

Cochin International Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2023

I. Call to Order

President Gail Carlson called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:05pm on April 16, 2023, by conference call through FreeConference.com.

II. Roll Call

Secretary Micheal Tarvin conducted roll call. The following persons were present:

- Gail Carlson, Rich Barczewski, Jamie Matts, Micheal Tarvin, Lisa Reardon, Christie Ross, Ashley Foutch, Tonya MacRae, and Kathy Ashcroft.

III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:

The minutes emailed out from Secretary Micheal Tarvin for the January 8th, 2023, meeting was accepted as they are. Rich Barczewski motioned to approve the minutes and Christie Ross seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

IV. COMMITTEE & CHAIR REPORTS:

a. Junior Program: Lacy Michall

- i. In the absence of the Junior Program Chair, Lacy Michall, Gail Carlson reported Lacy was currently working on a new report for the juniors to fill out at shows. She is hopeful to make it similar the current show report the club has for the open show. The thought for this was to expose juniors with practice for when they start filling out open show reports one day.

b. Master Breeder: Rich Barczewski

- i. The Master Breeder Chair, Rich Barczewski, reported that he is currently all caught up with all show reports that been turned in. The Chair also noted that he has made sure to follow up with every person who submits a report that it has been received and recorded.

c. Treasurer's Report: Jamie Matts

- i. Treasurer, Jamie Matts reported that the ribbons for the nationals have been ordered. Mr. Matts also stated that the ribbons won't be as expensive next year because we will be able to use what was not used for the following year.
- ii. President, Gail Carlson, also added that the club has received \$180.00 from ads.

d. Membership: Gail Carlson

- i. On the topic of membership discussion was had that started with Rich Barczewski thanking Gail Carlson for gathering and compiling the data membership over the years. From this data it was observed that the drop off in members at 3/31 is common for the club. As well as the drop off is overall understandable and what can be forecasted by the existing data, membership is made up by the yearly membership purge 3/31 of the following year.

- e. Newsletters: Gail Carlson
 - i. Newsletter Chair, Gail Carlson, stated she would have the final draft out to the board by 4/17/2023.
- f. Breeders Directory: Gail Carlson
 - i. Breeders Directory Chair, Gail Carlson, explained on 4/7/2023 she mail out to the club the form members can do for the free listing. Ms. Carlson also sent letters to judges of the club and asked them to write letters of what think makes a champion.
- g. Merchandise: Gail Carlson
 - i. No report was given.

V. DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS:

- a. Northeast 1 / Lisa Reardon
 - i. Northeast 1 Director Lisa Reardon stated she lost a state rep but is looking forward to upcoming shows in her district.
- b. Northeast 2 / Open:
 - i. No report as position is currently vacant.
- c. North Central / George Ade:
 - i. No report was given.
- d. Southwest / Christie Ross:
 - i. Southwest Director, Christie Ross, explained concern with bid from the Oklahoma State Poultry Association for the 2024 Western National as she is member of that organization and will have to help OSPA with them hosting the APA Annual for 2024. If OSPA does get award the bid for the 2024 Western National she will need help.
- e. West Central / Ashley Foutch:
 - i. West Central Director, Ashley Foutch, has sent the district meet at the Minnesota State Poultry Association Show. She has awards ordered and currently preparing for it.
- f. Southeast / Tonya MacRae:
 - i. Southeast Director, Tonya MacRae, stated she has no report to give at this time.
 - ii. Gail Carlson added that \$165 has been made through ads in the SE district.
- g. Pacific / Kathy Ashcroft:
 - i. Pacific Director, Kathy Ashcroft, reported that shows are in full swing in her district. The district meet is set in Ogden, Utah October 19-21, 2023.
- h. Canada / Mike Becker:
 - i. No report was given.
- i. International / Open:
 - i. No report as position is currently vacant.

VI. Old/Continuing Business:

- a. 2023 West National: October 21-22 / Ontario Poultry Breeders / Grassie, ON
 - i. Judge: Jonathan Patterson; Alternate Keith Lutz
- b. 2023 East National: November 18 / Anderson Poultry Club / Pendleton, SC /
 - i. Judge: Jamie Matts; Alternate Jonathan Patterson.

VII. New Business:

- a. Discussion on supplementing/expanding/enriching current award programs
 - i. AOV Master Breeder Points:
 1. Gail Carlson brought to attention the concern of the members wanting recognition for AOV placements. This was followed by a lengthy discussion from the board. It was noted by Gail Carlson that this is not a standard placement for shows and would probably only be best to award Master Breeder Points at District or National meets. Many members of the board showed agreeance with awarding points at just those meets and not specials. To put this into action Ms. Carlson stated this would have to be done through a special election or wait until the next general election and if we rolled out now, she would put a notice in the upcoming newsletter and then ballots would be mailed out June 1st. After more discussion, Rich Barczewski made a motion to go forward with the special election to amend the constitution to be able to earn Master Breeder points at the District and National Meets. Lisa Reardon seconded the motion, Ms. Carlson said she would place the notice in this newsletter of a special election June 1st that we will award Master Breeder points with at least 5 birds to get AOV points at the National and District meets, and the motion passed.
 - ii. Master Exhibitor, Grand Master Exhibitor, and Lifetime Achievement Awards
 1. On the idea of a Lifetime Achievement Award Tonya MacRae brought up the point to consider years of membership.
 2. Gail Carlson explained there are several members who have 1000+ points, and maybe those members could be awarded Grand Master Breeder.
 3. Rich Barczewski thought of a Hall of Fame award for those members who have shown their dedication to the breed and club over at least a 10-year period. Gail Carlson added she is compiling a list of members of who has been with the club for the last 30 years.
 4. Gail Carlson lastly mentioned a Master Exhibitor Award that would be based on the Master Breeder points earned over multiple varieties. She stated the club could choose how we would want to calculate this such as 100 points over 5 varieties or 125 points over 4 varieties. Micheal Tarvin proposed this could be simply stated just as two or more varieties of cochins and could be the totaled of both largefowl and bantam that equal to at least 500 Master Breeder points.
 5. Gail Carlson wrapped up the discussion on these awards saying she is going to send out the drafts we have on these awards already for the board to look through.
- b. Discussion on ways to increase funding/donations/profits at shows
 - i. Tonya MacRae, Christie Ross, and Micheal Tarvin are currently soliciting photos for a Cochin International Calendar to have for sale this fall at the shows.
- c. President's Miscellaneous Reminders to the Board
 - i. The Board needs to be communicating with members and show interest in all that they are doing and accomplishing.

- ii. Make sure to encourage members to do the free listings for the Breeders Directory.
- iii. The Board needs to bring membership forms to shows and to recruit at the shows.
- iv. Bids for the 2024 National Meets close 7/31/2023. There are currently 3 bids in for the Western National and none for the Eastern. The Board will be discussing the bids at the next meeting 08/06/2023.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rich Barczewski and Lisa Reardon seconded. All were in favor and motion passed.
- b. Next Meeting will be on August 6th, 2023.