



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

**Board of Directors**

**August 25, 2011**

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

### **Agenda**

- 1. Reading of the minutes of last meeting**
  - Approval of the July 21, 2011 minutes
- 2. President's Report (Pat Randall)**
  - Committee Appointment Policy
  - Update on NCA Database – Dogfish contract report from the NCA attorney
- 3. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President's Report (Roger Frey)**
- 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President's Report (Pam Saunders)**
- 5. Recording Secretary's Report (Mary Lou Cuddy)**
  - Election Counting
- 6. Corresponding Secretary's Report (Lynne Anderson-Powell)**
- 7. Treasurer's Report (Mary L. Price)**
- 8. AKC Delegate's Report (Mary W. Price)**
- 9. Committee Reports**
  - AKC Breed Column Committee
    - Discussion of members submitting columns
    - Appointment of committee members
  - General Education Committee
    - Breeder website article – final edit
  - Health & Longevity Committee
  - Judges Education Committee
  - Juniors Committee
    - Requesting new members
  - *Newf Tide* Policy Committee
    - Advertising rates for color ads
  - Publicity Committee
  - Rescue Prevention Committee (from 7/21/11 meeting)
    - Develop job description and committee charge
    - Request report summary to be sent to AKC Parent Club newsletter

- Specialty Show Coordinating Committee
  - International NCA member breeder judges
- Versatile Newfoundland Committee
- Working Dog Committee
  - Advanced Draft Work survey

#### **10. Executive Session**

- Approval of NCA Applicants
- AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards
- AKC Breed Column Committee
  - Committee Chair's resignation
  - Committee Appointments
- Breeders Education Committee
  - Committee Appointment
- Companion Newf Committee
  - Committee member resignation
- Juniors Committee
  - Committee Appointments
- Legislative Liaison Committee
  - Committee appointment
- Obedience Committee
- Publicity Committee
  - Staff committee
- Rescue Prevention Committee
  - Volunteer request
- Specialty Show Coordinating Committee
  - Removal of committee member
- Steering Committee
  - Committee appointment concerns
  - Committee Appointment
  - Committee Chair resignation

#### **11. Unfinished Business**

- *Policy Manual Review*
- Discussion Item: To review the practice and procedure for the taping of Board meetings for posting. (from July 21, 2011 meeting)
- Governing Documents Review Committee (from 6/16/11 meeting)
- Discussion of Ice Cream Social. The Board voted to sponsor the ice cream social but at that time the cost was not stated. At \$5.99 per person this needs to be discussed further.

*Pam Saunders moved and Donna Thibault seconded to sponsor an Ice Cream Social at the Welcome Reception at the 2012 National Specialty in lieu of providing desserts at the Annual Membership Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)*

- Clarification on a request to define the goal of 50% NCA membership in regional clubs. This was referred back to the Steering Committee but it did not originate from the Steering committee.

## **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 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)
- Discussion Item: To address the TOD/TODD presentations at the Annual Membership Meeting (Lynne Anderson-Powell)
- 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)
- Motion: That NCA Board teleconferences be concluded, either by recess or adjournment, by midnight Eastern Time. (Donna Thibault and John Cornell).
- Motion: To approve the November 3-5, 2011 face-to-face Board meeting site at the Holiday Inn Chicago-O'Hare, 10233 W. Higgins Rd., Rosemont, IL. Additional information to follow. (Mary L. Price)
- Motion: that we appoint a small ad hoc committee to evaluate the currently available web, and video conferencing software to determine whether any can meet our needs at lower prices. There are at least 30 vendors offering a variety of services at a variety of prices. Nearly all have 30 day trials. Many of the vendors offer very inexpensive audio conferencing, both over the web and via regular phone lines. (Pat Randall)

## **13. Adjournment**

## **14. FYI**

- Board/Committee Item List
- Board Directory
- Approved 2012 Budget
- Letter from Cissy Sullivan

## **Committee Reports:**

8/25/2011

**AKC Breed Column Committee:** \*\* THIS IS TIME SENSITIVE DUE TO THE AKC COLUMN DEADLINE\*\* The BOD will need to find someone to Chair this committee whether it is to have someone write the articles or use previous written articles.

**General Education Committee:** Breeder website article with the final edits. (See end of Committee Reports.)

**Health & Longevity:** H & L would like to recommend that the NCA Board request a grant from the Charitable Trust to pay the OFA/CHIC fees for the DNA clinic at the 2012 National on the agenda? The committee voted unanimously for this at our teleconference last week. Let me know if you need further explanation. Thanks a bunch!

**Judges Education Committee:** FYI – no action needed from BOD.

The Temperament Article is in progress. The second draft has been sent out to the committee members for review and comment.

**Newf Tide Policy Committee:** On behalf of *Newf Tide* Policy Committee, I am submitting an agenda item for the August Board of Directors meeting. I understand that your agenda is very full but we are requesting that this small item be addressed at this meeting so that we can advise the membership in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter issue of *Newf Tide* which will be printed in early September.

The *Newf Tide* Policy Committee requests that the Board reconsider the color advertising rate to begin in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter issue. After considerable deliberation, the NTPC voted unanimously at our teleconference on 8/9/11 to request that the Board set the cost of a one page color ad in *Newf Tide* at \$260.

**This advertising policy to be effective September 1, 2011 would read as follows:**

**Full page color ad: \$260, includes one picture; each additional picture \$10.**

Respectfully submitted,

NTPC

Ken Wildman, Patti Emmerling, Julie P. Siefert, Jeannette Voss, Beth Sell, Meredith Reggie, ex officio & Aura Dean, Chair.

**Publicity Committee:** Report from Donna Thibault & Lynn Anderson with their suggestions for the tasks and duties for this newly formed committee.

