



Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting
December 19, 2005
9:15 p.m. Eastern time

Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of last meeting

- November 4-6, 2005 face-to-face minutes (under separate cover)

President's Report (Roger Frey)

1st Vice-President's Report (Sandee Lovett)

2nd Vice-President's Report (Mary Lou Roberts) (Committee information under separate cover)

- Arbitration
- Health & Longevity
- Working Dog
- Specialty Show (Robin Seaman)

Recording Secretary's Report (Mary Lou Cuddy)

Corresponding Secretary's Report (Aura Dean)

Treasurer's Report (Mary L. Price)

AKC Delegate's Report (Mary W. Price)

Committee Reports

Executive Session

- Membership Applications (attachment pages 4-51)
- Committee Appointments
- Motion: In as much as an organization has the ultimate right to require that its members refrain from conduct injurious to the organization, the Board of Directors will hereby consider a reprimand of a member.

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. Request the Working Dog Committee to revisit the minimum age for eligibility in NCA Draft Tests. It is currently 12 months of age. Recommend age limit be set at 18 months of age in light of the slower maturation of giant breeds and the differing ages at which various growth plates close. (Jacqueline Brellochs)
Rationale:
 - A. Males complete height by about 18 months of age; females complete height by 12-14 months of age; bodies continue to broaden and mature well beyond 3 years.
 - B. Existing growth plates for femurs close at about 8 months of age, but tibias do not until 12-14 months of age.
 - C. Take into account period for training and conditioning for distance and weight well before test date.

2. Contracts with National Specialty judges (for dogs, bitches and intersex and sweeps) stipulate that those judges agree not to accept any assignment in Newfoundlands for period of 6 months prior to the National. (Jacqueline Brellochs)
Rationale:
 - A. Specialties Committee chair's email to Board of 10/26/05 said current policy is to ask it of the BOB judge. Would like to change to ask of all our judges.
 - B. Writing such agreement into the contract is common practice in many breeds.

3. Develop a Working Achievements Award to encourage membership to train for and participate in activities this working breed born to do. (Jacqueline Brellochs)
Rationale:
 - A. The NCA was established to serve all its members. Many, likely most, of them are not "into" conformation, and some of them have expressed the feeling that they think others in the club, therefore, treat them "as second-class citizens".
 - B. The NCA constitution states its purpose is "to encourage and promote the quality of pure-bred Newfoundland dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection." Our standard describes a "multi-purpose dog capable of draft work and possessing natural lifesaving instincts."
 - C. Human nature responds best to goals and rewards; if more people work with their dogs, the Newfoundlands will benefit.

4. PAWS Letter (Aura Dean)
 - A. NCA listing on SAOVA list

5. **Newf Tide** Policy Committee (Aura Dean)
 - A. Newf Tide Printer bids
 - B. Mailing of 4th quarter issue

6. Motion: To rescind the directive to establish an Ad Hoc committee to review all aspects of production and distribution of **Newf Tide** and instead appoint another person with experience in printing or publishing. (Kevin Gallagher)

Rationale: The committee has not been appointed to date. No guidelines or job description has been formulated. After review of our current policies, it is redundant to have an ad hoc committee oversee another committee that has the purpose of overseeing the **Newf Tide**.

The **Newf Tide** Policy Committee has years of experience in editing and producing the **Newf Tide** in its current format, but could use expertise in the area of printing as well as alternate methods of distribution.

Adjournment

FYI

- To Do List (under separate cover)
- Board Directory