	Lynda Cox	Jacque Bailey	
Community Service Project	Karen Soeder	Patt Caldwell	

- **Diane Trost** has submitted her application to join the CCA within this Communique'.

**5. The President presents the Realignment Committee proposal to the Board. Separately you will find a copy of the proposal and map proposal to make it easier for you to show your members.**

**6. Continue participation in the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program.** As your agreement for participation in this program will expire at the end of 2016, we would like to invite you to extend your participation in this program through December 2018. If you club wishes to remain in the program, please fill out the enclosed form and return it in the stamped return envelope provided.

**7. Participation in the AKC National Championship – hosting AKC Meet the Breeds**

Received our yearly letter from AKC regarding our participation in this event. We will need a **chairman** and to complete the forms and submit the funding. **Paula Clairday has volunteered to chair the event again. Budget previously has been \$500.**

**Event Dates:** December 17 & 18, 2016 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL

**Booth:** Complimentary booth space with all necessary amenities: draped tables, chairs, lunch and complimentary daytime passes for four, and individual signage custom made with your Club's logo and breed names. **Electricity** will be available for an additional fee of \$110 for the weekend. (payment by November 1, 2016 plus form completion)

**Must have participation confirmation by August 1, 2016.**

**Medallions: Conformation** deadline August 1, 2016 for inclusion in the premium list and November 1, 2016 for inclusion in the show catalog. Set of five commemorative 3" medallions is \$125. Those Clubs with varieties will be offered a rate of \$100 per set. Offered to Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Bred by Exhibitor, Select Dog and Select Bitch.

**Obedience and Agility:** Order by September 1, 2016. Medallions include a neck ribbon imprinted with the breed, event, location, and year for \$45 each.

**8. The following is the first of contract changes for review by the Board from Joe Reno, Show Rules Chairman. They will be submitting additional changes on the other contracts in the near future.**

## **APPENDIX A CONFORMATION JUDGE'S AGREEMENT**

- 1) Conformation Judges for the CCA Specialty shall be approved judges in good standing with the AKC and shall be paid up members of the CCA for the calendar year in which they are being considered as well as for the year they will be judging.
- 2) Conformation Judges will have completed their Provisional Judging assignments and their names have been added to the AKC list of regularly approved judges for a minimum period of four (4) years at the time of their nomination. **REMOVE ENTIRE SECTION**
- 3) No conformation Judge shall be eligible to judge the regular classes (dogs, bitches, or intersex) of the CCA Specialty Show until the sixth (6th) Specialty following their previous National Specialty assignment, e.g., the judges of the 1990 Specialty show will NOT be eligible again for judging the National Specialty until the 1996 show. **REMOVE ENTIRE SECTION**

1) Judges selected to judge the conformation classes shall not judge Collies, except for Group or BIS, for one year preceding the show. **The elected judges may not exhibit collies for a period of six months prior to their national specialty assignment. They also should not attend any collie specialties and refrain from making comments specific to collie photos or wins on social media during those 6 months.**

2) The Host shall assist all conformation Judges with travel arrangements, and reach agreement on expenses, which shall include and be limited to the following;

A) Round trip coach airfare, for Judge only, to the airport nearest the Host hotel, **or mileage and tolls by personal vehicle to the Host hotel. The lowest air fare should be purchased well in advance with help from the judges hospitality chair (insert name and email) if necessary.**

B) Room expenses only (no long distance calls,) for the judge and spouse/guest for duration of show plus one (1) night. **Starting with check in on \_\_\_\_\_ and check out on \_\_\_\_\_**

C) Pre-show affairs, if any, and annual meeting and banquet for Judge and spouse/guest.

D) **Meals and non-alcoholic beverages, while a guest of the CCA, for Judge and spouse/guest.**

**E) Reimbursement for pet or kennel sitters will not be covered.**

F) Additional expense, not to exceed a sum to be determined by the Host Specialty committee, for supportable and justifiable additional expense. **Receipts must be submitted for any expenses needing to be reimbursed.**

3) Judging the CCA National Specialty Show and Trials is considered to be an honor and the expenses should be kept minimal.

4) Judges will submit an appropriate critique of their assignments to the Bulletin editor **4-6 weeks following the national.**

**5. The conformation judge shall submit a photo of self along with a short bio to be included in the show catalog four (4) months prior to the judging assignment date.**

6) Critique will not be released to the public in any manner prior to publication in the CCA Bulletin.

By my signature I hereby accept the above specified conditions and agree to Judge

**Dogs \_\_\_ Bitches \_\_\_ Intersex \_\_\_\_\_** at the \_\_\_\_\_ Collie Club of America National Specialty Show.

\_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE and AKC Number

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE

\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL & CELL CONTACT

**9. From Jane Clymer, Secretary: I wanted to bring the below to your attention for consideration about finding ways to hold meetings, other companies or similar services? This phone meeting “in the way” we are doing is not working effectively. We especially need a way for the audio meeting to be available to all Board members for listening whether they wish to review the meeting or were not able to attend. There just has to be a better solution as directors are not having access to all the information. Since we began the online meetings, I have noticed a huge decline in submissions from directors talking about the opinions of their members and asking of questions. Now this applies to the Communique’ and the CCADD list.**

### **Special Note:**

I'd like request an open discussion for possible solutions. Listed below are some of the problems I've seen.

