

## Western Chow Chow Group

Zoom Meeting Saturday September 27, 2020 2:00pm MST

Meeting Called to Order 2:00pm Gail Forsythe

### **In Attendance:**

Gail Forsythe, President  
Paul Boleska, Vice President  
Simone Charbonneau, Secretary and BC Director  
Cyndi Eldridge, AB Director  
Brian McGregor, Treasurer

Absent: Cheryl McGregor, Meaghen Bobryk, Samantha Wiebe

### **Motion:**

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from September 20, 2020 as presented. Motion presented by Paul Boleska

Seconded by Brian McGregor

5 in favor – unanimous

Motion carried

New Business:

### **Item 1 Purpose of the group**

Discussion about the objects (purpose) of the Western Chow Chow Group. If we want to be a charitable group we will need to be dedicated, focused and not self serving. Will we focus on rescue, dogs assisting the disabled, responsibility of dog ownership. Do we want to be more casual in our approach.

Paul would like to be focused on breed rescue, education of the breed and scholarship to junior handler of chow chow breed.

To achieve charitable status with CRA, the group needs to be focused – not self serving and breed specific.

### **Motion**

Simone Charbonneau put forth a motion to back away from charitable status and focus on a more casual approach.

Motion seconded by Brian McGregor

4 in favor 1 against motion carried

### **Item 2 Objects of the club**

Objects discussed will be:

- 1) Protect the distinctive traits of the breed, as per CKC breed standard  
Set health test and breeding standards for members
- 2) Promote the breed by educating breeders and the public about Chow Chows
- 3) Hosting CKC official events conformation shows, rally, agility, obedience, trick dog
- 4) Hosting non official events: Chow Chow picnics, grooming seminars, health clinics
- 5) Promote the involvement of youth with the Chow Chow breed
- 6) Promote the Chow Chow breed with the Public: Public awareness of the breed by producing education materials  
Recognition from the club for health testing - hips and elbows.  
Collaborate with experts on a temperament test

Brachycephalic function tests

- 7) Promote the breed's specific health and temperament tests and other incentives for member breeding programs.

**Motion**

Motion to adopt the 7 objects for the objects of the group.

Seconded by Cyndi Eldridge

All in favor

Motion passed

**Item 3 – Name of the Group**

Options are:

Western Canadian VChow Chow Club

Chows in the Canadian West

Chows from Western Canada

A Western Canadian Chow

Western Canada Chow Chow Club

Chow Huggers of the Canadian West

Chow Happens Out West

Chow Chow Club of Western Canada

Chow Chow Canada West

Next meeting we will vote on the name

**Item 4 Membership Criteria**

Discussion of what constitutes a member of the club. Do all members get voting rights.

Paul criteria – love of the breed and everyone has voting rights.

**Motion**

Paul motioned Chow Chow membership criteria to include, love of the breed and voting rights to ALL members in good standing.

No second

Simone discussed member should live in the geographic region to receive a voting right, have 2 tier status

Amended motion by Simone Charbonneau

Chow Chow membership criteria to include, love of the breed and voting rights to ALL members living in the geographical region of the club, Western Canada (BC, AB, SK, MB) and membership in good standing.

No second

**Motion defeated**

Membership criteria tabled until next meeting.

Cyndi discussed if paying a membership fee, the member should receive rights and privileges.

Gail will review CKC membership guidelines to confirm if members need to live in geographic region of the club.

**Motion**

Simone put forth a motion to set membership fees at \$50 annually per member Jan 1- Dec 31 each year.

Seconded by Brian

All in favor – motion passed

**Item 5 – Incorporation**

Required – name search / federal not for profit filing / Banking fees / Insurance Annual  
Gail will assist in setting up the Incorporation. We will need to collect fees to pay for the other costs.

**Item 6 – BC Director**

Simone Charbonneau will stand for BC Director – all in favor – unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm MST

**Date of next meeting: Saturday October 3 2020 7:00pm MST**