

SPINONE CLUB OF AMERICA
General Meeting, 2006, Delaware OH

April 19, 2006

Present: Channon, Applegate, Hanna-Nosko, Davenport, Hanna, McGregor

Absent: Curry

Sign in sheet showed a quorum (82 members)

Called to order: ?

President's Report: The club is growing. At 2002 we had 680 members. This year we have at the same time we have 772 members. One big issue is CA and what is happening on CA research. The Spinone Club in Great Britain has a grant to keep the research going. They originally had asked for \$67,000 and would have needed that much in matching funds. As it turns out they are making pretty good headway in the research and ended up asking for \$37,000 instead of the \$67,000 with the hopes that by the end of the year they will have a test ready for marketing. The last time I spoke with them they were really close to testing the test so it is pretty close to being done. We have \$10,000 to send them to send them to help with the matching funds and at this time they told us to hang on to it as they aren't sure they will need the money from us. They have asked if SCOA would be interested in participating in other tests and help with other problems that the breed has. I feel like we have a good future on that. The only thing they are working on right now is CA. Financially we have a few new expenses so our finances have changed a little bit but we are still in pretty good shape.

I'd like to thank everyone for being here. The treasurer will discuss our 501 status and we are making good headway on that too.

I'd like to thank the non members who are here for coming and invite you to join the club. I'd remind you that only club members are allowed to participate in the discussion on agenda items.

Vice President: No Report

Treasurer: We are moving forward with the 501 c3. We are giving more information to the tax attorney. They are trying to decide if we are going to be a 501c3 or a 501c7. We have to provide additional information involving the percentages of time that are involved in educations, rescue and that type of thing. That has to be to them in another week. Then we'll have to wait for IRS to make their decisions. The balance in the checkbook is about \$23,000 but that does not reflect income or expenses from the annual meeting. We usually have a \$20,000 to \$23,000 balance.

MSP to accept the minutes as published.

Secretary: Absent. List of correspondence from the last year is available.

Committees:

Health Committee: There is a typo in the report handed out. It says 2004-2005 and should say 2005-2006. This year we received 61 surveys, 59 by mail 2 via the web. There were 40 initial surveys and 21 follow ups. Some problems that were reported were skin allergies, to date 91 surveys have reported some kind of skin problem. There were 20 ear

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infections all total to date there have been 111 ear infections reported. Cataracts 1 new one reported 6 reported to date. Thyroid 8, 12 reported to date. Teeth: Malocclusion reported to date ?. This year there were 2 undershot, 2 overshot and 1 butt bite. OFA information is available on the web. 2005 ranked 48 in 137 breeds. This year they are 49. The percent of OFA excellent dogs has gone down from 17.x to 16.5. The rate of dysplastic dogs is essentially the same the last 2 years. The number of dogs evaluated for the following is 36 cardiac, 695 hip, 105 elbows and 1 thyroid. The trends in hip dysplasia that comes from OFA for dogs with excellent hips born between 1990 and 1992 was 20.8%, 16.7% were dysplastic out of 72 dogs. Out of 200 dogs born between 2000 and 2002 16.5% were excellent and 12% dysplastic. 97.1% of elbows were normal 2.9% dysplastic. Neurologic: 3 seizures reported. 1 of those was apparently the dog had seizures every summer. That dog has had no seizures since they owners had their lawn care company stop putting chemicals on their lawn. There was one vestibular seizure. To date there have been 10 dogs recorded with epilepsy. There has been no CA reported on health surveys. Cancer: 37 benign tumors to date 8 malignant tumors for all surveys reported. 2 inflammatory bowel diseases reported all total there have been 14. 2 bloats that required surgery and both animals survived to date there have been 14. 4 Anal gland infections this year, 1 prolapsed bowel. Endocrine: 1 hypothyroid 3 urinary tract infections and 2 heart murmurs reported this year. The number of surveys returned was low and we think the low number was a result of the fact that there are now 3 different health surveys out there. The American Spinone Club sent a survey out to their members and our members, and SCOA has 2 surveys going out. Maybe this next year we can put together all the information that is being collected everywhere.

