

**Board of Directors Teleconference  
October 18, 2007  
AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Roger Frey)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Sandee Lovett)**

**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Mary Lou Roberts)**

New Database demo at fall face-to-face meeting

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Jacqueline Brellochs)**

**RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Cathy L. Sands)**

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Mary L. Price)**

**AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT (Mary W. Price)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (Mary Lou Roberts)**

- H&L – Pam Rubio: Rebate/funding proposals for DNA collection
- Regional Club Contact – Kathy McIver
  1. Niagara Frontier NC - non compliance discussion
  2. Changes to HCNC C&BL: I recommend the NCA Board approve the requested revisions to the HCNC C&BL. The entire document has also been reviewed. It is consistent with current AKC and NCA policy. A copy of the revision has been attached for the BOD to review.
  3. One regional club has asked if the NCA has any suggestions for fundraising. The club is in a high rescue area and the costs it is incurring are becoming more and more difficult to absorb.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Membership Applications

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Jacqueline Brellochs:** Policy Manual, 2005, p.65 notes 6/19/01 -- "Board directs Judges Education Committee to write article to be published in AKC Judges Newsletter to review the intent of the present wording of the Illustrated Guide regarding grooming."

12/01/01 -- "Board approves article on grooming for publication in AKC Judges Newsletter."  
Reportedly, the letter which the Board worked on and returned to JEC was never published.

Therefore, I propose the Board submit something along the following:

The Newfoundland Illustrated Guide section on grooming says "to tidy up excess unruly hair (and) excessive trimming is not encouraged".

But when every hair is smooth and even, excessive trimming is being encouraged.

When you pick type based on uniformity achieved by flat coat and perfect outline, free of waves, excessive trimming is being encouraged.

When you consider only dogs free of bronze tinge, you encourage the dyeing of coats.

Please help us get back to the natural Newfoundland whose ears and feet are trimmed for neatness and away from sculpting adults and shaving two months old puppies in preparation for the spring specialty.

**Meredith Reggie:** The Board of Directors asks the Working Dog Committee to develop a policy for refunding entry fees for working events.

Rationale: This message was sent to a potential exhibitor in a water test: "There is a test the weekend

before ours at Great Lakes. Usually that results in pulls out of our test. I wanted to let you know that our test officially closes tomorrow, and if you would like to pull tomorrow you will get your money back. If you stay, there may be a chance you could still get in, but unfortunately you will lose your entry fee of \$30.00 if you don't get it."

It is unfair of a club to keep entry money when an exhibitor does not even have a chance to compete. The message mentions that some may pull because they qualify earlier. If they pull to make room for alternates, does the club also keep their money. Basically, this is keeping double entry money for one slot. If there are more alternates, they could keep even more.

Developing a policy will be difficult because there are many variables. However, in the end, a club should not receive more entry fees than number of entrants. Common sense should prevail.

**Meredith Reggie:** The Board of Directors asks the Working Dog Committee to develop an Emeritus Judges program for water and draft judges based on the current system used by the AKC. Rationale: When water or draft judge retires, an emeritus program would provide a certificate recognizing their years of service and continue to update them on judging matters.

**Jacqueline Brellochs:** Motion: Board minutes and special alerts to the membership be printed on non-glossy paper, stapled and mailed with Newf Tide each quarter. Rationale: Minutes would be easier to retrieve and refer to if they could be put in a separate binder. Minutes should be on less expensive paper.

## DISCUSSION

**Meredith Reggie:** Discussion or information only: Who will be printing the ballots for the upcoming election? What is the cost estimate?

**Jacqueline Brellochs:** ( Discussion/brainstorming regarding our National Specialty week...get input from our Specialties Committee for possible changes, touching on following topics, inter alia:

A) Is the week too cluttered? Would it and all of us benefit from fewer activities, but more focus on learning -- e.g. one obedience, one rally, one agility (not two or three), but bring in experts/seminar speakers

B) Offer activities more "unique" to our National gathering rather than including those readily available at numerous shows and club events all year (e.g. CGC tests)

C) Sessions to emphasize to those more into "performance" activities the importance of certain anatomical features and how to evaluate those features in our Newfs

D) ABC's of Breeding learning templates adapted for our breed

E) Remove from specialty guide, all references (eg pp 7, 8, 23, 24, 43) to water tests

F) Expand type of show site to be searched for from "Resort type hotels are recommended"(p. 8 of Specialty Guide)

G) Eliminate "Working Dog Reception" required (p.17) -- outmoded; Gymkana type of event the way things going of late and more beneficial.

H) Hotel reservations -- Board direction to Specialties Committee to revise already been referred

I) Top Twenty -- guide made a policy change that has not been Board approved, namely to require that it be a competition, if it is held; make this more of a learning experience and a sharing of anecdotes regarding the Top Twenty Newfs with membership; the MD evening was boring for many as most of us could not see much, especially in the way of movement, and we really didn't learn much about the particular dogs.

## NEW BUSINESS

Jacqueline Brellochs: Discussion (refer to Specialties Committee for input before November f-t-f meeting)

Should the number of obedience, rally, and agility trials be limited to one National one each and replace additional ones with learning seminars? (Adults in conformation generally have one chance to be evaluated, for re 2.5 minutes, not two or three trials where they perform for about 10 minutes each time. Bringing nationally known specialists in these areas would provide many attendees the opportunity that may not be available in their own localities.)

**ADJOURNMENT**