

# Board of Directors Teleconference, May 17, 2006 Agenda

## Approval of Minutes

- March 29, 2006 Meeting of the Board
- Annual Membership Meeting, March 28, 2006
- NCA Charitable Trust Face-to-Face meeting, March 28, 2005
- Board of Directors Teleconference, April 19, 2006

## President's Report (Roger Frey)

- Letters from Lisa Davis, Esq. (formerly with Tyler, Cooper & Elkhourn).

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President's Report (Sandee Lovett)

- Copy of the letter sent to Cliff Dahl regarding NCA's position on the AKC Draft Proposal and his reply.
- Update on the dedication of the Seaman sculpture at Ft. Mandan. Would NCA like to issue a proclamation honoring Seaman for presentation at the dedication ceremony? Such proclamation would subsequently be displayed at the Ft. Mandan Historic Site Museum? (working sample is attached for reaction).

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President's Report (Mary Lou Roberts)

- (Committee information under separate cover)

## Recording Secretary's Report (Cathy L Sands)

- Receipt of correspondence regarding membership applicant

## Corresponding Secretary's Report (Jacqueline Brellochs)

- Detail of correspondence received and items responded to
- Crufts information?
- Letter from Tamzin Rosenwasser re membership types
- I received the following information from Dawn Fretts, Database Coordinator, per Board's request at the f-t-f:  
250 Cystinuria results entered into the Database  
(some have since been also submitted to OFA, but Dawn did not note those in her file)  
There were a couple of dozen cardiologist results

## Treasurer's Report (Mary L. Price)

## AKC Delegate's Report (Mary W. Price) (Attachments E)

- Copy of letter dated April 5, 2006, and addressed to Ron Meneker, AKC Chairman of the Board, regarding a suggested change to the limited registration option. (2 pages)
- The proposed revision to AKC's Charter and By-Laws which would eliminate the restriction of allowing professional judges to serve as Delegates. (4 pages)

- The proposed Revision to AKC's Charter and By-Laws which would abolish the Nominating Committee and require all Board candidates, including incumbents, to run by petition. (3 pages)

## Committee Reports

- Aura Dean – Update on *Newf Tide*
- Membership - Delete members' fax numbers on renewal form and Membership List

## Executive Session

- Membership Applications

## Old Business

**MOTION #1 Meeting Schedule:** At the 2004 fall face-to-face meeting, the Board agreed to the principal of setting a fixed date (e.g., 3rd Thursday of each month) for its teleconferences, but we have never acted on that. Motion: Set a fixed date -- or at least a fixed schedule in advance -- around which everyone can plan. (Mary Lou Roberts)

**MOTION #2 (#10 from the f-t-f agenda, 3/28):** (Jacqueline Brellochs) That the NCA cover the cost of OFA input of cardiologist and Cystinuria 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.

**MOTION #3** Have the NCA pay for rosettes to be given to all new VNs at the National Specialty, and have this coordinated through the Versatile Newfoundland Committee. (Mary Lou Roberts)

**MOTION #4** Make the membership application/procedure more user friendly. (Cathy L. Sands)

**RATIONALE:** The current application and sponsorship forms seem to me to be very cumbersome. The membership has expressed much dissatisfaction about the current process. If the board agrees I would suggest that we turn this issue over to the membership chairperson for review and recommendations.

Concerns of Internet Committee regarding the implementation of the online Whelping Box.

## New Business

**MOTION #5:** Merge the ad hoc Newf Tide Review committee into the Newf Tide Policy Committee, making the members of the ad hoc committee who are interested in serving full members of the standing committee.

**RATIONALE:** 1) The ad hoc committee has demonstrated that they have some fresh and good ideas and can make a contribution. 2) Some have stated that they believe these committees need to work more closely together. This is one way to accomplish that. 3) There is an opening on NTPC anyway that needs to be filled.

**MOTION #6:** Beginning with the current issue of Newf Tide, enact policy that the Newf Tide Policy Committee will, within 45 days of the mailing of each issue, submit a "post-mortem" report (as described by the ad hoc Newf Tide committee) to the NCA Board.

**MOTION #7** Direct the Newf Tide Policy Committee to create a bid package that separates the functions that follow into discrete, biddable components: 1) Editorial board functions (collection, review, and editing of content; decisions on sequence/placement within the magazine; interface with committees, content providers, and the NCA Board; 2) Production (scanning, layout, preparation of electronic files prior to printing); 3) Printing, packaging, and mailing; 4) Preparation of the Annual of Titlists. Complete preparation of this bid package by July 31 and solicit bids for review by the NCA Board by September 30. Note that bidders may bid on one or more components.

**RATIONALE:** By dividing the components for bid in this way, it will allow the Board to look at capabilities, competencies, and costs in a way that will help us to do a better comparison and get us the best quality product.

**MOTION #8** Motion to update the Policy Manual and the Specialty Show Guides to note that host clubs of specialties may be contacted by the Breeder Education Committee about arranging an educational program in conjunction with their specialty. The BEC will plan the program, provide needed educational materials, as well as provide staffing. (Kathy McIver & Pam Rubio)

**RATIONALE:** Many regional breeders, especially novice ones, may not attend the National. Local NCA events are a perfect place to provide educational NCA programs. Often, non affiliated breeders attend these events, making a specialty a great place to start outreaching. In addition to the educational value, a possible reduction in rescue needs may benefit the regional club.

The National Specialty is the obvious choice for any in-depth breeder education program, such as a Newfoundland University, breeder discussion panel, etc.

**MOTION #9** Policy Manual: Clarify process for reviewing committee job descriptions with committees and Board. (MLR)

**MOTION #10** Newf Novelties: Discuss our goals/approach and path forward. Consider having the current committee investigate the potential use of one of the existing online vendors (e.g., Newf Impressions, Ted's Temptations) as the distribution point for items that the Newf Novelties committee might create so that the NCA can meet its objective of making certain items available to members but will not have to deal with inventory, shipping, tax collection, credit card security, etc. (MLR)

FYI

Discussion: Leadership skills for Effective Governance (Kathy McIver) (attachment)

Adjournment