



Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

Board of Directors

July 21, 2011

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

Agenda

- 1. Reading of the minutes of last meeting**
 - Approval of the May 1-3, 2011 minutes
 - Approval of the May 3, 2011 Annual Meeting of the Board minutes
 - Approval of the June 16, 2011 minutes
 - Approval for publication of the May 3, 2011 Annual Membership minutes
- 2. President's Report (Pat Randall)**
- 3. 1st Vice-President's Report (Roger Frey)**
- 4. 2nd Vice-President's Report (Pam Saunders)**
 - Committee Policy concerns
- 5. Recording Secretary's Report (Mary Lou Cuddy)**
- 6. Corresponding Secretary's Report (Lynne Anderson-Powell)**
 - AKC National Obedience Invitational awards
 - Invitation to join Waglinked
- 7. Treasurer's Report (Mary L. Price)**
 - Approval of the 2012 Budget
- 8. AKC Delegate's Report (Mary W. Price)**
 - Reserve Best in Show amendment
 - AKC Companion Animal Recovery (AKC CAR)
 - AKC Flier
- 9. Committee Reports**
 - AKC Breed Column Committee
 - Electronic Publications Policy Committee
 - Approval of *NCA e-notes* ad reservation form
 - Health & Longevity Committee
 - Request Board input on number of committee members
 - Judges Education Committee
 - Newfoundland Ambassador Committee
 - Publicity Committee

- Develop job description
- Staffing
- Regional Clubs Committee
 - Committee report
- Regional Club Liaison
- Rescue Prevention Committee (formerly REACT)
 - Develop job description and committee charge
 - Request report summary to be sent to AKC Parent Club newsletter
- Specialty Show Coordinating Committee
 - 2014 & 2015 National Specialty updates
- Technical Resources Committee
- Versatile Newfoundland Committee
 - Suggestions for data input

10. Executive Session

- Approval of NCA Applicants
- Motion: To approve the Dogfish Software contract
- Committee Appointments
 - AKC Breed Column Committee
 - Companion Newf Committee
 - Health & Longevity Committee
 - Clarifications
 - Obedience Committee
 - Publicity Committee
 - Staff committee
 - Rescue Prevention Committee
 - Volunteer request
 - Steering Committee
 - Committee resignation and appointments
 - Committee concerns

11. Unfinished Business

- Motion: To consider having the NCA Board host an Ice Cream Social Welcome Reception instead of doing dessert at the Annual Membership Meeting. (Mary Lou Cuddy)
- *Policy Manual Review*

12. New Business

- Motion: To direct the AKC Delegate to gather information on the possible selling of information by the AKC to a pet insurance company with which it has developed a relationship. (Mary L. Price)
- Motion: That the NCA send one delegate each from the Breeders Education and Legislative Liaison Committees to the 2011 NAIA National Conference. (Lynne Anderson-Powell)

- Motion: To consider a grant to the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation Emergency Flood Relief Fund to restore the Seaman Overlook threatened by Missouri River flooding, June, 2011. (Mary L. Price)
- Motion: To amend the decision reached at the June 16, 2011 meeting regarding the NCA Judges Education Committee. I move to amend the previous decision by adding Mary Maltby's name to the Judge's Education Committee. Mary has also informed me that she is willing to sign a waiver so that this business may be transacted in "open" session. (Steve Britton)
- Motion: To instruct the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee to add the names of international Newfoundland breeder judges to the current National Specialty Show approved judges list, as per the vote taken at the 2011 Annual Meeting. (Roger Frey)
- Discussion Item: To address the TOD/TODD presentations at the Annual Membership Meeting (Lynne Anderson-Powell)
- Discussion Item: To determine meeting dates and place for the Fall face-to-face meeting (Mary L. Price)
- Discussion Item: Can we adopt a policy whereby Board member and committee members must recuse themselves from discussion and voting when said individuals or their spouses are under discussion and participation would be a conflict of interest? (Maredith Reggie)
- Discussion Item: Should the NCA send a representative to the Tufts Breeding and Genetics Conference? (Mary Lou Cuddy)

13. Adjournment

14. FYI

- Board/Committee Item List
- Board Directory

Agenda Items

BOD Teleconference

7/21/2011

Committee Discussions:

AKC Breed Column Committee: Karen Steinrock is resigning so this committee will need someone to take over as Chair and possibly need new members.

Health & Longevity: Jenny Zablontny has asked if the BOD feels if the committee # is fine or should they advertise for more members?

Health & Longevity Committee List

Jenny Zablontny – Chair
Gaby Cohen
Denise Hatakeyama
Andre Lapeyre
Diane Lynch
Tamzin Rosenwasser
Pam Rubio
Mary Jane Spackman
Bruce Willoughby

Judges Education Committee: The Temperament Article is in progress. The first draft has been sent out to the committee members for review and comment.

Newfoundland Ambassador Committee:

To the NCA Board, via Pam Saunders, 2nd Vice President:

The ad hoc Newf Ambassador Committee has reviewed the report submitted to the Board by the General Education Committee and requests that the Board consider the following response from our committee.

First, Gen Ed is mistaken in calling the Newf Ambassador program a "regional program." While the program will honor the wishes of any regional club that wishes to handle requests within its own area by itself, this program is most certainly national in scope and intent and needs to be coordinated, budgeted, and staffed at the national level.

Second, we value greatly any input that the Regional Club Committee can offer both now and in the future. The program will make every attempt to work hand-in-hand with regional clubs, to ensure that the goals of the program are met in the best possible way. However, the Regional Club Committee is not truly an NCA committee. Their committee members are not appointed by the NCA Board. They are not answerable to the NCA. And several clubs do not appoint representatives or participate on a regular basis. As such, this "committee" is not in a position nor do they have the authority to run any NCA program.

If the General Education Committee does not believe it is the right place for the Newf Ambassador Program to reside (as a sub-committee), we strongly recommend that the current ad hoc committee be made a standing committee with the following appointments:

Chair, Chris Plum, Catherine Dunphy, Sandy Gabel, Peggy Lange, Joan Locker-Thuring and Kathy Mitchell

We also suggest that Breeder Referral (Naomi Young-Meyer) be appointed as an ex-officio member. And, we would welcome the appointment of a representative (liaison?) from the General Education Committee.

Please put this topic on the agenda for the Board's July teleconference. We will be happy to dial in if you have any questions. If you want our participation, please let Chris Plum and/or Mary Lou Roberts know.

We thank the Board for its consideration of our input, and we are truly looking forward to getting started with the actual implementation of the program.

The ad hoc Newf Ambassador Committee

Publicity Committee: Discussion of duties of this newly formed committee and the staffing of committee members.

Regional Clubs Committee

From: Steve Britton [britone@centurytel.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 12:16 PM
To: Pam Saunders; MLPrice@mhtc.net
Cc: Mary Lou Cuddy
Subject: RCC Committee Report and Budget Considerations

Report of the Regional Club Committee to the June Meeting of the NCA Board of Directors

The RCC held a Special Teleconference on Monday, May 23rd at 9 PM EDT. Eleven members and one guest (non NCA member, but a regional club officer, nonetheless.) The chairman presided.

The focus of the meeting was to begin to formulate a plan that would enable the committee to meet the August deadline from the Board of Directors, regarding the proposals that were referred in May, and to discuss the pending NCA Budget request.

Regarding the referral:

The committee asks that the Board of Directors take appropriate action to revise and update the brochure, the "Newfoundland Club of America: who we are and what we do." The current edition is about ten years old and it was reported that it's information is presently, incomplete.

The RCC requests clarification regarding their charge. Some regional club's bylaws provide for associate memberships and some don't. Regarding the former, some region clubs already are meeting the 50% goal in their General Member Classification, but not in their Associate Member Classification.

The committee questions, "What is the process for documenting the reasons for non-renewals?"

The Committee asks the Board of Directors to take a moment and consider (or list) the overall Benefits of NCA membership. An example would be occasional Health Testing Rebates and ROM Awards.

More specifically, what is it that the NCA has to offer a member as a benefit, that people aren't already receiving through their Regional Club membership?

It was asked that the Board of Directors make provision for each Regional Club to receive a small number of copies of Newftide each quarter. The intention is they would be used promotional material, given away to persons showing interest in joining the NCA.

Regarding the Budget:

In addition to any expense that might relate from something listed above (ex: complementary Newftides) the Committee asks the following Budgetary Considerations:

1) Funds for 8 teleconferences (26 Regional Clubs, 24 Committee members...with a little more than half usually attending. Our meetings are usually no more than an hour in length.

2) \$8,000. for 26 Table Top Display Boards @ \$400 each. (Here are some samples for display boards -

<http://www.displays2go.com/Product.aspx?ID=1121> or

<http://www.displays2go.com/Category.aspx?ID=1339>)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Steven Britton

RCC Chairman

Regional Club Liaison: Possible report from Pam Rubio.

Rescue Prevention Committee: Definition of the charge of the Rescue Prevention Committee

Rescue Prevention Committee: Committee Chair has suggested that a summary of the Rescue Prevention report be submitted through the AKC delegate for the parent club newsletter.

Specialty Show Committee: Robin Seaman calling in @ 9:30pm Update on the 2014 and 2015 National Specialties

Technical Resources Committee: Barbara Finch and Mary Lou Zimmerman are calling in to discuss Phase 4 of the database and give the BOD an update on database.

