



Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
Board of Directors
Teleconference Call
October 16, 2008
8:00 pm Eastern Time/ 7:00 pm Central Time

Agenda

- 1. Reading of the minutes of last meeting**
 - August 21 & September 11, 2008 minutes
 - September 18, 2008 minutes
- 2. President's Report (Roger Frey)**
- 3. 1st Vice-President's Report (Mary Lou Roberts)**
- 4. 2nd Vice-President's Report (Kathy McIver)**
 - Discussion: Recently the Board discussed the possibility of notifying committee members if they may be replaced instead of reappointed. Is this something the Board still wants to consider?
- 5. Recording Secretary's Report (Mary Lou Cuddy)**
- 6. Corresponding Secretary's Report (Pat Randall)**
- 7. Treasurer's Report (Mary L. Price)**
- 8. AKC Delegate's Report (Mary W. Price)**
- 9. Committee Reports**
 - Breeders List Committee
 - Constitution and Bylaws Committee – Code of Ethics review
 - General Education Committee
 - Health & Longevity Committee
 - Newf Tide Policy Committee
 - Steering Committee
 - Specialty Show Committee
 - Technical Resources Committee
 - NCA Website
 - TOD/TODD Committee
- 10. Executive Session**
 - Applicants for NCA Membership (no applications received)
 - Appointment of member to the “unofficial” AKC Proposed Draft Test Committee

11. Unfinished Business

- Consider Having the NCA Provide More Services and Information to Regional Clubs

Motion: Request that the Working Dog Committee put together individual handbooks with guidelines for the following jobs: Water Test and Draft Test Chair and Water Test and Draft Test Secretary. Ideally, these handbooks would be compiled in advance of the 2009 water test and draft test seasons. This knowledge already exists (many times over), but in many instances we continually reinvent the wheel. Absence of know-how keeps many regional club members from volunteering to take on these jobs.

Request that the General Education Committee put together a handbook to make available to Regional Clubs for hosting a Fun Day. As above, the knowledge exists. More people may be willing to volunteer if a manual of ideas on how to chair an event like this exists.

Consider the possibility of having the NCA provide services for Regional Clubs, including but not limited to the technical preparation of newsletters and the technical maintenance of web sites (content to be provided by the regional club).

Rationale for all of the above: It is getting more and more difficult for Regional Clubs to find volunteers to handle some of the more time-consuming tasks involved with running the club. The more that the NCA can do to collect and redistribute information and skills that already exist (as in the case of the handbooks) and provide "reusable" services to clubs that need and want help, the more vital our Regional Clubs will be and the more success we will all be in meeting the needs of Newf owners nationally. (Mary Lou Roberts)

- Motion: Effective with the August 2008 minutes, the minutes of the Newfoundland Club of America will be kept in an official ledger. Each set of minutes shall be signed and dated by the secretary when the minutes have been approved. Official documents may be attached to these minutes at the request of the Board of Directors but general supplemental information may be discarded. These minutes will be considered the property of the Newfoundland Club of America and will be passed to each subsequent secretary.

Currently, the minutes that appear in *Newf Tide* are considered the official minutes of the NCA. In my opinion, these should only be considered copies of the minutes. Hard copies should be kept in a notebook or ledger and appropriately signed and dated by the secretary. (Meredith Reggie)

- Motion: That the NCA get issues of early *Newf Tide*'s missing from the Historian's files copied. (Mary Jane Spackman, NCA Historian, was contacted and she appreciated the idea and said she'd get the info in another week; Marylou Zimmerman, NCA Webmaster, would also like certain issues she lacks since she uploads articles, etc. to the NCA *Website*) I was quoted price of just under \$2.50 each by local printing firm (would be more on heavier stock). (Jacqueline Brellochs)

- Motion: Revise our "Oldest Living Newfoundland" award to special recognition of all club-owned Newfs who reach the age of 14, providing each with half page in *Newf Tide*. (Some people would like to start earlier, say 13 or even 12 -- perhaps those could be listed) What does it matter if the dog is alive December 31st? One alive then might be younger than one that died a month before. Don't want any dog to be kept going longer than is best just because he/she is so close to the current requirement. (Jacqueline Brellochs)
- Discussion Item: We need to correct the statement on the "board summary" page of the NCA website identifying the 1st Thursday of each month as the deadline for agenda items. Also, this item and the designation of the 3rd Thursday of the meeting day should be on the first board page rather than on the board summaries page. (Pat Randall)

12. New Business

- Approval of Charitable Trust Management Board's mission statement: "The mission of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust is to secure donations of monies and gifts-in-kind, to manage responsibly and to distribute funding prudently in support of research grants to study health issues affecting Newfoundlands, to provide necessary monetary aid for Newfoundland rescue assistance, and to award educational scholarships to junior Newfoundland fanciers." (Mary Lou Roberts)
- Approval of Election Ballot Counting Proposal (Barbara Finch)

13. Adjournment

FYI

- Letter to NCA Attorney (under separate cover)