



### **AAC Board of Directors- Meeting Highlights (unofficial)**

Thank you to the retiring BOD members: Tahnis Manhard (President), Roger Perron (Treasurer), and Ray Bronson (Regional Director, BC/Vancouver Island). Your service is much appreciated.

Welcome to the new BOD members: Wendy Beard (President), Heidi Stephenson (Treasurer), Ivy Seney (Regional Director, BC/Vancouver Island), Melanie Hart (Regional Director, Saskatchewan/Manitoba), And Claire Duder (Regional Director, Ontario East). Thank you to Jenn Embree for agreeing to take on a second term for NS/NL!

Highlights of the AAC Board meeting held on Wednesday January 15, 2020. The full text of all motions will be available to members in On Course.

1. The AAC **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at the Red Barn Event Centre, Barrie ON, in conjunction with the K9 Klubhouse trial. AAC members are encouraged to attend.
2. The Board approved ninety **new members**, representing every region.
3. The AAC will provide title certificates to eligible **Junior Handlers** at no charge, regardless of whether or not the Junior Handler or their parents are AAC members.
4. Effective January 1, 2021, dogs are permitted to wear **close-fitting collars** with no tags or other attachments in the ring.
5. Pursuant to the creation and naming of the **new Grand Prix classes** in December, (Grand Prix Standard, and Grand Prix Jumpers), the BOD formally approved their introduction, and the creation of a new Biathlon title, effective July 1,2020.
6. **2021 Regional and National Events**. No 2021 National bids have been received to date. 2021 Regional Championship bids are also sought for all Regions apart from Ontario West. Interested parties are encouraged contact their regional director for assistance.
7. The **AAC Judges** recertification program was completed in October 2019. All judges who completed the exam passed.
8. The **National Team** Management has added the position of Tryout Co-ordinator to the committee. The position will be non-voting, for a term of 12 months, and is intended to be a local (to Nationals) volunteer to assist the National Hosts and the Team Management in setting up tryouts. Calls will go out for volunteers, shortly.
9. The **National Team** is pleased to announce that Kayl McCann has accepted the position of team coach. Kayl has a wealth of experience in international competition and will be

a great asset to the competitors as they prepare to represent Canada in Belgium this spring.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2020