



Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
Board of Directors Face-to-Face Meeting
Crowne Plaza St. Louis Airport
St. Louis, Missouri
October 30-November 2, 2008

Agenda

- 1. Reading of the minutes of last meeting**
 - October 16, 2008 minutes (under separate cover)
- 2. President's Report (Roger Frey)**
- 3. 1st Vice-President's Report (Mary Lou Roberts)**
- 4. 2nd Vice-President's Report (Kathy McIver)**
- 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 Education Committee
 - Breeders List
 - Committee Performance Review
 - Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee
 - General Education Committee
 - Health & Longevity Committee
 - Nominating Committee Appointments
 - Policy Manual -- review of new format and timeline; development of job descriptions
 - Specialty Show Committee
 - Steering Committee - status update
- 10. Executive Session**
 - Applicants for NCA Membership
 - Appeal of Arbitration Committee Ruling
 - Heroic Newfoundland Award
 - NCA Good Sportsmanship Award

11. Unfinished Business

- NCA Charitable Trust Management Board
- 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). (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. (Maredith 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)

- Motion: That the Board consider establishing a policy committee for electronic publication (*NCA e-notes* and *NCA Website*) (Pat Randall)
- 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

- Discussion Item: Discussion of the future of National Specialties (Barbara Finch)
- To print, laminate and distribute the *Pocket Guide to the Newfoundland Standard* to all NCA members, *Newf Tide* subscribers, and an additional inventory for distribution to new members, new subscribers, etc. [Printing, laminating, and distribution comparative costs will be presented at the face-to-face meeting.] (Mary L. Price)
- Motion: Effective with the 2010 NCA National Specialty, the information packet for the National Specialty will be posted on the NCA website and will not be sent with the 4th quarter issue of *Newf Tide*. Any NCA member may request a hard copy to be sent via mail. A page insert in the 4th quarter of *Newf Tide* will announce where the information packet can be found on the website and how to obtain a hard copy. (Meredith Reggie)
- The following non-regular obedience classes must be offered at the National Specialty Obedience Trial: Graduate Novice, Veteran, Brace, and Team. These classes will continue to be optional at regional trials held in conjunction with the National. (Meredith Reggie)

13. Adjournment

FYI

- Letter to NCA Attorney (under separate cover)
- NCA Board Directory