**Rescue Prevention Committee:**

1) Definition of the charge of the Rescue Prevention Committee

2) Review Rescue Prevention Report. The request from the committee is to submit a summary of the report to the AKC delegate for the parent club newsletter. This could help other breeds who are all affected similarly. (See end of Committee Reports.)

From Donna Zink:

I would like to participate during discussion of the report. There are a couple of things that I need to discuss with the Board. For one thing, I would like to propose that the coupon part of our New Buyer program be included in our budget on an ongoing basis, rather than as an individually

approved separate project each year. The other thing that I would like to propose is that a summary of this project be submitted for the AKC delegates newsletter. This may be a method that other breed clubs would like to use to reach buyers of those breeds who get their puppies through the internet.

**Specialty Show Committee:** Our committee met tonight. The motion was made seconded and passed 8-1 that the directive to the Specialty committee regarding the motion made by Jacqueline Brellochs at the National Annual meeting to include all NCA foreign members who are judges to be automatically put on the list of Breeder Judges, be sent back to the board to be re-opened with the opportunity to have representation by the National Specialty Committee. The committee requests that this be put on the agenda for the next board meeting. **Robin will be calling in to discuss this item.**

**Versatility Newfoundland Committee:** \*\* THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE THIS TELECONFERENCE – BARBARA FINCH TO CALL IN AT BEGINNING OF DISCUSSION

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

**Working Dog Committee:** Advanced Draft Title Survey Draft  
Advanced Draft Title survey comments must be received by November 1, 2011, send to Sue Marino

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| Do you think NCA should add an advanced level of draft work to the draft test?     | Y/N |
| If yes, should it be optional for clubs to include this level in their draft test? | Y/N |
| Would you like the new level to be called Draft dog excellent (DDX)?               | Y/N |
| Do you think a team option should be offered at this level?                        | Y/N |
| Should the exercises build on the skills already learned?                          | Y/N |
| Should the exercises be new skills?  | Y/N |
| Should the exercises be a mixture of building on old skills and new skills?        | Y/N |
| Should there be a Basic Control exercise?  | Y/N |
| Should the judges have to watch the handler harness and hitch the dog?             | Y/N |
| Would you like to see a longer maneuvering course for this level?                  | Y/N |
| Would you like to see a more complex maneuvering course for this level?            | Y/N |
| Would you like the dog to have to carry more weight at this level?                 | Y/N |
| Would you like the maneuvering course done with weight in the cart?                | Y/N |

- Would you like to see the maneuvering course include a freight load and/or unload? Y/N
- Would you like to have the test giving club supply the weight to be loaded and secured in the cart so that all handlers have to secure the same load in their cart Y/N
- Would you like the handler to have to supply their own rope, bungees, etc to secure the load? Y/N
- Would you like a club supplied freight load to be one item? Y/N
- Would you like a club supplied freight load to be multiple item Y/N
- Would you like there to be a minimum cart size restriction for this level (no tiny carts)? Y/N
- Should it be limited to only two wheeled carts? Y/N  
 If not, keep four wheeled wagons? Y/N  
 If not, keep travois? Y/N  
 If not, keep sleds/toboggans/pulks? Y/N
- Would you like more than one distraction at this level? Y/N
- Would you like a visual and auditory distraction at this level? Y/N
- Do you think a dog should be able to bump obstacles at this level and still pass? Y/N
- Do you think a dog should be able to bump once at this level and still pass? Y/N
- Do you think handlers should get to walk the course before the test at this level? Y/N
- Would you like to see dogs have to drag something attached to their harness, without a cart, such as a tire, at this level? Y/N
- Would you like to see dogs have to cross a real or makeshift bridge at this level? Y/N
- Would you like to see a dog have to pull their cart over a curb or 2x4 at this level? Y/N
- Would you like to see a serpentine as part of the maneuvering course at this level? Y/N
- Would you like to see a removable obstacle exercise where the handler opens a gate and stays at the gate while instructing the dog to pass through and stop? Y/N
- Would you like to see a low narrow with a 90 degree turn in it? Y/N
- Would you like to see a high narrow with a 90 degree turn in it? Y/N
- Would you like to see more than two narrows in the maneuvering course? Y/N
- Would you like to see the narrows closer than 12 inches wider than the cart? Y/N



- Would you like to require the handler to have to walk in front or behind the dog in the narrows? Y/N
- Would you like to see a scenario in the maneuvering course such as a trip to the store: leaving the dog in a stay outside a building or facade with distractions passing, then loading a weight in the cart? Y/N
- Would you like to see the handler have to take a generic harness or cart and have to adjust it to fit their dog? Y/N
- Would you like to see the dog have to pivot a tire of the cart to stay within a circle? Y/N
- Would you like to require the handler to have to work on all sides of their dog? Y/N
- Do you think backpacking should be included in this level? Y/N
- Would you like to see the dog have to back a cart at a 90 degree angle? Y/N
- Would you like to see the dog have to back a cart at a lesser angle? Y/N
- Would you like to see the dog have to back a cart though an obstacle? Y/N
- Would you like to see the handler drive the dog through turns without obstacles? Y/N
- Would you like to see the handler drive the dog through obstacles? Y/N
- Would you like to have a Distance Freight Haul? Y/N
- Would you like a Distance Freight Haul to be longer than one mile? Y/N
- Would you like a Distance Freight Haul to be shorter than one mile? Y/N
- Would you prefer an advanced level to be test type exercises as opposed to real working situations? Y/N
- Would you prefer an advanced level to be based on real life working situations? Y/N
- Would you prefer an advanced level to be a combination of test type exercises and real life working situations? Y/N
- If you would prefer real life work situations please list some examples or any other ideas you would like to see included at this level?

Thank you for your participation