1. Maybe we need to only vote on the phone meeting and not do any discussion? Possibly reserving for an emergency vote needed only.
2. The online meeting has issues as we are not all in the same time zone besides the meetings are getting longer and longer.
3. Make a location for the audio to be reviewed? Not my private Gmail account as it is presently!
4. Set some guidelines for the online meetings would help.
5. Putting the conversations from directors back in the Communique'?
6. Possibly find another way to hold online meetings...how do other organizations/business do this across the country?
7. We have tried the automated transcription service provided by our phone connection program, but it came out as gibberish, so looking for a solution to this problem too.

Hopefully this will be the beginning of discussion for a good working solution.

Janie Clymer, Secretary

### **10. The President presents for approval the following motion made by Emily Berkley and seconded by Jackie Caruso on February 26, 2016, and discussed by the Board during the phone meeting on February 25, 2016.**

To help you fully understand the following was posted by Emily Berkley when she presented the motion on the CCADD list. If you wish to listen to the audio recording please contact me at [ccasec@tctelco.net](mailto:ccasec@tctelco.net).

To all members of the Board:

As not all DDs/officers were on the conference call last night for the discussion on this subject, I am providing some background information along with the 2 new motions.

Recently it has come to our attention that when membership renewals are due and there are members who cannot renew due to financial hardship some of those members have been "gifted" full paid membership status without the knowledge or approval of the members of the Board of Directors and without funds being paid to the Collie Club of America.

While we applaud the idea of reaching out to members who are struggling financially, we cannot condone the practice of assigning to anyone full, paid membership status when no money has been given to the CCA in exchange for this status. Granting full, paid status to those for whom no funds have been given to the CCA is problematic for several reasons.

Most important, the gifting of memberships to anyone is illegal as our Constitution and By-laws allows for only 4 categories of membership: individual, joint, junior and lifetime. Each category has specific requirements/restrictions. We have no "gift" memberships listed in our guiding documents. Unless the Constitution and By-laws are re-written to allow for someone to be given full membership status without payment to the club (as is true for lifetime members) such a gift is illegal at this time. This does NOT mean, however, that caring for members who are struggling financially is a bad thing or something that should be stopped completely. It does mean that the practice needs to be refined so that it is legal. Thus, we have created Motion 2, below.

In addition, there are 3 other concerns about the practice:

1. The practice allows persons who have neither paid dues to the CCA nor had their dues paid for them to vote on issues that shape the practices of our club. By allowing people who are not paid members to act as paid members and submit a ballot, we create a situation in which a vote of the membership can be called into question. That might result in a legal challenge from disgruntled members unhappy with a vote's outcome.
2. The practice allows persons who have neither paid dues to the CCA nor had their dues paid for them to receive all the benefits of membership. For example, those persons can receive any of our CCA members only trophies at the National when, in fact, the persons are not paid members. Also, such persons receive all club publications -- items which are costly for the CCA to produce and which normally have some of their cost off-set by membership dues. This is an extra drain on our budget.
3. If any member who has hardship but has somehow found the funds to pay dues learns that another person has been granted the same membership rights/benefits but has not paid dues could sue the CCA for granting rights and privileges arbitrarily to some and not others.

Jackie Caruso and I believe that if we have needy members, we should help them. We can do that and be legal but we must change how we offer assistance rather than continue as we are. To that end we offer the 2 motions below, both of which were discussed during the CCA BOD conference call last night. I am submitting the motions to the Secretary at this time; Jackie has agreed to second each of them and will send her second to this list and to the Secretary.

**Presented by Emily Berkley and seconded by Jackie Caruso on 2/26/2016.**

**MOTION 1: The practice of "gifting" paid memberships will cease immediately. Further, the membership chair will immediately inform the BOD of the exact number of members currently listed as paid members for the 2016 calendar year who are members only because they have been assigned that status, not because funds have been provided to the CCA in exchange for that status.**

**MOTION 2: The President shall create a new membership subcommittee. This committee first will come up with guidelines for a designated fund that would be used to pay dues for those who cannot afford them. This designated account would be funded ONLY by donations, no CCA funds will be used. Second, the committee will determine the mechanics of granting requests for dues payments -- a process which will be standardized and designed to keep confidentiality for the member(s). Third, the committee will decide who will oversee the application process and the distribution of funds to members.**

**11. The President presents the following suggestion of the "Gift Policy" from the Membership Committee.**

- 1. Emily & Jackie need to resend or amend their motion as there is already the one from 1995 in place.**
- 2. Have a fund that is established by the following: Prorated dollars from deceased members, a request on the dues renewal form for those that would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ (BOD choice).**
- 3. Each district take care of their own members.**
- 4. Keep policy in place .. District Director contacts membership chair either by phone or email about member. The member must meet one of the following criteria: 25+ year member, natural disaster, major health issue.**

**Sec. Note:** Additional point – presently there are no "gifted" members.