



Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
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Committee chairperson call in and times:

- Robin Seaman Grenier – 9 p.m. (tentative)

Agenda

- 1. AKC Delegate's Report (David Helming).**
- 2. Approval of minutes:**
 - 2.1. August, 20, 2015 Regular Board Meeting; *pp. 6 – 11.*
- 3. President's Report (Pam Saunders)**
- 4. First Vice President's Report (John Cornell):**
 - 4.1. The Dogs of the Dow (investment stocks) are being monitored closely. The NCA Trust is still in good shape, but the stock market has taken a hit over the past week.
 - 4.2. Clyde sent the CHF Posters to Sue Marino for distribution to the regional clubs in the near future for educational use.
 - 4.3. The CTMB adopted a motion to have the Trust Annual Meeting Report in a separate insert in *Newf Tide*. The CTMB will cover a portion of the extra cost.
 - 4.4. Precious Program Launched 14 days previous to the meeting has been a huge success. So far \$27,000 has been raised. 90% are not NCA members. The plan now is to let the donations slow down some and then start back up again with some new ideas. The program has been very successful to date. If you would like to donate visit the NCA web site to see more about the program.
 - 4.5. The Newfoundland with that had the SAS valvoplasty named Penney has died. She was nearly 5 years old. There is going to be more research done and an article will be in the 4th quarter of *Newf Tide*.
 - 4.6. See letter from trust chair – executive session.

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5. Second Vice President's Report (Lynne-Powell).

(See Committee Reports)

6. Recording Secretary's Report (Steve Britton):

- 6.1. Prepared/compiled written synopses of last meeting's officer and committee reports.
- 6.2. Prepared meeting minutes.
- 6.3. Contacted AKC concerning an interpretation of its Parent Club policies.
- 6.4. Contacted NCA Board members about a purely minor grammatical amendment to July 16, 2015 board minutes prior to *Newf Tide* publication.
- 6.5. Prepared agenda and meeting packet.
- 6.6. Forwarded some AKC information on behalf of our club's AKC delegate.

7. Corresponding Secretary's Report (Pam Rubio):

- 7.1. Received event notices from AKC that were forwarded to Robin Seaman.
- 7.2. Received an invitation from a hotel in Spokane, Washington offering their site as a host hotel for future national specialties.
- 7.3. Received a request for contact information for Louise Esiason from a long time college friend. Mary Lou Cuddy kindly supplied that information, which the corresponding secretary passed on.
- 7.4. AKC Lifetime Achievement Award Nominees.

8. Treasurer's Report (Mary L. Price)

- 8.1. Dues Renewal Report July 1 – August 31; *p. 12*
- 8.2. Fall Face-to-Face Meeting – November 20 – 22, 2015.

9. Committee Reports:

- 9.1. National Specialty Show Committee – Robin Seaman Grenier.
- 9.2. Working Dog Committee; *pp. 13 – 15.*
- 9.3. Special Committee of the Board *Newf Tide* Editor.

10. Executive Session:

- 10.1. Follow up to letter sent to member (postponed from July board meeting).
- 10.2. Update about a letter in opposition to a recently published membership application (Scheduled for vote at October meeting.)
- 10.3. CTMB comments and recommendation – AKC CHF Health Conference participation; *pp. 17 – 18.*
- 10.4. Pending Membership Applications (Mary Lou Cuddy, membership chair); *pp. 19 – 31.*

11. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- 11.1. Develop criteria for the NCA Good Sportsmanship Award (from 08.21.14) – postponed to 2015 fall face-to-face meeting.
- 11.2. Technical Resources Advisory Committee (*from 11.7 - 9.14*).
Investigate the development of an NCA members-only section of the *NCA Website* and the logistics for log-in and passwords with content to be determined later. A report will be due back to the Board by the January 6, 2015 agenda deadline. (Pat Randall – March 2015 – postponed to 2015 fall face to face meeting.)
- 11.3. Discussion Item: We have spent an enormous amount of money on our database, but its utility is very limited. It does not have specialized queries to allow on to obtain a selection of dogs with the same sire, same dam, particular clearances, etc.
I move that we refer to the database committee a motion that we provide a read only clearance to individuals that would like to access the database via an external SQL client. If we end up using another vendor's software to handle the membership renewals, dues, etc. this should not entail an enormous security issue. (Pat Randall – originally from 3.19.15 – postponed to 2015 fall face to face meeting.)
- 11.4. I propose that all future NCA National Specialties following the 2017 National Specialty be held at the same central location. Possible locations could be Frankenmuth, or Purina Farms.
This would eliminate always having to search for a regional club willing to take on task on in the past, and it has worked well. We know the pitfalls. (*Pam Rubio*) such a huge endeavor, and make our National Specialty truly National. Having the Specialty in one central place would also bring down the cost, as contracts for tenting, lodging, power etc. could be negotiated for multiple years. NCA has had to take this task on in the past, and it has worked well. We know the pitfalls. (Pam Rubio; June 18, 2015; this item was Referred to Specialty Show Committee July 16, 2015 – postponed to 2015 Fall face to face meeting).
- 11.5. Database Committee – Update.
- 11.6. Inputting of the AKC Stud Book.
- 11.7. Rename committee to Titlist Database.
- 11.8. Distinguished Member Committee – Revisit inventory.
- 11.9. International Liaison Committee Job Description Amendment(s) – postponed to 2015 fall face to face meeting.
- 11.11. Consideration Top Show Dog, Top Sire, Top Dam and similar awards (review) – postponed to September meeting.
- 11.12. Curry and Drury Memorial Award Medallions.
- 11.13. Breeder's Education/CTMB Survey.

12. New Business:

12.1. October 2015 Meeting Packet Deadline is Thursday, October 1, 2015.

13. Adjourn.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
ALL TIMES EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

Minutes of August 20, 2015 **[Draft 10 September 2015]**

1 **CALL TO ORDER**

2 1st Vice President John Cornell (JC) called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. Recording
3 Secretary Steve Britton (SB) was present.

4 The following officers and directors answered the roll call: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA),
5 John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Roger Frey (RF), Pat Randall (PKR), Mary
6 L. Price (MLP) and AKC Delegate Dave Helming.

7 During the meeting, Robin Seaman Grenier, Specialty Show Coordinator and Aura
8 Dean, chair of the Newf Tide Policy Committee presented reports. Also attending the
9 meeting were Kevin Gallagher, Nancy Gasser, Chris Lyden, Julie Siefert Poulin and
10 Jeannette Voss;

11 The 1st vice president declared a quorum was present. The recording secretary
12 reported that Pam Saunders was out of the country on personal business, Steve
13 McAdams was attending to family business and Donna Thibault was required at work.

14 **<Comment Mary Lou Cuddy: Usually, we did not put reasons for absences but it's your
15 choice.**

16 **<Comment SB; I have no preference. Let's leave it to the board's discretion.>**

17 **AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT**

18 Dave Helming, AKC delegate, reported the following:

- 19 • He planned to attend the next AKC delegate's meeting in Newark, New Jersey.
- 20 • There were overwhelming objections from AKC parent clubs concerning the
21 proposed awarding of a single championship point to puppies who earn a 4 Month –
22 6 Month Beginning Puppy Certificate of Merit. Generally, the objections were from
23 parent clubs that have height restrictions in their breed standards. Overall, he
24 reported that the other proposed adjustments to the 4 Month – 6 Month Beginning
25 Puppy Program were sound and the NCA should support those changes.
- 26 • AKC has hired a new vice president for its Internet Technology Department.
27 Progress is being made to its new website and to the AKC Marketplace platform.

28 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

29 The board approved the minutes from its Regular Teleconference Meeting held on July
30 16 2015 as presented.

Draft Not for distribution.

31 **AMENDED AGENDA ADOPTED**

32 Without objection, the board adopted an amended agenda. Robin Seaman Grenier,
33 specialty show coordinator, Chris Lyden, and Kevin Gallagher will join the meeting at
34 9:30 p.m.

35 **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

36 **1st Vice President's Report**

37 On behalf of the Charitable Trust Management Board, 1st Vice President John Cornell
38 reported the following:

- 39 • The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) approved - for publication - its
40 June 2015 and July 2015 CTMB meeting minutes.
- 41 • The CTMB approval two AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund
42 grants. The first, for \$10,000 (for a cancer study), and the second, for \$5000 (for the
43 funding of a Best Practices, in the Treatment of Atopic Dermatitis).
- 44 • The CTMB approved Mary Jane Spackman to represent the NCA Health Challenge,
45 and Diane Lynch, assistant rescue chair, to attend the allergy seminar put on by
46 Black Diamond Productions.

