



## **Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.**

**Board of Directors**

**Teleconference Call**

**June 18, 2009**

**8:00 pm Eastern Time/ 7:00 pm Central Time**

### **Agenda**

**1. Reading of the minutes of last meeting**

- Approval of the April 26-27, 2009 meeting
- Approval of the April 28, 2009 Annual Meeting of the Board
- Approval of the April 28, 2009 Annual Membership Meeting for publication in *Newf Tide*
- Approval of the May 21, 2009 meeting

**2. President's Report (Roger Frey)**

**3. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President's Report (Mary Lou Roberts)**

**4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President's Report (Kathy McIver)**

**5. Recording Secretary's Report (Mary Lou Cuddy)**

- Explanation of applicant voting materials in agenda packet

**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**

- Breeder Education Committee
  - Grant request
- Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee
  - Proposed Ethics Guide Review
- General Education Committee
  - Generic & Regional Club business and post cards
  - Puppies USA ad
  - Dogs USA ad
- Health & Longevity Committee
  - OFA Breed Surveys
  - NCA Clinic

- ☒ Health Challenge
- ☒ International Liaison
- ☒ Judges Education Committee
  - Update on sending DVD to membership via *Newf Tide*
- ☒ Membership Committee
  - *NCA Constitution and Bylaws* hard copies
  - Dues Renewal update
- ☒ 2010 National Specialty Show Committee
  - Update on 2010 National Specialty
- ☒ Rescue Education and Awareness Committee
  - Approval of committee's job description
  - New Buyer Project (*LifeStages*)
- ☒ Specialty Show Coordinating Committee
  - 2010 National Specialty – Treasurer duties.
    1. Approve Independent Bank, 230 W Main St, Ionia, MI 48846 and NCA signors – for receipts and disbursements for the 2010 Natl. Spec.
    2. Approve transfer for initial deposit.
    3. Extend current disbursement policy – number of signors for disbursements over \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - Future National Specialties
- ☒ Steering Committee
- ☒ Technical Resources Committee
  - Database update
  - The committee would like to get Board approval to set up a Facebook page for the NCA - this would mirror the homepage of the NCA site and provide another avenue for marketing CTMB fundraising, promoting health initiatives (DNA Collection, etc.) providing links to NCA information and subscription info for *Newf Tide* and *NCA e-Notes*. There would be no cost involved.
- ☒ Working Dog Committee
  - Some of the attendees at the WDC meeting at the National asked the WDC to readdress allowing other breeds to participate in our draft tests. We told them that it was actually a decision of the NCA board and that we would discuss it and send our recommendation to the board. Currently, if the test is not full, we can accept other breeds to be judged after the Newf test is complete. The committee and judges have to agree to accept the other breed(s) and judge them after the Newf test. It is extra work for the committee and the judges. It is extra income for clubs whose tests don't always fill with Newfs.

The WDC has discussed this issue and unanimously agreed not to allow other breeds in our draft tests but to keep it the way it is now, allowing other breeds to be tested after the Newf test is finished.

## 10. Executive Session

- ☒ Applicants for NCA Membership
  - Update on an application held in abeyance
  - Update on an approved application
- ☒ Concerns regarding mistreatment of Newfoundlands at National Specialty
- ☒ AKC Legislation Committee – additional appointment
- ☒ TOD/TODD Committee – appointment of committee chair

## 11. Unfinished Business

- ☒ Discussion Item: Consideration of Article V, Section 1 and the appointment of committees by the Board. (from the April 28, 2009 Annual Meeting of the Board)
  
- ☒ Motion: That the wording on the Annual Meeting Notice regarding the viewing of the Board election materials (envelopes and ballots) be changed to read, “Election materials will be available for viewing at the National Specialty with prior notice. Notice must be given to the Recording Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Annual Membership Meeting. If no prior notice is received, the Recording Secretary is not obligated to transport the election materials to the National Specialty. Please contact the Recording Secretary to make the necessary arrangements. Also, barring any complaints or alleged irregularities, the Recording Secretary will destroy the election materials 2 weeks after the Annual Membership Meeting. (Mary Lou Cuddy)

## 12. New Business

- ☒ Motion: For the 2011NCA National Specialty, judges will be chosen by the NCA Board of Directors. (Jacqueline Brellochs)
  
- ☒ 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)
  
- ☒ Motion: To request the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee update the *Specialty Show Guide* to reflect that only obedience exercises may be used in the Top Obedience presentation. (Kathy McIver)

- ☒ Motion: To make a donation of \$250.00 to the Military Working Dog Team Support Association. According to the article in the Gazette, 100% of the proceeds from donations made will support military working dogs and handlers.

Additional info: From the Military Working Dog Team Support Association, Inc. website: mwdtsa.org;

“Our mission includes, but is not limited to:

- \* Supporting Current Dog Handler Teams
- \* Supporting Veteran Dog Handler events/causes
- \* Supporting retired Military Working Dogs
- \* Supporting the War Dog Memorial

We know that you have numerous opportunities to share your time, talent and finances when it comes to charitable organizations. We hope that you will consider donating to MWDTSA to support the K9s and Dog Handlers. “ Military Working Dog Team Support Association, Inc. (MWDTSA) P.O. Box 5864, Canton, GA 30114

- ☒ 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**

- ☒ Board/Committee Item List
- ☒ Board Directory