CHIC: Sue Redding presented the CHIC report to the membership. An explanation of how CHIC works and how we can use it was given. People can look up whether or not breeders are testing their dogs easier. Health testing being done will go into a data base so we can track health problems in the breed. What tests we want to require for a CHIC number and those we recommend were talked about. We can add any health issue we want to in the future.

Michael Hoffman stated the health committee will start doing articles on health issues for the newsletter.

MSP to have OFA or Penn Hip and CERF a requirement for a CHIC number with elbows, thyroid and cardiac testing optional.

Open Health Registry: People need to send in surveys. There are only 16 dogs registered with the open health registry. This low number is very disappointing.

Award Committee: We have two new awards this year. We are offering Winners Bitch and The Cos cup will be awarded to a companion dog. The dog does not have to be a hunting dog or a show dog just someones companion.

Supported Entry Committee: We did two supported entries in 2005.

Ethics Committee: There was one complaint this year that was sent to and handled by the board.

Fund Raising Committee: No report

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Hunt Test Committee: We've been doing both AKC and other tests. We will continue doing that. We will continue doing bird dog 101 twice a year. If someone wants to do bird dog 101 in another part of the country, Joe and Ed will be glad to talk to you and offer their experience in putting one on.

Show Committee: No report

Canadian Registry Committee: It is moving forward. A few people have gotten Canadian pedigrees already.

Newsletter Committee: Thanks to everyone for your support. It is your newsletter so any suggestions, articles etc. are always welcome. This is important, from now on deadlines are deadlines. Anything received after the deadline will be saved for the next newsletter.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Agenda Items. Jim turned the meeting over to Ellie Biancanello, the club parliamentarian to conduct the discussion on the agenda items.

Ellie read the agenda items.

- 1) Adding OFA elbow clearance for breeding to code of ethics.
- 2) Adding thyroid testing in breeding stock to code of ethics.
- 3) Repeal back to back breeding.
- 4) Allowing Penn Hip to be used at 16 months if back to back breeding is not repealed
- 5) Accepting foreign health clearances for breeding stock.
- 6) Microchip numbers to rescue committee rather than names and addresses of puppy owners
- 7) Canadian breeders should be treated like all other foreign breeders
- 8) Staggering election of board members so 3 are elected one year and 4 the next
- 9) Revise code of ethics to cover health issues only as enforceable rules the rest should be guidelines.
- 10) Reorganize the breeder referral system
- 11) Add email address to membership list.

Ellie explained the method for discussing and voting on all items. A discussion on how much time would be spent discussing agenda items ensued.

Agenda Item #1 MSP to refer it to the health committee and a vote of the entire membership.

Agenda Item #2 withdrawn

Agenda Item #3 withdrawn

Agenda Item #4 withdrawn

Agenda Item #5 MSP to refer to the health committee and send to entire membership for a vote.

Agenda Item #6 MSP to refer to the board for rewording and vote by the entire membership

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Agenda Item #7 Tabled (to be included with #5?)

Agenda Item #8 Withdrawn; will submit new wording to the board for a vote by the entire membership, since this involves a change to the By Laws.

Agenda Item #9 Withdrawn

Agenda Item #10 Withdrawn

Agenda Item #11 MSP to add email addresses to membership list.

A list of all Spinoni that have earned any type of title will be up on the web site. It will be updated quarterly.

Within the next month and a half we should have a pedigree database of about 15 to 20,000 Spinoni where you can go and research pedigrees.

There are AKC pamphlets, "Should I breed my dog" and "Getting started as a responsible breeder" available at the meeting.

We need to change the wording in the standard so dogs without docked tails can also be shown since many European countries are no longer allowing docking so imported dogs would not be docked.

Lena Amirian, Jan Naigus and Jim Channon are on the standard committee.

MSP to Adjourn

Adjourned: