

SHIBA INU Canada



June 17, 2008

To all Members of Shiba Inu Canada:

This letter serves to advise of the upcoming Annual General Meeting to be held August 1, 2008, in Calgary, Alberta. An Agenda is included so that you can consider the items and prepare comments or responses either in person or in writing. Information is included in the Agenda, but is by no means limited to only that information. Any comments received prior to the AGM will be made public, so please take this opportunity to have your voice heard. These comments must be in writing (not verbal) and signed. The Agenda will also be available on the website.

A Membership Renewal is also enclosed – as membership must be current to be able to vote, I encourage everyone to renew as soon as possible. Due to the fact there has been no newsletter, the membership fees for 2008 have been combined with 2009, for a total of \$45 for two years (2008 & 2009).

The Club account has been set up to accept PayPal to simplify payments for memberships, donations, advertising and anything else that might require payment. The email for PayPal is shibainucanada@shaw.ca.

The National Specialty is fast approaching – you should have received a Premium List by now. If not, visit our website at www.shibainucanada.com, and there are links to the premium list, a single entry form if you wish to print off and mail/fax, and links to an on-line entry service. The Alberta Kennel Club All Breed shows are linked as well. The on-line entry service has been set up to also take catalogue entries and BBQ tickets – how convenient is that!

Advertising in the catalogue is required by July 1. The page size is 8.5 (tall) by 5.5 (wide), and all ads must be camera ready. They should be in .pdf, .jpg, or .tif formats. If you have difficulties, please email sunojo@shaw.ca for assistance.

There are still some classes that require sponsorship, and donations to the general Trophy Fund are GREATLY appreciated – speak up now to have your sponsorship/donation acknowledged in the catalogue (must be received by July 1). Use the PayPal option, it's fast and easy; or send a cheque by mail – either way works!

Don't forget items for the Silent Auction (to be held during the weekend) and also the Auction to held at the BBQ.

I look forward to seeing you all in August.

Susan Norris-Jones
President
Shiba Inu Canada

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Annual General Meeting Agenda

Date: August 1, 2008
Time: 5:00 PM (subject to change)
Place: Calgary, Alberta
Shouldice Park
Hospitality Tent

Executive:

President: Susan Norris-Jones
Vice-President: Tina Gaudet
Secretary / Treasurer: Renée Stcherba
Director of BC: Katja Weber
Director of Alberta: Laura McKenna Lange/Sherri Davidson
Director of Ontario: Marion Weiberg
Director of Atlantic: Susan Beattie

Attending:

Minutes of Last Meeting

Report of the President

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Adoption of Minutes

Old Business

Moving breed to different group

The CKC Rules & Regulations allow for the movement of a recognized breed from one group to another. This is a Board decision, and does not require a referendum or polling of the general CKC membership. The AKC is considering the creation/realignment of their group structure, and it may be sensible to simply maintain our current position as it is felt that if AKC makes changes, CKC will follow suit. The AKC has appointed a committee to look at group realignments. The following excerpt is from the June Delegates Meeting.

"In October of 2007, the Board of Directors appointed a committee to consider and reassess the alignment of breeds within the groups. The committee consisted of myself as Chair, Karen Burgess, Robert Fisher, Marieann Gladstone, Tim James, Dr. Alvin Krause, Dr. William Newman, John P. Nielson, Dr. Robert D. Smith, Robin Stansell and R. William Taylor. The committee held their second meeting on May 14th of this year. Although we have not yet finalized their recommendations and presented our report to the Board

of Directors, we feel comfortable releasing some of the information that forms the basis for our ongoing research and consideration.

Because of the number of newly-recognized breeds and those that we anticipate being accepted in the near future, we are considering recommending an increase in the number of groups from seven to ten. Two of the additional groups are based on dividing existing groups that have both high numbers and a logical split by type or function. The third additional group is the Northern Breeds. There is consideration for moving a small number of breeds to totally different groups. In each of these cases, the Parent Clubs will be offered the opportunity to poll their membership prior to a final recommendation. The final report with full details containing the recommendations of the committee will be presented to the Board of Directors who will subsequently release the information to the fancy."

