



Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting
February 23, 2006
8:00 p.m. Eastern time

Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of last meeting

- December 19, 2005/January 19, 2006 minutes
- January 6, 2006 Special Meeting minutes

President's Report (Roger Frey)

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

2nd Vice-President's Report (Mary Lou Roberts)

- Awards
- Constitution & By-Laws
- General Education
- Membership Committee
- Technical Support Committee
- Working Dog

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
- Committee Appointments

Unfinished Business

1. Approval of Charitable Trust documents
2. Approval of Breeder Education material (Kathy McIver)

3. Consideration of making a donation to the Seaman Memorial Sculpture, which is being erected on the banks of the Missouri River at the Fort Mandan Historical Site in North Dakota. (Sandee Lovett)
4. Consideration of NCA support for Newfoundlands being listed as an eligible breed for the soon-to-be proposed AKC Draft title program. (Roger Frey)

New Business

5. Motion: To consider including the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show, in addition to Westminster, for the stipend given to junior handlers that qualify for the Junior Showmanship competition held at these shows. The Junior Handler would need to conform to the NCA requirements needed to qualify for the stipend. (Roger Frey)
6. Motion: Any account number and/or secure password information to information owned/managed by the NCA (e.g., web sites, databases, password-protected CDs, etc.) be held by three different people. (Mary Lou Roberts)
7. Motion: In order to educate children about responsible dog ownership, canine safety and a variety of other canine-related topics, the NCA will participate in the AKC's Canine Ambassador program. (Kathy McIver)

Rationale: Since Canine Ambassadors contribute to public education efforts by making presentations mainly to groups of children, this is an excellent means of involving more of our members in public education.

Information: AKC Canine Ambassadors are endorsed by their AKC affiliated club, receive education and outreach material from the AKC, and are approved to make presentations to schools and other local organizations about responsible dog ownership. All Canine Ambassador applicants must first be approved by an officer of their AKC affiliated club. There is no limit to the number of Ambassadors a club may have. More information about the program can be found at the AKC Public Education website:

http://www.akc.org/public_education/index.cfm.

8. Motion: All dogs used in the Canine Ambassador program must currently be certified therapy dogs (Delta. TDI, Crisis Response, etc). (Kathy McIver)

Rationale:

- Having a third party evaluate the handlers and their dogs increases the likelihood qualified teams participate in this activity.
- Dogs certified by the various therapy groups are covered under the organization's liability insurance.
- These organizations already have experience-honed guidelines and recommendations to improve the quality of the educational experience for the public.

9. Motion: The Newfoundland Club of America petition the United Kennel Club (UKC) to accept the NCA as the "official" Newfoundland breed club for the UKC. (Kathy McIver)

Rationale: Once accepted as an official breed club, the NCA can control the registration of Newfs with the UKC and require that dogs with AKC Limited

Registrations not be given UKC full registration. Right now, there are several worst case scenarios that can easily happen with the current status quo.

- A person could purchase a Limited Registration Newf (bitch or dog) from a breeder with a contract. That person could then re-register the Newf with the UKC and start a UKC breeding program of Newfies without the breeder's consent or knowledge.
- The purchaser of the Newf could re-register the dog's name so that the breeder would have absolutely no knowledge of what is going on in that dog's life.

And, while the UKC strongly suggests good contracts, knowing your buyers, etc, if a person wanted to do the above scenarios, they could. No contract would prevent that. Essentially, a person could purchase a limited registration dog and hide it from the breeder by renaming the dogs and then start a breeding program of their own.

10. Motion: To amend the policy approved July 28, 2004 as follows: “The NHC **and Rescue** shall be assisted by the host club to set the facilities to conduct their fundraising activities. Ringside auctions (held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) shall be held in a location close to the breed ring for the purpose of conducting silent auctions and the sale of limited edition soft goods. The host club will help to facilitate the rental of tenting, tables and chairs for this function; however, the host club shall not be responsible for paying for the rental of same or provide the man-power to run the ringside auctions. The host club shall discuss these arrangements with the NHC **and Rescue** well in advance of the National show.” (Mary L. Price)
11. Motion: To amend the policy approved Oct. 30, 2004 as follows: “to revise policy to state that the Health Challenge **and Rescue** will have two consecutive days with an option of a third day, those days being Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, to hold their ringside silent auctions. This is to go into effect immediately.” (Mary L. Price)
12. Motion: To have the membership dues rolled back to the prior level by lowering them by \$30.00. (Jack Dean)
Rationale:
 - The primary reason for the dues increase was the alleged dire financial straights of the NCA. As of December 31, 2005 the NCA had over a quarter of a million dollars (\$261,786.65 to be exact) in cash for the NCA alone (not counting the painting restoration or the trophy fund and not counting any of the Charitable Trust money).
 - On December 31, 2004 we had \$237,924.74
 - On December 31, 2003 we had \$185,338.59
 - If you look at the membership group estimates used in the preparation of this years budget, there were 530 single, 500 doubles, 95 Seniors single and 75 Senior doubles for a total number of memberships of 1,200 and at \$30 per membership class, the total increase is \$36,000 a year.
 - From December 31, 2003 to 2004 our NCA cash increased about \$52,500 and from 2004 to 2005 we increased about \$24,000.

- The real question is why do we need a quarter of a million dollars in the first place and why do we have to increase the amounts in CDs in the second place?

13. Motion: To give back to the membership some of the accumulated cash in a one year program by:

- a) Giving a rebate of a dollar a year off of the dues for each year over 10 years a person (or family) has been a continuous member of the NCA.
- b) Give a rebate of \$5.00 for each NCA member's Newf for the first water and/or draft test they enter this coming year and pay all of their entry fee if they pass that test.
- c) Subsidizing various types of health testing by paying for the tests and result registrations of NCA members if they apply in advance and agree to make the results public. There should be a limit placed of about a hundred dollars per member. (Jack Dean)

Rationale: Actions such as the above will encourage members to remain in the NCA and to show that membership has its rewards which will make the membership more valuable. By placing strict dollar limits on the program amounts you avoid one person or one group getting much more than their dues back.

14. Motion: That the NCA cover the cost of OFA input of cardiologist and cystinuria DNA results for NCA members for a one year period, beginning with the initiation of the reduced fee program negotiated with OFA and scheduled to start March 1st, 2006. (Jacqueline Brellochs)

Rationale: The program coordinator will submit a bill monthly to the NCA Treasurer who will then send a check payable to OFA for the test results being submitted.

The burden on our Database Coordinator could be significantly lightened if, in the future, the only health clearances accepted for use in NCA publications are those in the OFA database.

Note: This motion would fulfill the policy intention the Board passed November 30, 2001, as found on p. 54 of the 2005 Policy Manual.

15. Motion: Reinstate the listing of health information in either **Newf Tide** or the **Annual of Titlists** by listing the dogs that have qualified for entry into CHIC along with an explanation of what CHIC is and how to find health results on the OFA database. If the **Annual of Titlists** is utilized, this information is to go at the front of the publication (previous OFA listings at that back were easily overlooked after perusing all the photos + pedigrees). (Jacqueline Brellochs)

16. Motion: That RAC (and, possibly, Steering Committee) investigate what is needed for the Newfoundland Club of America to become involved in the AKC's Canine Health Information Center's new DNA repository for future research, including review of all the health concerns relevant to our breed that should be on file for potential investigation. (Jacqueline Brellochs)

17. Motion: That RAC investigate possibility of transferring or sharing of information from the elbow anomaly work done at Michigan with group reportedly working on it in California. (Jacqueline Brellochs)
18. Motion: To aid our Newfs by immediately funding and setting up an 800 telephone number where prospective puppy buyers can call for information and talk to an NCA member or regional club member and have enough people on that list so that a novice puppy buyer might be close enough for that person to visit. (Jack Dean)
Rationale: It would take some of the accumulated cash and use it to benefit our Newfs. There has been a lot of internet list discussion about the NCA doing things and reaching out to novice puppy buyers. This funding would be a quick immediate response to a long term existing problem.
19. Motion: That the Database Chair be included in the electronic file transfer of the AKC Stud Dog materials. (Aura Dean)
Rationale: In the 90s our subscription to the Stud Book went directly to the database chair. In 1998 when the database chair resigned, the Stud Book publication was sent to the rescue chair. Paper copies were to be distributed to the board and to the database chair. The database chair should be included in the electronic distribution of this file.
Database keeps careful records of the litters and cross checks a lot of the information with existing information in the database. This information is vital to the database and receipt electronically would help the job immensely.
It is probably an oversight that the database chair does not receive this information currently. The Chair's receipt of this information should not be contrary to the existing agreement with the AKC. This is merely a formal motion to be sure the information is forthcoming and the policy manual reflects this action.
20. Motion: That at any face to face meeting of the Board of Directors, the Recording Secretary be charged with the responsibility of providing to any absent Board member a copy of any and all additional information distributed to those present at the meeting. This information should be provided within ten days of the date of the completion of the meeting. This procedure should be added to the policy and procedures manual relative to the board. (Aura Dean)
21. Motion: That the Newfoundland Club of America participate in the "Chief Sable" restoration project. (Aura Dean)
22. Update on **Newf Tide** (Aura Dean)

Adjournment

FYI

- Letter from Bruce Karger (attachment I)
- AKC Chairman's January 2006 report (attachment J)
- Update on PAWS (attachment K)

- Letter to Bob Kane requesting the removal of the NCA from SAOVA's Honor Roll (attachment L)
- AKC letters acknowledging NCA's contribution to AKC/CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund (Hurricane Katrina) (attachment M)
- To Do List (under separate cover)