

**Board of Directors Teleconference  
December 6, 2007  
AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- October 18 teleconference
- Fall face-to-face (November 2-4)

**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)**

- distribution of interim Constitution & By-Laws committee reports
- e-Newsletter policies
- External data information flow

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

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

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

Incorporation Grant application submitted by Newfoundland Club of Southern California. (Documentation distributed to Board November 3, 2007.)

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (Mary Lou Roberts)**

Report from *Newf Tide* Policy Committee

(Maredith Reggie) Refine the Working Achievement Award

(Sue Marino) Discussion of Working Achievement award- Due to feedback from the committee I would like to see the board reverse their decision to finalize this project and instead send our suggestions back to the committee.

(Mary Lou Roberts) Technical Resources committee: Newf e-News update

(Mary Lou Roberts) Technical Resources committee: database update

(Cathy Sands) Letter from SENC

(Kathy McIver) Regional Club Liaison - Review of proposed SENC by-laws changes

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Membership Applications

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Kathy McIver - Motion: To develop protocol for ensuring a timely response to all communication sent to [board@newfdogclub.org](mailto:board@newfdogclub.org).

- Sue Marino - Meeting times and days for the National face to face - I would like to propose meeting Sunday and Monday instead of Monday and Tuesday so that board members can attend or exhibit in Tuesday's working events: draft, obedience, rally.
- MOTION - Jacqueline Brellochs: Electronic Whelping Box to be established on NCA website.
- The whelping box will list litters on the ground and older available Newfoundlands.
  - It will be open to all NCA members who have belonged to the NCA for a minimum of three years.
  - Members on the Breeders' list have unlimited listing privileges free of charge.
  - Those no on the Breeders List will be charged \$25.00 for each litter listed and \$10.00 for each listing of a Newfoundland over 1 year of age.
- Mary Lou Roberts: Alternative Proposal for Award for Health Test Reporting (an alternative to the one suggested by the Health & Longevity Committee)
    - **Motion:** Create a designation HTD (Health Test Disclosed) award to be given to any NCA-owned Newfoundland that has the results of the following tests posted in any open database (OFA or NCA): hips, elbows, cystinuria, heart (cleared by specialist). Owners of the dogs that qualify for this award will be awarded with the following:
      - Mention in *Newf Tide* and in the back of the Annual of Titlists
      - Mention at the Annual Meeting of the Members
      - a small pin, similar in size to that awarded for a CD title
      - A certificate prepared by the NCA
      - Qualification to walk in the Honors Parade at National Specialties.
    - Dogs that earn this award and that also have submitted their DNA to the CHIC DNA database shall also be entitled to have a mention and a photograph in *Newf Tide*.
    - Owners must apply for this award by submitting a form (to be designed) to the Awards committee. Verification will be easy because the test results will be posted in an open database.
    - All dogs, living and dead, can qualify for this award.

Rationale: The entire purpose of creating this award is to encourage people to post test results and to acknowledge with praise those who do so. The proposal put forward by the Health & Longevity Committee does not, in my opinion, provide sufficient praise, incentive, or acknowledgement for those who post. Open posting of health test results is something that most people say they applaud, but still few people do so. We should do everything in our power to encourage that posting, and provide special recognition for those who do so.

## DISCUSSION

- Discussion – Meredith Reggie: Establishing email lists available to only specific groups of members.
- Discussion - Kathy McIver: Begin development of a strategic plan. Use positive focus points, such as:
  - High point experiences with the organization
  - Moments of excellence in the organization
  - What the person values about the organization
  - Wishes for the future.
- Discussion – Kathy McIver: Is there a need to develop a written conflict of interest policy? A conflict of interest is defined as an interest that might affect, or might reasonably appear to

affect, the judgment or conduct of any director, officer, or representative of the NCA in a manner that may appear self-serving.

- Discussion – Kathy McIver: In an effort to reduce the NCA's carbon footprint, board agenda packets will be sent electronically. Board members may request the Corresponding Secretary provided them with a hard copy of the agenda, if necessary.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting of the Trustee of the Charitable Trust  
December 6, 2007**

Approval of minutes

- November 3, 2007

Adjournment