

**Board of Directors Teleconference
January 17, 2008
AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
December 6-10, 2007 minutes**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Roger Frey)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Sandee Lovett)

2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Mary Lou Roberts)

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Jacqueline Brellochs)

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Cathy L. Sands)

I received a correction to the minutes from the September 20, 2007 minutes regarding the Internet Committee from Mary Lou Zimmerman. The current minutes read: "NCA website frequently turns up so slow in Google searches" and it should read LOW not slow, both mean very different things when doing searches.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Mary L. Price)

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT (Mary W. Price)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Mary Lou Roberts)

Report from *Newf Tide* Policy Committee
Technical Resources committee: database update
Constitution & By-Laws for SENC

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Membership Applications

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 not 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.

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts - Alternative Proposal for Award for Health Test Reporting (an alternative to the one suggested by the Health & Longevity Committee) - 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.

MOTION: Kathy McIver - To develop protocol for ensuring a timely response to all communication sent to board@newfdogclub.org.

- Jacqueline Brellochs: I think the Board needs to re-visit the rebate question. I mean, you pay \$10.00/dog if it's done at the National, but \$00.00 if you just have it done. Now, I realize, there's the question of shipping, that NCA is picking up the tab for shipping blood drawn at the National, and individuals pay to ship their own or for their veterinarians to get it shipped. So, let us (re?) vote the question of rebating the \$10.00 per dog, as I understand OFA has agreed to charge only \$10.00 for a second year in a row (which is not their previously stated policy).

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

MOTION: Kathy McIver - If it is determined to be economically feasible, beginning in 2009, the annual collection and tabulation of voting ballots will be performed by an outside accounting firm. Currently, the Recording Secretary performs this task.

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts - The processing and counting of the ballots for the 2008 election for members of the NCA Board of Directors be outsourced to an independent company.

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts - I would further move that we immediately start an ad hoc committee involving members of the NCA Steering and CBL Committees and two members of the current BOD to locate firms to whom we might outsource this, and work out the costs and recommend interface/process details to be submitted to the Board no later than May 1, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT