



Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

**Board of Directors
January 16, 2014
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

Agenda

- 1. AKC Delegate's Report (David Helming)**
 - Response from the AKC regarding concerns with exhibitors' names and addresses continuing to be listed in show catalogs.
- 2. Approval of minutes**
 - Minutes of the December 19, 2013 meeting
- 3. President's Report (Pam Saunders)**
- 4. 1st Vice-President's Report (Pat Randall)**
- 5. 2nd Vice-President's Report (Lynne Anderson-Powell)**
 - Approve reimbursement to the Newfoundland Club of Florida for items stolen from the Meet the Breeds booth. (page 20)
- 6. Recording Secretary's Report (Mary Lou Cuddy)**
 - Prepared the minutes of the December 19, 2013 meeting and the January 16, 2013 agenda packet
 - Report on NCA Applicant vote on Wiggió
- 7. Corresponding Secretary's Report (Pam Rubio)**
- 8. Treasurer's Report (Mary L. Price)**
- 9. Committee Reports**
 - NCA Governing Documents Review Committee
 - Simply Voting report (from 8/15/13)
 - *NCA Breeders List* Committee
 - Approval of *Breeders List* application/renewal form
 - *NCA Policy Manual*
 - Awards Committee chapter

- Specialty Show Committee
 - 2014 National Specialty Update
 - Post Show Celebration
 - Annual Meeting
 - NCA Board meeting room
 - Room Reservations
- Legislative Committee
 - Approve reimbursement to the Legislation Committee of the registration fee to the AKC Legislative Conference.
- Juniors Committee
 - Support for events at National Specialty
- Working Dog Committee
 - Response to Board's Inquiries
 - Advanced Draft Title proposal
- Breeders Education Committee
 - Committees concerns concerning *Newf Tide* article

10. Executive Session

- Approval of NCA Applicants
- Correspondence regarding Board's response to a complaint
- Grievance update
- Committee Appointments

11. Unfinished Business

- Discussion Item: Rescue Prevention Committee and the *Newf Tide* coupon program (from 11/1-3/13)
- *Newf Tide* Policy & Electronic Publications Policy Committees
 - Develop a recommendation for combining these two committees into a single committee: NCA Publications Policy Committee.
- Financial Oversight Committee
 - Develop a recommendation on NCA committee fundraising and report back to the Board by the January 2, 2014 agenda deadline. (from 11/1-3/13)
- Judges Education Committee:
 - Review solicitation from the American Dog Judges Association for a sponsorship contribution to help defray the Dog Judges Institute expenses and report back to the Board by the June 2013 meeting (from 4/29/13)
- Specialty Show Coordinating Committee:
 - Develop recommendations for trophy fundraising and uniform trophies with accompanying samples to be presented at the Board's April 2014 face-to-face meeting.

- Technical Resources Advisory Committee:
 - Develop policy and procedures relating to the electronic information storage.

- Working Dog Committee:
 - Review qualifications for all levels of working test judges and report back to the Board (from 6/20/13)
 - Review of the written water and draft tests taken by prospective water and draft judges. (from 11/1-3/13)
 - Review of check-in time procedures at Water Tests with a report due to the Board by the February 6, 2014 agenda deadline. (from 11/1-3/13)
 - Review of equipment check-in procedures at tests by the February 6, 2014 agenda deadline. (from 11/1-3/13)
 - Clarification of equipment failures at tests by the February 6, 2014 agenda deadline. (from 11/1-3/13)

12. New Business

- Discussion Item: In response to two members who wrote letters to the Board and report they have never received a response, I would like to request that the Board at least acknowledge that we received the letter. Apparently this has not been the policy and one member is very upset that we never recognized the fact that this member reached out and the board did not respond. (John Cornell)

13. Adjournment

Mary Lou Cuddy

From: jsmatsuda@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2014 9:45 AM
To: Lynne Anderson; Marylou Cuddy
Cc: Meredith Reggie; Lynn Nuss; PATTE TESTA
Subject: NCA Dec 19th minutes

Hope you all had a nice holiday!

The BL application/renewal form submitted by the BL Committee was returned by the Board in the Dec 19th meeting. The BL Committee was not contacted on this decision. To clarify, the only changes on the submitted BL application/renewal form were the appropriate due dates. This application is time sensitive. Usually, this application form is included as an insert in the 1st quarter NewfTide (due Jan 2).

Please let me know what we need to do to include this form in the next NewfTide.

Thanks for your help,
Johanna
Chair, BL Committee

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Policy for the Awards Committee:

The policy provided below is a blend of the original policy from the Policy Manual and the current policy provided by Ingrid Lyden, chair of the Awards Committee (red/italic)

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Duties and Responsibilities

The Chair of the Awards Committee is the official record keeper of Newfoundland achievements in order to make annual awards to the *Top Winning Dog & Bitch, Top Obedience Performer, and Top Producing Dog & Bitch*. The committee maintains the records to determine the Register of Merit dogs and bitches, maintaining a computer file on all sires and dams that have produced titled get.

Working with a committee *of members selected by the Awards Committee Chair*, check new titlists and breed and obedience wins from official *AKC reports purchased from the AKC to determine winners in the following categories:* . For conformation statistics, we receive 4 quarterly reports directly from the AKC. These quarters are Nov. 1-Jan 31, Feb. 1-April 30, May 1-July 31, and Aug. 1-Oct. 31. Due to the lag time in results being compiled and published by the AKC, and to allow time for any corrections that have to happen, changing our dates for our time period counted does not seem warranted at this time. For obedience, the committee receives only an annual report for shows running from Nov. 1-Oct. 31. For Top Producing Dog and Bitch the NCA Corresponding Secretary forwards the monthly new champion report provided by the AKC. Award of Merit wins from NCA Regionals and NCA Select wins from the NCA Nationals are supplied by the Specialty Show Coordinator . The committee prepares certificates for the winners for presentation at the Annual meeting and are responsible for presenting these awards at the meeting. Notify the owners of the top winners and give them instructions for the requested *Newf Tide* articles. The committee supplies the list of the Top 20 dogs in conformation and the Top 10 dogs in obedience to the coordinators of that event at each NCA National Specialty.

In addition this committee works with the NCA Board and the NCA members to provide the nominees for the Heroic Newfoundland Award and the NCA Good Sportsmanship Award. We solicit nominations via advertisement in Newf Tide and in the E notes. These two awards have deadlines of Oct. 15th. The Awards Chair submits the nominees' information to the NCA Board prior to their fall face-to-face meeting. Anyone nominated for the Good Sportsmanship Award, whom does not win, remains in the pool for 3 full years. If no nominations are received, the NCA Board may choose to nominate from the floor at their meeting. The NCA Board notifies the Awards Chair of any chosen winners, and the committee takes care of certificate and plaque preparation and arranges for presentation at the Annual meeting.

The Awards Committee also receives the nominations for the Oldest Living Newfoundland Award. The deadline to submit those each year is Feb. 15th. Dogs must have reached the age of fourteen to be considered. Also, deceased dogs are eligible as long as they passed away during the calendar year being honored. The Awards Chair notifies all nominees of whom the winner is and provides the instructions for Newf Tide submission to the winner. Certificates are prepared for all nominees and a plaque for the winner is made. This committee makes the presentations of these awards at the Annual meeting

The Awards Committee prepares the certificates for the new inductees to the Register of Merit from the list of qualifiers prepared and provided by the Database committee. These certificates are presented to the new inductees at the Annual Meeting.

The Awards Chair also provides the editor of Newf Tide and the head of the Newf Tide Policy Committee lists of all the winners so that they know who should be submitting information to the magazine ahead of time.

The committee is responsible for making known our policy of donating trophies to foreign Newfoundland Dog Clubs for Best of Breed at their annual Specialty Show. Requests are mailed to an official of the Specialty Club in time for presentations. (The Chair has generally delegated this responsibility.) The annual report should include name of clubs receiving these NCA plates.

Procedures for determining the top producing sires and dams, the top winning dog and bitch and the top obedience Newfoundland are as follows:

Top Producing Sire and Dam

The procedures for determining the top producing sire and dam include the following:

- *Keep count of the total number of AKC Bench Champion offspring attributed to every Newfoundland dam and sire.*
- *The stud dog with the highest number of Champion offspring published in our counting period of the monthly AKC Reports is the winner of the Top Producing Sire award for the year.*
- *The brood bitch with the highest number of Champion offspring published in a counting period of the monthly AKC Reports is the winner of the Top Producing Dam award for the year.*

Top Winning Dog and Bitch

- *Corrections in the AKC Reports that relate to these issues should be taken into consideration.*
- *Points are counted for every AKC licensed show at which Newfoundlands compete (all-breed and specialties).*
- *The Best of Breed gets points equal to the total number of Newfoundlands in the competition at that show, minus one.*
- *The Best of Opposite Sex gets points equal to the number of Newfoundlands in that sex in competition at that show, minus one.*
- *NCA Selects at the National Specialty get points as follows: Total number of Newfoundlands in competition in a sex minus one (1) divided by the total number of selects in that sex. Selects can only receive a maximum of 50% of the points that the Newfoundland of its own sex receives who wins BOB or BOS.*
- *Awards of Merit at Regional Specialties get points as follows: Total number of Newfoundlands in competition in a sex minus one (1) divided by the total number of Awards of Merit in that sex. Awards of Merit can only receive a maximum of 50% of the points that the Newfoundland of its own sex who wins BOB or BOS.*

Top Obedience Dog/Bitch

The procedures for determining the top obedience dog/bitch include the following:

- *Correction pages in the AKC Report that relate to these issues should be taken into consideration.*
- *Scores are tabulated for every AKC licensed obedience trial at which a Newfoundland competes (all-breed and specialties).*
- *For each Newfoundland, consider all qualifying scores from any obedience class or any combination of obedience classes.*
- *Take the average of a Newfoundland's top three scores (in any one class or any combination of classes). The Newfoundland with the highest average is the winner for the year.*

Oldest Living Newfoundland

- * Award a certificate to the any Newfoundland reaching the age of 14 years in the previous calendar year
- * Newfoundlands 14 years of age and older be recognized at each Annual Membership Meeting with the oldest Newfoundland submitted being considered the Oldest Living Newfoundland

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP _ FIX

- * Sue Marino moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the Board add the following statement concerning the nominations of the Good Sportsmanship Award to the *NCA Policy Manual*: The Board may make additional nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

History

8/19/10: Newfoundlands 14 years of age and older be recognized at each Annual Membership Meeting with the oldest Newfoundland submitted being considered the Oldest Living Newfoundland

7/15/10: The below policy for unclaimed awards will apply to all awards presented at the annual meeting

6/17/10: The Awards Committee Chair will retain unclaimed Register of Merit rosettes and certificates for 90 days after the Annual Membership Meeting.

6/17/10: Anyone who does not pick up or appoint someone to pick up their Register of Merit rosettes and certificates at the Annual Membership Meeting must contact the Awards Chair to arrange delivery. Appropriate postage must be paid before the rosette and certificate will be mailed.

6/17/10: Awards Committee Chair contact all Register of Merit recipients to request that they appoint a designated person to pick up the rosette and certificate if an owner will not be in attendance at the Annual Membership Meeting.

1/21/10: Correction to Oldest Living Newfoundland Award. Certificate will be given at the National Specialty to any Newfoundland reaching the age of 14 years in the previous calendar year and that the criteria for the winner of the Oldest Living Newfoundland be changed to the oldest Newfoundland alive during any part of the previous calendar year

10/30/08 Award a certificate to the any Newfoundland reaching the age of 14 years in the previous calendar year and that the criteria for the winner of the Oldest Living Newfoundland be changed to the oldest Newfoundland alive during any part of the previous calendar year. This will take effect in 2010

9/18/08: TOD and TODD awards will be listed in the Annual of Titlists and, upon request, will be recognized with a pin

9/18/08: Rescind the motion of 1/17/08 regarding administration of the TOD and TODD awards.

1/17/08: The letters TOD will be used as a designation to mean Heath Tested Open Database, requiring the same test currently required for inclusion into the CHIC database (hips, elbows, cystinuria, heart cleared by a board certified cardiologist)

The letters D designates the Newfoundland's blood has been banked in the OFA DNA Registry and would be the last designation to the dog's name as published, either

To list dogs with TOD, D and TODD designations in *NewfTide* and the *Annual of Titlists* (living and dead) the owners must apply to Awards Committee in order to receive the award

Recognition to those who have posted the required tests in the open database with a pin and to be included in the list to be handed out at the Annual Membership Meeting.

7/19/07: Create a new NCA award for dogs owned by NCA members. The dogs must have, at minimum, results of health tests for hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, Cystinuria, and heart status (checked by a cardiologist) listed in an open database to be eligible for the award. Owners of the dogs must apply for the award and submit proof of such listings

3/15/07: "NCA Member of the Year" established. This award will be presented at the NCA Annual Membership meeting to any NCA member who, in the Board's opinion, has made a significant contribution to the NCA over the past club year. Sitting Board members do not qualify for consideration. The nomination will be determined by a 2/3 vote of the NCA Board at the face-to-face meeting of the Board at the National Specialty Show. The award will be a framed certificate. The recipient will be acknowledged in *Newf Tide* with a one-page article. This award and its presentation will be coordinated with the Awards Committee.

6/21/06: The NCA will pay for rosettes to be given to all new VNs and ROMs at the National Specialty. This will be coordinated through the Awards Committee. Dogs names and the date presented will appear on the rosettes and they will all be the same style and size.

V365.1 11/30/04: Clarify the motion passed at the October 29-31, 2004 face-to-face meeting that originally read, "awards presented at NCA events should be either NCA awards, AKC awards, or awards donated for NCA or AKC accomplishments." This motion should have read, "awards presented at the National Specialty annual banquet and the NCA's annual membership meeting should be either NCA awards, AKC awards, or awards donated for NCA or AKC accomplishments."

V36.1 10/30/04: Awards presented at NCA events should be either NCA awards, AKC awards or awards donated for NCA or AKC accomplishments. Furthermore, that regional clubs or individuals that wish to offer and provide new or special awards need to develop criteria for said award and that it meets NCA approval.

V34.1 11/1/02: NCA Awards Committee counters be reimbursed for up to the full amount of a subscription to the AKC Awards for the current year upon the request of the chair. Ties for Top Obedience Dogs to be handled in the same way as they are in the other areas, e.g., Top Show Dog.

V34.1 9/12/02: Board endorses request of Old English Sheepdog Club of America to support their request to AKC that group totals be included in *Awards*.

V27.3 04/23/96: Proposal originally passed via Mail Meeting (10/4/95) to publish the top ten (10) dogs and top ten (10) bitches annually in *Newf Tide* was rescinded.

V24.4 08/93 (Mail Meeting): Award of Merit recipients (at Regional Specialties) will be included in the mathematical equation for "Top Winning" awards.

V20.2 05/26/89: Revised point system for Top Winning Dog and Bitch to include points awarded to Selects based on a formula of total entry of a given sex divided by the number

of Selects in that sex.

V20.2 05/26/89 :NCA award databases are not available in total to anyone unless approved by the NCA Board. Limited information may be requested by individuals at appropriate costs. Policy instigated to preserve the privacy of NCA members and prevent commercial use of information

V18.2 07/87 and 08/87 (Mail Meeting) :Congratulatory letters to all group placing Newfoundlands rather than just group winners.

V17.2 04/03/86: Bitches required a minimum of 2 Champion get to qualify for Top Brood Bitch Award. V17.2 04/03/86: All NCA awards to be given to dog or bitch earning it regardless of NCA membership of its owner.

V17.2 04/03/86: Top Winning Dog and Bitch decided by the number of Newfoundlands defeated by BOB and BOS wins.

V17.2 04/03/86: Committee to order plates to a maximum of \$500 for foreign awards.

V17.2 02/08/81: Awards Committee will compile awards statistics without individuals having to make an application for an award.

V16.4 11/09/85: The Awards Committee will compile statistics for Top Producing Dog and Bitch, Top Obedience Dog and Top Winning Dog and Bitch. Top Winning Dog, Bitch and Obedience Dog to be awarded to NCA members only.

V12.2 02/08/81: Congratulatory notes to owners of dogs winning BIS and Group 1st and/or earning Championships.

V6.3: Newfoundland Club of America Achievement Award, Heroic Achievement and Outstanding Contributor criteria printed in *Newf Tide*.

NCA (former Gaines) Good Sportsmanship Award

History

V34.1 11/1/02: Change in deadline for submission of NCA Good Sportsmanship, Heroic Newf and AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards to October 1, place request for nominees in 2nd quarter *Newf Tide*.

V30.1 08/25/98 (Teleconference): Ken-L-Ration discontinues this award. Board elected to replace it with a NCA Good Sportsmanship Award.

V20.4 11/04/89: Sitting Board members are not eligible for the Gaines Award.

V20.2 05/26/89: Once a person is nominated for the Gaines Award, their name will remain in consideration for two (2) more years if they do not receive the award after nomination

V14.3 05/27/83: Nominations for the Gaines Good Sportsmanship Award must be received by December 31st of each year.

Isabel Kurth Award

History

V30.4 06/30/99 (Teleconference): Board moved that approval of any nominee for the Isabel Kurth Award requires two-thirds favorable vote of the Board of Directors. Consideration for this award only to be done at Face-to-Face Board meetings due to secret balloting process.

V27.3 04/23/96: Awards Chairperson to send annual reminder to the Board in September for consideration (only) at November Face-to-face Meeting. No consideration to be given in Mail Meetings. Approval of the nominee will require two-thirds of the members in

attendance at the meeting (see V28.1).

V26.3 04/25/95: Awards Chairperson to send annual reminder to the Board that Isabel Kurth Award is available. Nominees by the Board will be considered for two (2) years (see 4/23/96).

V27.1 11/02/95: Presented to NCA members who have provided dedicated service and contribution (over an extended period of time) to the NCA. Board of Directors selects recipients as appropriate - no set frequency.

NCA Heroic Newfoundland Award

History

V34.1 11/1/02: Change in deadline for submission of NCA Good Sportsmanship, Heroic Newf and AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards to October 1, place request for nominees in 2nd quarter *Newf Tide*.

V20.2 05/26/89: Heroic dog award may be decided by a mail meeting.

V18.2 05/22/87: A Board Member will be appointed at each Annual Board Meeting to interview (by telephone) owners of Heroic Newfoundland nominees to ascertain their worthiness of this award and report findings and conclusions to Board prior to the vote.

V17.2 04/03/86: Heroic dog award to be considered by Board only in face-to-face meetings.

V15.2 02/18/84: Approved purchase of 12 plaques and die for Heroic Newfoundland. Die is property of NCA.

V14.3 05/27/83: Awards Chair will forward information on Heroic Newfoundland to Ken-L-Ration for consideration of their dog hero award.

V14.3 05/27/83: Nominations for the NCA Heroic Newfoundland Award must be received by December 31st of each year.

V10.4 09/27/79: Newfoundland performing some heroic deed will be eligible for the NCA Heroic Newfoundland Award.

Oldest Living Newfoundland Award

History

V24.4 08/93 (Mail Meeting): Annual recognition of the Oldest Living Newfoundland will be included as an official NCA Award.

Best In Show at Westminster Award

History

V36.2 2/22/05: Direct the Awards Committee to establish an award for the winner of Best in Show at the 2004 Westminster show and for subsequent Newfoundlands that may win Best in Show at that show.

Post Show Celebration

Nov. 1-3 NCA Board's face-to-face meetings: Roger Frey moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board accept the proposal from the 2014 National Specialty Show Committee that the NCA Board will host a reception immediately following Best of Breed at the 2014 National Specialty. The reception will include a cash bar and appetizers, up to \$2500.00. Without objection, the motion passed. GREAT !!! **Need a name for this special event, please ☺**

Menu for your approval:

For VIP's in ring:

3 gal. Champagne Punch (48 - 4 oz. glass flutes)

Server for 1 hour

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Outside ring:

Multiple stations for 'finger foods', 200 each of:

Dill Cheese Puffs, Breaded Chicken Tenders with dipping sauce, Buffalo Style Chicken Wings with Bleu Cheese dip, Swedish Meatballs, Crispy Breaded Ravioli with dipping sauce, Mini Eggrolls with dipping sauce, that's 1200 pieces of food and certainly should be more than adequate! Cash bar. Total: \$2457.00. **Does this meet with your approval? Changes?**

Annual Meeting

My notes from 2006 show:

2 skirted 8 ft. tables inside entrance with 4 chairs behind. Believe this is for signing in toward meeting a quorum. A 'head table' set with 16 chairs, with a table podium, mic on podium (\$346.50 incl.), ice water and glasses – **do you want more/less than the 16 chairs?**

Room set theater style with 2 wireless hand held mics (\$189.00 incl. for the two)

Our (CNC) contract does not allow them to charge for the use of the room, set-up, nor tear down.

A sheet cake to serve 60-70 is \$139.86 (inclusive of tax, gratuity) Certainly 4 cakes \$559.44, (2 vanilla/vanilla 2 choc./choc) should be sufficient as not all will want cake. Coffee, Decaf coffee, Teas, are \$44.10 (incl.) per gallon.

Guidance please on set up, audio equipment, beverages, cakes.

NCA Board Meetings – Size for room, set up of room, beverages, audio equipment, whatever. Once I have size (soon, please) I'll reserve from Sunday, April 6th on. Need the dates and times by Thursday, March 6th.

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NCA Policy allows the Health Challenge Committee and the NCA Rescue Committee to have a set-up near ringside on three days of the National to auction items.

In addition, policy allows the Health Challenge and NCA Rescue to place three pieces in the Fine Arts Auction.

At the Board's Nov. 1-3 face-to-face meetings, the following was adopted:

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Sandy Gabel seconded that the Board donate the print, "Two Dogs Watching Bathers" generously given to the NCA by Juliet Leicester Hope via The Newfoundland Club (England), to the Fine Arts Auction with proceeds to go to the NCA Charitable Trust. A letter will be sent to Juliet Leicester Hope and The Newfoundland Club thanking them for the donation. Without objection, the motion passed.

How should this be handled for the 2014 NCA National?

Room Reservation forms were taken to my Post Office this morning (January 2, 2014) mailing to the NCA Board, and possible Board elect, and committee chairs. On Monday, January 27th (weather permitting) four of us (all NCA members, representing 3 different households) will begin the lottery process with the reservation staff at the Host.

Thanks for everything! Kathy

Mary Lou Cuddy

From: Pamela [pamelar@garlic.com]
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2013 7:48 PM
To: Pam Saunders; Pat Randall; Roger Frey; Mary Lou Cuddy; Mary L Price; John Cornell; Donna Thibault; Sandy Gabel; Maredith Reggie; Steve McAdams; David Helming
Subject: Fwd: Invitation to AKC Legislative Conference
Attachments: Club Representative Invitation.pdf; ATT00097.htm

Just got this today and forwarded it to Debbie Dennison. I don't know if she has money in her budget to attend, and she would have to register before we meet again if she wants to attend and needs additional funding.
Pam R

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "AKC's Government Relations Department" <pvs@akc.org>
Date: December 20, 2013 at 1:56:45 PM PST
To: pamelar@garlic.com
Subject: **Invitation to AKC Legislative Conference**



Dear AKC Legislative Leader,

The future of responsible dog owners and breeders is under siege. As an AKC club leader, Legislative Liaison, or AKC federation leader, we invite you to attend the second **AKC Legislative Conference on January 25-26, 2014 in Raleigh, NC**. Attendance is limited and by invitation only. See the attached invitation to learn more.

AKC clubs are encouraged to appoint and send an alternate if the Legislative Liaison is unable to attend.

The 2014 AKC Legislative Conference will prepare you to understand, use, and teach:

- Advocacy tips and techniques from top Washington PR and lobbying experts in the battle against animal rights extremism.
- How to translate your breeder expertise into powerful legislative testimony.
- How to expand your influence and solidify relationships with lawmakers in your community.
- How to enhance your presentation skills in media training sessions for dog advocates.
- How to anticipate and prepare for legislative/regulatory trends in coming years.
- How to utilize the latest AKC Government Relations tools to help achieve your goals.

Plus—network, share experiences, and exchange lessons learned with colleagues from across the U.S.

Speakers include: Pat Hastings (renowned author, breeder and advocate); Sarah Longwell (Berman and Co.); Bill McIntyre (Public Relations Strategist, Grassroots.org/Edelman); Patti Strand (Founder and National Director, National Animal Interest Alliance); Michael Williams (AKC Federal Representative/Barnes & Thornburg); and other top experts and guests.

Please see the attached invitation or contact AKC Government Relations at 919-816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org for more information.

Speakers and topics are subject to change.

December 31, 2013.

Request: To be placed on the January 2014 agenda for the NCA Board Teleconference.

Regarding: Discussion pertaining to Jrs. Extra help and incentives to increase attendance at the Jr. Showmanship ring time.

Dear NCA Board,

While attending North Central Newfoundland Clubs Newfiepalooza , a group of Board members approached me regarding the continuation of my chair position for the NCA Jrs.

I am quite proud of the steps the Jrs. committee have been able to accomplish and do not want to see all the positive efforts fall to the wayside due to lack of a chair. I wish to keep the vision and goals for our JRS. riding the WAVE of positivism.

That being said, I caved, and stated that I would continue but I did so after promises of more help were made. I will strongly encourage the Board to continue looking for a replacement, I am confident that there is a great one lurking out there!

Now on to the discussion of how the Board could be of assistance in attempting to increase attendance for the Jr. Showmanship portion of the National. During a short brainstorming session while at Newfiepalooza, many ideas were shared among them were the following:

*Jrs. sell tickets (T, W, TH, F,) for prizes to be awarded after EACH of the Jrs. classes. (Vendors to be contacted for items). MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE TO WIN. Tickets will be put back into the bin to win the GRAND PRIZE. (Grand Prize to be donated from a gift that I was given to do something for Jrs.) The Grand Prize is an AWESOME metal gaiting newf. It is 57" long and 32" tall. It is powder coated to withstand the outdoors. It would be wonderful on an entrance gate, fence, in the yard or even inside. I will transport it there. Discussion also took place about the possibility of NCA to pay for shipping if necessary.

The Jr. who sells the most tickets wins an incentive prize.

My QUESTIONS:

- Who on the Board is willing to tap the vendors for the possibility of 6 class prizes?
- Who will donate the Top selling Jr. Prize?
- IF this is approved who will be alerting the National Show Committee of this addition?
- Will the NCA pick up the tab for shipping this item if necessary?

I do not wish to have the Jrs. committee have a target on their backs or implied that we are getting preferential treatment in regards to FUND RAISING. I am sensitive to, and respect the fact that ALL Committees are passionate about their cause and missions. At this time I know that the proposal for Fundraising has been tabled until more discussion can come about.

*IF the idea of prizes at the end of each class and a Grand prize proposal did not meet with the approval of the Board a backup idea of a BREAKFAST (of some sort be offered) with tickets sold to attend that ringside. Thinking that this might be another perk to increase attendance.

My Questions regarding this:

- Who would be responsible to contact a caterer/hotel to arrange for food, beverage, paper products, tables?
- Who would be the servers?

It is my understanding that there will be some sort of a celebration of participants after the Breed ring time that Jrs. will be invited to, during this celebration I BELIEVE there is to be food/snack and beverage offered to the participants. Will this breakfast idea compete with that already arranged for PERK?

I realize the Jr. time breakfast idea is for ANYONE buying a ticket not just those participating in the Breed ring or Jr. Showmanship. Just don't wish to upstage any other ideas and cause hard feelings.

*WELCOME RECEPTION: Discussion at Newfiepalooza to Introduce the Jrs. in attendance to the members. I would introduce each with names, age, state in which they live, what grade they are in.

Then a quick listing of activities they will have during the National week, stress how the adult members can assist or take part in their fun.

This introduction would also increase awareness to our group and goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration to these ideas.

Cissy Sullivan Jrs. Chair.

The WDC would like to express their disappointment with the way the directives from the board were handled. We feel if someone is coming to the board with issues that are working related that the board should refer this person to the WDC rather than discuss the issue first and then refer it to the WDC. Since we were not involved in the initial discussion of these issues we feel we were missing some details which would have made the issues clearer to us.

The Working Dog Committee has been developing a test to earn an Advanced Draft Title. We would like to have the board review our ideas so far to be sure there are no issues before we “flesh out” and finalize the test.

