



**Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Teleconference Call**  
**May 21, 2009**  
**8:00 pm Eastern Time/ 7:00 pm Central Time**

**Agenda**

- 1. Reading of the minutes of last meeting**
- 2. President's Report (Roger Frey)**
  - AKC Parent Club Canine Health Conference
- 3. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President's Report (Mary Lou Roberts)**
- 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President's Report (Kathy McIver)**
  - I would like to discuss of feasibility of having one committee create a document (like LifeStages) and then expecting another to manage the document once it is completed. Might it not be better to have both committees working on the document now?
- 5. Recording Secretary's Report (Mary Lou Cuddy)**
  - Election ballots
- 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**
  - Health & Longevity Committee
    - DNA Clinic Guidelines document
    - The Board requested comment on a proposal to make participation in the DNA repository a requirement for a CHIC number. While the committee appreciates the merits of both programs and strongly encourages participation with both, requiring participation in the DNA database may only serve to decrease the already low participation with CHIC. Therefore, the committee recommends against requiring DNA storage as part of the CHIC requirements.
  - Judges Education Committee
  - National Specialty Show Coordinating Committee

- Marylou Zimmerman has constructed a short electronic survey to include in the next *NCA e-notes* (pending Board approval), designed to gather feedback from the membership for planning next year's Specialty. The NCA Specialty Coordinating Committee discussed it at its teleconference on Wednesday evening, voted its approval and is now seeking the Board's approval to include the survey. Since NSSCC wants to incorporate the input into our planning, a short 2-week deadline date will be added to the survey for its return. Marylou will set it up so that when the members submit the survey, the results will go directly to Sandee electronically. Below is a note from Marylou and a link to the survey. Here is the link to a test survey - people can try the responses, etc. (responses are not recorded until the survey goes live) Any question/response can be edited if you want.  
<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2ihvy7ifubih0m/start?test=t>
- Rescue Education and Awareness Committee
  - *Newf Tide* coupon
  - Foster article
  - Approval of committee's job description
- Steering Committee
  - Direction from Board
- Technical Resources Committee
  - Database update
- TOD/TODD Committee
  - Determine procedures and awards

## 10. Executive Session

- Applicants for NCA Membership
- Concerns regarding a service dog
- Nominations for AKC Award for Canine Excellence

## 11. Unfinished Business

## 12. New Business

- Motion: For the 2011 NCA National Specialty, judges will be chosen by the NCA Board of Directors. (Jacqueline Brellochs)  
Rationale: This is the second NCA National Specialty without a regional host club and the judging panel for 2010 was chosen by the Specialty Show Committee -- now it's the Board's turn.
- Motion: In light of the fact that the next two National Specialties will be hosted by the NCA, and whereas Regional Clubs seem to be reluctant to assume the financial/logistical burden of hosting a National Specialty, I propose that all future National Specialties be hosted by the NCA with the assistance of the Regional Clubs in the area in which they are held. Furthermore, I propose that the location of the National Specialty be rotated among the different Regional Club geographic areas, assuming suitable sites are available. (Pam Rubio)

- Discussion Item: The NCA Board should consider holding the fall face-to-face meeting at the 2011 National Specialty site. (Sue Marino)
- Discussion Item: I would like to discuss the possibility of putting into place a committee evaluation protocol. In our current system we only hear from the Chairman of the committees and not the members. I would like to propose a possible online survey for us to use as a tool to evaluate our committees and the committee Chairman. (Pam Saunders)
- Discussion Item: I would like to talk about our current budget and discuss the areas where we are over-budget. (Pam Saunders)
- Discussion Item: Emeritus Working Test Judges (Maredith Reggie)

### **13. Adjournment**

### **14. FYI**

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