

Board of Directors Teleconference
February 15, 2007
AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 21, 2006 – January 4, 2007 teleconference
- January 18, 2007 teleconference
- Charitable Trust Management Board Minutes, November 30, 2006

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Roger Frey)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT (Sandee Lovett)

2ND VICE PRESIDENT (Mary Lou Roberts)
Committee Reorganization

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Jacqueline Brellochs)

RECORDING SECRETARY (Cathy L. Sands)
Election Bill
Election Results

TREASURER (Mary L. Price)

AKC DELEGATE (Mary W. Price)
Letter to AKC dated January 22, 2007
Letter from Dr. Patricia Haines

COMMITTEES (Mary Lou Roberts)
Committee Realignment

OLD BUSINESS

On-Line Whelping Box (Maredith Reggie)

Jacqueline Brellochs: An addendum to one of the policies we passed in January.

Conformation scheduling will allow 30 minutes between the conclusion of the open classes and the Winners Class.

Rationale: Gives these dogs a chance to rejuvenate and compete in more equal manner with those that have been resting. Helps build up ringside excitement and attendance as public address system can make announcements on the timing of this highlight of the day.

Information Request -- VN photos from 2d quarter 2006 N.T. (Jacqueline Brellochs)

At a January teleconference, Jan said they may have been amongst material sent to Meredith. Since then Meredith has said she does not have them. I have emailed Jan repeatedly for them.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Health Clinics at 2007 National (Cathy L. Sands)**
- **Operation Doolittle's Raid (Mary Lou Zimmerman)**

MOTION: (Kathy McIver)

Request the Corresponding Secretary, working with the Breeder List Referral Chair, write a combined thank you and explanation of the whelping box to the current members of the Breeder's List. This may be sent electronically and should be received before the breeder list renewals are delivered.

Rationale: Several of the listed breeders have complained about the new whelping box concept. These breeders need to know the NCA appreciates their willingness to serve as an information resource and why the Board decided to try a new approach. Hopefully, this new tactic will connect the people wishing to share their life with a Newfoundland with NCA members instead of non-affiliated breeders.

MOTION: (Jacqueline Brellochs)

Once a conformation judge has been utilized for a National Specialty that judge shall be removed from the list and not hired again for ten years.

Rationale: We currently have 67 conformation judges on the NCA membership voted list approved to judge at our Nationals. In 10 years, 30 of them would have judged for us, or just 45% of those on the list (i.e. there are enough to choose from and to provide increased variety and opportunity for our exhibitors)

MOTION: (Jacqueline Brellochs)

Conformation judges' contracts to stipulate that they agree not to accept Newfoundland assignments for six months prior to the National for which they are being hired.

Rationale: To ensure that the intent of November 2005 Board vote to ask National Specialty judges not to accept Newfoundland judging assignment...is followed. This was not followed when Dorothy Collier judged a Regional Specialty in October 2005 and the Bitch classes at the National in March 2006. Such a contract agreement is required by other breed clubs.

MOTION: (Mary Lou Roberts)

Handle all National Specialty room reservations the same way that spots are handled for Water and Draft Tests: on a postmark basis. Specifically:

Hotel reservations will be accepted by mail only and must be postmarked no earlier than (first allowable postmark date). Any entries received with a postmark prior to ____ will be returned to sender. Reservations may be sent by U.S. mail or by express mail services, but the express mail service postmark date will be used. No "walk-ins" (other than those reserved by the Specialty Show Chair) will be accepted, and no priority will be given to reservations received by express mail services. It is the

postmark date that determines the sequence in which rooms will be allocated, not date/time of receipt.

The available rooms at the host hotel will be filled in the following manner: On (10 days after first allowable postmark date), all entries with a (first allowable) postmark will be assigned to available rooms. If the number of entries with (the first allowable) postmark exceeds the number of available rooms, a drawing will take place to determine who gets the rooms and who is placed on the alternate list. If the number of entries with a (first allowable) postmark does not exceed the number of rooms available, the entries with (day after first available) postmarks will be assigned the available rooms. If the number of entries with (day after first available) postmarks exceeds the available spots, another drawing will take place. This process will continue until all of the rooms have been allocated. If rooms subsequently become available because of cancellations, they will be allocated based on lottery of the earliest postmark date.

Rationale: This system has been used very successfully for years for working events. It is completely fair and does not give any advantage to people who can drive to the hotel to hand in their reservations. It eliminates the need for members to spend money on express mail services. And it is much more fair to our international guests whose mailed entries might take a substantially longer time to arrive than those who are mailing their reservations from within the U.S.

MOTION: (Mary Lou Roberts)

The Specialty packet will include information about hotel and site facilities and limitations for people with disabilities. It will state the distance from the hotel to the rings and to other locations at the site that will be used for various events, including grooming facilities and meeting rooms. It will explain fully what problems, if any, those who are wheelchair-bound or who have difficulty walking more than short distances may encounter, and will describe what accommodations, if any, the host club has made to assist them in being able to participate fully in the National Specialty and its events.

Rationale: People with disabilities, especially those who are wheelchair-bound, should know what to expect when making plans to come to the National. I know of one situation where one person had planned to come to the California National but cancelled her plans at the last minute for another reason. Had she come, she would not have been able to get to the rings at all since nothing was published about the fact that no wheel chairs or golf carts would be allowed on that road. Had she come, she would have spent a great deal of time and money and not have been able to attend the event. The position of the show site in California was also a problem for people with difficulty walking substantial distances as were the grooming facilities in Elicottville. Lack of availability of golf carts in Maryland also caused a problem for people without access to a car. It is understandable that some of these situations exist, and the host club is not always expected to rectify them to everyone's satisfaction, but making people aware of the limitations will give people an opportunity to determine whether or not they want to come based on the site situation.

MOTION: (Jan Boggio)

To rescind the following motion: "Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Kathy McIver seconded that a ringside public address system be used to call each class at national specialty shows. Once class placements have been made the public address system would also be used to announce winners and absentees by number. There will be no announcements on the public address system while a class is being judged unless there is an emergency."

Rationale: A number of NCA members have contacted me regarding their concerns on this matter. They asked that this motion be rescinded, and that the National Specialty Committee have the opportunity to discuss this matter prior to mandating such action at Nationals. Even if a professional is hired to install and operate a public address system, there is the chance that audio feedback could interfere with judging. In addition, the cost of such a system is significantly higher than was discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Membership Applications

DISCUSSION/FYI

For Discussion/Possible Motion: Pam Rubio)

From the NCNC Rescue Chair: That the NCA support regional club rescues who apply with \$_____ to assist them to incorporate their respective rescue organizations as non profit entities.

Rationale: Rescue organizations who are incorporated face fewer problems getting insured and premiums tend to be lower. Funds/items donated to Rescue organizations designated as 501 (c) 3 are tax deductible, making the giving of donations more attractive to the public.

Jacqueline Brellochs: Reading the February AKC Gazette, p. 68-69, found excellent wording, some of which we could include: "Good sportsmanship means ...being respectful of others. A good sportsman never openly berates, teases, or demeans any individual, dog or judge." "Behavior that is disrespectful, unfair, dishonest, or against the rules is unsporting because it is unethical behavior."

ADJOURNMENT

The next teleconference of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2007. Deadline for submission of Agenda items is Wednesday, March 7, 2007.