Items to be added to New Business

(please advise if you have an item you would like to discuss)

New Business / Discussion

1. **Newsletter**

A print publication is becoming more difficult and expensive to produce. Consider using a section of the website for a more interactive role: articles, feedback from members, paid advertising, statistics, announcements, etc.

2. **Website Update & Suggestions**

More photos needed; breed information; used for more communication – see above)

3. **Database/Pedigree Project**

Should the Club pursue this? What software? What cost?

4. **Member Involvement**

How can we involve more members? What activities or projects would interest members? Suggestions?

5. **2009 & 2010 Specialties**

2009:

Invited to Renaissance Dog Association; April 10/11/12/13, 2009 (Easter) Chilliwack, BC

Judges: If your Club wishes to have one of our judges, if possible, we can share proportionally to the cost involved. i.e. airfare, hotel, meals, fee (The judging panel for the all-breed shows have been submitted to CKC already. That would mean we would have to bring in a judge ourselves)

Costs: No charge for ring space. There is ample space for seminars or health clinics in the mezzanine of Heritage Park. Insurance is required - it is possible to get insurance from Vanguard, our provider, for the day at \$100.00 plus GST. Silent Auction at no cost. If your club contemplates a 50/50 draw, this can only be done if your club has a BC Government Gaming license. Our club will host your judges for lunch. You need your own show secretary and stewards. Renaissance plans to have a dinner Saturday night for all exhibitors, place and cost to be established.

Note: CKC requires that event applications (date & location) be received 180 days prior to the event.

Application for Approval of Judges must be received 120 days prior to event. Therefore, to hold a Specialty in April, the event application must be sent in BY Oct 10, and the Judge Application by Jan 01.

Invited to Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers; October 29 (Specialties); October 30/31/Nov 1

Fraser Valley Trade & Exhibition Center "The Tradex", Abbotsford, B.C.

Judges - to use one of our judges, the American judges will charge a fee; the overseas judges do not charge a fee (they just receive a gift). If you use a judge from our slate, you would pay a portion of airfare-for example-he does three days of all breed and two specialties-you would pay 1/5 the airfare. The judging panel is being put together, there will be approximately 10 judges eligible to judge your breed. (we should have the list of names by the time of the AGM).

Costs: There is no cost for the facility. There are two rooms available for meetings, dinners, lunches. They are booked through me and there is no charge.

Larger entry Specialties are held on the Thursday. Specialties can be held on the Friday or Saturday nights (with a note that Specialty judging will be starting earlier rather than having a late evening wrapups). We like the Specialties to use the same Show Secretary as the All breed This year we changed to B.C.Dogshow Services - Wayne Davidson.

2009: Invited to Auld Lang Syne Dog Association Christmas show. December 11,12,13,2009

Judges that are under contract right now:

Mr. Joe Tacker, USA

Mr. Richard Byrd, USA

Mr. Walter Pinsker, BC

We are presently negotiating with several other judges.

2010:

Invited to Edmonton Kennel Club 100th Anniversary Show. April 15/16/17, 2010

Edmonton Alberta (Northlands Agricom, 2 large halls)

Judges: hired as of June 15 that can do Shibas: Carla Molinari, Robert Stein, Dr Richard Meen, John D Lewington and Fred Basset.

Costs: Your only expense is a percentage of the judges expenses based on how many other dogs they judge for the EKC over the weekend

Invited to Renaissance Dog Association: April 9, 10, 11, 12, 2010 - Easter

Several judges have been contacted but none are under contract yet. The dates for this show have not yet been approved by CKC (no dates are approved for 2010 for any club at this time). We should know by the middle of July about the dates.

Invited to: Auld Lang Syne Dog Association, Christmas show December 10, 11, 12, 2010

Judges under contract: Ms. Michelle Billings, Mr. Frank Sabella. We are presently looking at other judges to round out the panel

6. Nominating Committee for 2009 Elections

Adjournment