Advanced draft title

The Advanced Draft Test will consist of one maneuvering course which will be at least 300 yards long, or one course of 150 yards that the dog goes over twice, once in each direction. Obstacles may be reused as different obstacles in each direction. Examples of some courses will be included in the regulations.

The dog and handler will enter the test area already harnessed and hitched with the handler provided weight of 30 lb. secured in the cart. The weight can be multiple pieces in a bag, milk crate, bungied or tied but not taped. The judges will briefly check the fit, adjustment, and balance of the equipment and then tell the handler to take the course.

The course will consist of:

At least two, true, ninety (90) degree turns, one in each direction, which will be done with the inside wheel (inside rear wheel for four wheeled wagons) staying within an eighteen (18) inch wide, ninety (90) degree lane marked on the ground with tape or paint. (sleds and travois would substitute the inside, rear quadrant for a tire)

A back up completely through an eight foot long narrow which will be adjusted to be twelve (12) inches wider than the widest part of the equipment or dogs.

A “U” turn, in one direction, which will be done with the inside wheel (inside rear wheel for four wheeled wagons) staying within an eighteen (18) inch wide U shaped lane marked on the ground. The center of the U will be 12 inches wide.

A “drag away” removable obstacle that weighs no more than 25 lbs, no less than 10 lbs and has two eye hooks in it for ease of attaching the traces. The handler and dog will stop upon approaching the obstacle. The handler will unhitch the dog from the apparatus and hitch the dog to the drag away obstacle. The handler may supply and use an extra set of traces to increase the distance between the dog and the obstacle. The dog will pull the obstacle far enough to clear the path of the course (6-10 feet) where the handler will unhitch the dog, move back to the apparatus and re-hitch the dog. The handler and dog will pass through the previously blocked area and do not have to return the obstacle.

A weight exchange where the handler removes his/her weight from the cart then loads and secures a club provided weight (which will be described in the test premium). The load must also be balanced. The judges will check the balance and security of the load before instructing the handler to resume the course.

Club provided weight: The club will provide two sets of 48-60 lb weights (2 are needed for teams). The 48-60 pounds may be multiple pieces but no one piece may weigh more than 25 lb. Approximately half way through the course there will be a designated area where the handler will unload the weight he/she provided and load the club provided weight. The handler may use bags, milk crates, bungies or rope to

secure the weight but nothing may be used that would be hard to remove, may cause damage or leave residue, such as tape. The handler must have these supplies on their person or in their cart. The club provided weight must be practical, not excessive in length or height, and fit in an average cart, such as dog food, kitty litter, bound fire wood, sand bags or jugs of water.

A figure 8 (cones 8 ft apart) in which the handler “drives” the dog by walking behind the cart and instructing the dog, verbally and with hand signals, to turn appropriately. The dog must halt at the completion of the figure 8.

A removable obstacle which must be at least eighteen (18) inches wider than the widest apparatus in the test that day. The handler will stop the dog before the obstacle where he/she will tell the dog to stay, walk to the obstacle, remove the obstacle and stay standing beside it. The handler will then verbally and with hand signals instruct their dog to pass through the obstacle and stop after they have cleared the obstacle. The handler will then return the obstacle and return to the dog.

A ninety (90) degree back in which the inside tire stays in a lane marked on the ground which is twenty four (24) inches wide. Each leg of the turn will be three (3) feet long.

A moving stand where, while moving through the course, the handler gives a voice and hand signal to the dog to stop while the handler continues ten (10) feet in front of the dog then turns to face the dog. At that time a judge will walk around the dog and cart. The handler then returns to the dog and continues the course.

A serpentine with four (4) cones set eight (8) feet apart done in one direction.

An eight (8) foot narrow area with a 30 degree turn which will be set eighteen inches wider than the widest cart entered that day. Also, before the test starts, the judges should take the longest apparatus entered that day and pull it through the turn to be sure it is wide enough.

As in WRDX if a judge sees a dog struggling with the heavier weight or length of the course the judge must stop the test and disqualify the dog.

The WDC would also like to have a few of the new obstacles that the board approves set up at the National this year for people to see and try with their dogs. We would like to do it on Tuesday after the draft test if possible.