



Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
Board of Directors
Teleconference Call
July 16, 2009
8:00 pm Eastern Time/ 7:00 pm Central Time

Agenda

- 1. Reading of the minutes of last meeting**
 - Approval of the June 18 & July 2, 2009 minutes
- 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**
 - Breeder Referral Committee
 - General Education Committee
 - *Newf and You*
 - Business & Post cards
 - 2010 National Specialty Show Committee
 - Update on 2010 National Specialty
 - Regional Club Liaison
 - Newfoundland Club of Hawaii - Constitution and Bylaws changes
 - Heart of America - Constitution and Bylaws changes
 - Rescue Education and Awareness Committee
 - Committee quarterly report
 - *LifeStages* newsletter

- 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
 - Discussion about host clubs or National show chairs working with host hotels to have meeting rooms for the Annual Membership meeting or other large meeting rooms at reduced prices.
- 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.

- WRDX Survey – The WDC would like to have the survey sent to all clubs holding WRDX tests and ask that they give a copy to every entrant, steward and judge for WRDX. The committee would also like to enclose it with the next *Newf Tide*.
- The Working Dog Committee would like to form an NCA working test judges discussion group similar to the Breeder's List discussion group where only NCA working judges are allowed access to discuss judging issues.

10. Executive Session

- Applicants for NCA Membership
- Results of June 18-July 2, 2009 applicant vote
- Concerns regarding mistreatment of Newfoundlands at National Specialty
- AKC Legislation Committee – additional appointment
- Committee Appointment – Breeders List
- Committee Appointment – REACT

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)
Rationale: Since this policy of making the election materials available at the National Specialty was enacted, only once has one person availed himself to the opportunity. The boxes take up valuable space in a fully loaded vehicle or the NCA must pay to have the boxes shipped to and from the show site.
- Motion: To appoint an ad-hoc committee to further define the Breed Steward program with a full proposal to be made to the Board no later than September 1, 2009.

Motion: Because NCA members have continuously asked about the status of the Breed Steward program, to include a notice in the next issue of *e-Notes* that the Board is moving forward on defining and implementing the program and anticipates being able to launch the program in the fourth quarter of this year.

Rationale: This program was approved by the Board and announced to the membership 14 months ago. Many members and several regional clubs indicated their interest in participating, but the Board has not moved forward on implementation of the program. (Mary Lou Roberts)

12. New Business

- Motion: For the 2011NCA 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)
- 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 request that the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee update the Top Ten Obedience chapter in the *Specialty Show Guide* (Maredith Reggie)
- 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 MemorialWe 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: 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: Emeritus Working Test Judges (Maredith Reggie)

- Discussion Item: To reconsider the decision made last November regarding Article VI, Section 2 of the *Constitution and Bylaws* that the word "member" be changed to "person" in filing a grievance. It was reported as passed, but there were two abstentions, six yes votes and four no votes. I understood that we were treating such tallies as failed motions because abstentions to count as NO votes, going back for two years.

I move to have the By-Laws read as presently in this discipline article, i.e. Any member may prefer charges against another NCA member.

Reason: How does any non-NCA member have any right to file charges against a club member and, thereby tie up Board time + energy? Such a word change could have unintended consequences in the current litigious and animal rights motivated legislative climate. Already we have seen non-NCA people contact us and say we should make sure certain some dogs are never bred again. (Jacqueline Brellochs)

- Discussion Item: I would like to discuss the Grievance process and the confusion between the official Grievance process and the Grievance process of the Working Dog Committee. (Pam Saunders)
- Discussion Item: To consider how profits from National Specialties hosted by the NCA will be used. To consider such ideas as using the profits for Rescue and Health Challenge or to build a fund to help regional clubs fund National Specialties that they might host. (from June 18-July 2, 2009 meeting)

13. Adjournment

14. FYI

- Board/Committee Item List
- Board Directory