Versatility Newfoundland Committee:

One of the issues with the VN reporting is having NCA members send in their information to the VN committee. It is felt that the VN information should come from the database and NCA members should not have to mail in anything for verification. Unfortunately the TRC has responded by stating that having a monthly report produced is too much work until they have a query established.

A process needs to be established so the VN committee has guidelines on how they are to proceed.

Bethany sent in the below information giving different scenarios to try and help

The 1st document is a total **VN Candidate Process** document. It is intended to outline the actual steps the VN Committee will follow once approved by the NCA Board.

The 2nd document contains the only 3 scenarios on how the VN Committee could be notified by an NCA member or the Data Base Committee that a dog has completed the requirements for a VN. Once any of the scenarios happen, then a confirmation email will go out.

For scenario #1 where all data has been provided, no email will go out but a hard copy congratulatory letter will be mailed with the VN Patch and Pin.

The other 2 scenarios will require an email to the owner. The main body of the email is outlined under each scenario.

Document #1

VN Candidate Process for the NCA VN Committee revised 2011 –

Effective XX/XX/XX, the process for Versatile Newfoundland candidates will be as follows:

Anytime throughout the calendar year when a dog meets all the requirements for Versatile Newfoundland recognition, the owner or their designee may fill out the Versatile Newfoundland Candidate Information Sheet found at:

<http://www.ncanewfs.org/members/pages/VNCandidate.html>

The form is automatically routed to the VN Committee. Once the data is received, the VN Committee will verify the data against the NCA Data Base. For any title **NOT** listed in the NCA Data Base, the VN Committee will ask the owner or designee for copies of the titles missing. The owner may FAX, Scan and Email, or mail hardcopy to the VN Committee Chair.

Once the data has been verified, the VN recognition patch and pin will be mailed to the owner or designee with a congratulatory letter and directions on how to submit their information to Newf Tide for publication.

All forms are to be submitted no later than February 28th of the year **following** the calendar year for which the VN recognition was earned.

In addition, the Data Base Committee will provide a list of VN candidates as indicated by the data collected throughout and inputted to the data base. The deadline for this data is no later than February 28th of the year **following** the calendar year for which the VN recognition was earned.

Once the data is received by the VN Committee, the VN Committee will review the data base input and information received from the Versatile Newfoundland Candidate Information Sheets. For any mismatches discovered, the VN Committee will contact the owner of such dogs (owners as listed in the NCA Data Base) and ask for the submission of Versatile Newfoundland Candidate Information Sheet. The VN Committee will also mail the VN recognition patch and pin to the owner or designee with a congratulatory letter and directions on how to submit their information to Newf Tide for publication. The deadline for the additional Versatile Newfoundland Candidate Information Sheets is no later than March 15th of the year of recognition.

Please note that the Versatile Newfoundland Candidate Information Sheet is required by the VN Committee to ensure that a correct VN Certificate and Rosette are prepared for each VN to be recognized.

Document #2

Scenario #1 – receive on-line form with ALL information listed and verified in the data base

No email needed. Send letter, patch and pin as always

Scenario #2 – receive on-line form with all information but 1 or more titles ARE NOT in the data base

Dear recipient,

The NCA VN Committee has received your Versatile Newfoundland Candidate Information Sheet. Congratulations to the accomplishment of you and your dog. However, the following titles could not be verified in the NCA Data Base:

- 1) Xxx
- 2) Xxx

Please note that the NCA Data Base information is usually 60-90 days behind the actual earning of the title or titles.

You have 2 options. You may scan and email a copy of your missing certificate to bethanykarger@verizon.net, or, you may wait for the VN Committee to receive the notification from the Data Base Committee of VNs earned during the calendar year. This usually happens in February. Once the data has been verified, the VN Chair will send you your patch and pin. You may then begin using the VN title as part of the dog's listed titles.

Sincerely,
Bethany Karger, VN Committee Chair

Scenario #3 – VN Committee receives notification of an earned VN from the annual Data Base information.

Dear Recipient:

The VN Committee has been notified that you and your dog, (NAME OF DOG) have completed the requirements for recognition as a Versatile Newfoundland. In order that you and your dog may be properly recognized at the 20XX NCA Annual Meeting, additional information is needed from you. Please go to:

<http://www.ncanewfs.org/members/pages/VNCandidate.html>

to complete the Versatile Newfoundland Candidate Information Sheet. This step is critical to eliminate errors in the listing of ALL titles for your newly earned recognition. The NCA Data Base does not include non NCA and some AKC titles such as Canadian titles, Rally or Tracking titles and all of the recognized Therapy organizations.

Sincerely,
Bethany Karger, VN Committee Chair