47 On behalf of the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB), the NCA 1st vice
48 president presented the following resolution:

49 That the NCA Board of Directors requests its AKC delegate submit the NCA's
50 policy – *The Newfoundland Club of America believes that breeders of*
51 *Newfoundlands should make and support a lifetime commitment to all*
52 *Newfoundlands they breed, [NCA Rescue policy; 2013] - to the *Responsibility**
53 *section of the new AKC H. E. A. R. T. program.*

54 Roger Frey moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to adopt the (above)
55 resolution as read. Without objection, the board adopted the motion; absent SM, SMc,
56 PR, PS and DT.

57 **2nd Vice President's Report**

58 Lynne Anderson-Powell, 2nd vice president, reported:

- 59 • An informational committee report from the Digital Distribution committee report was
60 in the board packet, and she encouraged board members to review it.
- 61 • Members of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee and members of the Specialty Show
62 Committee are scheduled to join the teleconference at the specified times.

63 **Recording Secretary's Report**

64 Steve Britton, recording secretary, reported that since the last board meeting he:

- 65 • Prepared/compiled written synopses for officers and committee chair reports.
- 66 • Prepared July 16, 2015 meeting minutes.
- 67 • Prepared the ballot for voting on membership applications.

- 68 • Forwarded a membership applicants list to Aura Dean for publication in *Newf Tide*.
- 69 • Prepared the August 2015 agenda packet.
- 70 • Forwarded an objection to a membership applicant to board members.
- 71 • Forwarded general information from AKC when warranted.

72 **Treasurer's Report**

73 Treasurer Mary L. Price noted her written treasurer's reports in the board packet, it
74 reported:

- 75 • For the period of June 30 – August 6, 2015 receipts of \$75,565.11; disbursements of
76 \$15,350.63. Net gain for the period of \$60,214.48.
- 77 • Total Cash Assets as of August 6, 2015 - for NCA, Inc. - of \$253,196.53.

78 The treasurer also reported:

- 79 • The November 20 – 22, 2015 face to face board meeting location is scheduled for
80 the Holiday Inn & Suites, 10233 W Higgins Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018 (near Chicago's
81 O'Hare Airport)

82 **Working Dog Committee Report**

83 On behalf of the Working Dog Committee (WDC), 2nd Vice President Lynne Anderson-
84 Powell presented a report from the committee proposing the placement of an electronic
85 form on the NCA website. The electronic form is for working test judges to complete
86 after adjudicating a test.

87 Generally, the board expressed that the committee's recommendation has potential;
88 however, the board also expressed concerns whether the responses should be in a
89 password protected area of the NCA website, and whether a response is verifiable. The
90 board took the following action:

91 Steve Britton moved and Pat Randall seconded the board refer the recommendation
92 from the Working Dog Committee (WDC) back to the WDC. Without objection, the
93 board adopted the motion. Further, the board asked the WDC to respond to the referral
94 in time for its October 15, 2015 board meeting; absent SM, SMc. PR, PS and DT.

95 Pam Rubio joined the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Briefly, Sue Marino joined the meeting; Sue
96 informed the board that her flight to a water test judging assignment was delayed, and
97 she would rejoin the meeting later, if able; she left the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

98 **Technical Resources Advisory Committee Report**

99 The second vice president presented a partial report on behalf of the Technical
100 Resources Advisory Committee. The committee recommended the board approve an
101 expenditure of \$40 per month for testing the Wild Apricot Apps Online Membership
102 Package. The intent is to eventually link the app to the club's website and database.
103 The committee suggested Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Cuddy and Marylou Zimmerman
104 participate in the trial.

105 Steve Britton moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the expenditure of \$40 per
106 month to test and verify the application of the Wild Apricot Apps Online Membership
107 Package. The board invited Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Cuddy and Marylou Zimmerman to
108 participate in this project. After discussion, the board adopted the motion. In favor: LA,
109 SB, JC, MLC, RF, MLP, PR; against: PKR; absent: SM, SMc, PS and DT.

110 **Corresponding Secretary's Report**

111 Pam Rubio, corresponding secretary, reported that she:

- 112 • Received and forwarded correspondence from AKC.
- 113 • Received and reported correspondence from a non-NCA member expressing
114 concern about a rescue dog in Spain.
- 115 • Received correspondence from and reported a response to the Newfoundland Club
116 of Florida regarding the AKC Eukanuba Championship Dog Show Meet the Breeds
117 event.

118 The corresponding secretary asked the board for guidance on answering the
119 correspondence from the non-member. The board advised Pam Rubio to respond by
120 thanking the person for her correspondence.

121 **Newf Tide Policy Committee Report**

122 At 9 p.m., Aura Dean, chair of the Newf Tide Policy Committee (NTPC) joined the
123 teleconference meeting. Also joining the meeting were committee members Nancy
124 Gasser, Julie Poulin Siefert, Beth Sell and Jeannette Voss.

125 Aura Dean reported the following:

- 126 • In addition to providing oversight for the production of *Newf Tide*, for the past
127 year, the NTPC has relied on an interim editor. The current arrangement has
128 necessitated increased involvement and assistance of NTPC members for the
129 production of *Newf Tide*.
- 130 • Without a permanent editor, the NTPC members are unable to continue and
131 move forward with future issues.
- 132 • On the board's behalf, the NTPC solicited bids for a new editor using a newly
133 revised bid proposal document.
- 134 • **The NTPC intended to propose a candidate for the position at tonight's**
135 **August 20, 2015 board meeting**, but due to recent changes in the editor
136 finalist's work commitments, he withdrew his bid.
- 137 • The NTPC is asking for the NCA Board of Director's assistance to fill the editor
138 position.
- 139 • Unrelated to the editor position, the NPTC needs more information from the
140 Charitable Trust Management Board chair before it can firmly estimate the cost
141 of sending the annual trust report in *Newf Tide*.

142 In response to the NTPC report, the board took the following action:
143 Roger Frey moved and Pam Rubio seconded to recommend that the NCA president call
144 a special board meeting as soon as possible to discuss the *Newf Tide* editor position.
145 Without objection and after discussion, the board adopted the motion; absent SM, SMC,
146 PS and DT.

147 Aura Dean, Nancy Gasser, Julie Poulin Siefert, Beth Sell and Jeannette Voss left the
148 meeting at 9:38 p.m.

149 **Specialty Show Coordinator's Report**

150 At 9:38 p.m. Robin Seaman Grenier joined the teleconference. At that time, also joining
151 the meeting were Kevin Gallagher and Chris Lyden.

- 152 • Kevin and Chris presented a written proposal to hold the 2017 National Specialty
153 Show at the Salishan Spa and Golf Resort, 7760 North US Highway 101,
154 Gleneden Beach, Oregon 97388 (near Lincoln City, Oregon.)
- 155 • The proposed dates for the show are Monday, April 10, 2017 - Sunday, April 16,
156 2017.
- 157 • RV parking is approximately 2 miles south of the show site at Sand and Sea RV
158 Park.
- 159 • Kevin, Chris and Robin answered board members questions about the particular
160 logistics for the proposed show site.
- 161 • Kevin & Chris are co-chairing the show on behalf of the Northern California
162 Newfoundland Club and the Newfoundland Club of Seattle (joint show host
163 clubs).

164 As a result of the report, Steve Britton moved and Roger Frey seconded that the board
165 approve the written proposal for the 2017 NCA National Specialty Dog Show. Without
166 objection, the board adopted the motion unanimously. Absent: SM, SMC, PS and DT.

167 Robin Seaman Grenier, Kevin Gallagher and Chris Lyden left the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

168 **Continued Consideration of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee Report**

169 The board returned to its consideration of NTPC report, and took the following action:

170 John Cornell moved and Pat Randall seconded to appoint board members, Roger
171 Frey, chair; Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Cuddy and Pam Rubio; to a special committee to
172 develop recommendations for the *Newf Tide* editor position. Without objection and
173 after discussion, the board adopted the motion unanimously; absent SM, SMC, PS and
174 DT.

175 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

176 At 9:58 p.m. Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson seconded the board entered executive
177 session. Without objection, the board adopted the motion.

178 At 10:15 p.m. Steve Britton moved and Roger Frey seconded to return to regular session.
179 Without objection the board adopted the motion.

180 While in executive session:

- 181 • The recording secretary reported the membership chair received an objection to
- 182 a published membership application. He is notifying the applicants and sponsors
- 183 of the objection by certified mail.
- 184 • The board reviewed the membership applicants list for publication in *Newf Tide*.
- 185 • Sue Marino rejoined the teleconference.

186 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

187 Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson seconded to refer the pending agenda item
188 about the development of a *members' only* area to the NCA website to the Technical
189 Resources Advisory Committee. The board adopted the motion without objection, and
190 requested the committee report at the November 2015 face to face board meeting;
191 absent SMc. PS and DT.

192 Without objection and after discussion (by unanimous consent), the board postponed a
193 pending agenda item about the NCA's database to the November 2015 face to face
194 board meeting; absent SMc. PS and DT.

195 Without objection and after discussion, a motion on a pending agenda item concerning
196 holding future National Specialties at central locations - earlier referred to the Specialty
197 Show Committee - was amended (by unanimous consent). The amendment requested
198 the Special Show Committee to respond at November 2015 face to face board meeting;
199 absent SMc. PS and DT.

200 Without objection, the board requested the International Liaison Committee prepare its
201 revised job description in time for its presentation at the November 2015 face to face
202 board meeting (by unanimous consent); absent SMc. PS and DT.

203 **NEW BUSINESS**

204 Sue Marino moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve a proposed amendment to the
205 North Central Newfoundland Club bylaws; without objection the board adopted the
206 motion; absent SMc. PS and DT.

207 **ADJOURNMENT**

208 With no further business presented, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

209 *Steven J. Britton*

210 Steven J. Britton
211 Recording Secretary

Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
Dues Renewals
Donations
July 1 thru August 31

Dues Renewals & Donations	F/y 2016		F/y 2015	
	No.	\$	No.	\$
Checks	740	67,594	713	65,173
Credit Cards	<u>197</u>	<u>18,823</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>18,324</u>
	937	86,417	897	83,497
Less:				
Foreign postage levy		3,391		3,636
Health Challenge	107	5,105	99	5,398
Rescue Fund	120	5,317	105	5,174
Juniors Fund	<u>31</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>551</u>
	258	14,643	223	14,759
Net Dues		71,774		68,738

Action Item from last meeting:

Regarding the use of an online form for judges updates:

With regard to your use on on-line forms, the Board has a couple of questions they would like your committee to comment on before they approve their use. The questions are:

How secure are these forms and the data collected?

Google builds security into their systems, and for our purposes I am highly confident the data will be secure. There are multiple document “owners” so no one person has control of the data, Google docs also has a nice feature called “revision history” so inadvertent data elimination errors are no longer possible. And the data populates into a nice spreadsheet to help facilitate tracking.

From Google, here are their comments on data security:

“Two of the most common topics of questions regarding Google in general, and Google Apps specifically, are security and privacy. We take both topics very seriously and truly believe that our offerings are a great option for customers on both fronts. Our business is built on our users’ trust: trust in our ability to properly secure their data and our commitment to respect the privacy of the information they place in our systems by not giving that information to others or using it inappropriately.

The data which you put into our systems is yours, and we believe it should stay that way. We think that means three key things.

1. We won’t share your data with others except as noted in our [Privacy Policy](#).
2. We keep your data as long as you require us to keep it.
3. Finally, you should be able to [take your data with you](#) if you choose to use external services in conjunction with Google Apps or stop using our services altogether.”

How will you verify that identity of the respondent, to insure that the input actually came from and NCA approved working judge??

Our online data collection will not replace the personal due diligence of the WDC. Rather, online data collection just gives the committee a timely tool to work from than the traditional mail-it-in form that currently exists. The online form requires you to submit name and email address. Data collected will continue to be verified personally by a WDC member for accuracy and compliance with NCA regulations, so we can personally insure that the data received did indeed come from the judge or prospective judge that it is attached to. We have no doubt that

this will help our judges stay in compliance with reporting their continuing education as the form will allow one to submit the information without hunting up postage, and can be done from any location so judges can submit their information immediately after completing an assignment or attending a seminar directly from their portable devices, thus giving the WDC a more efficient method of collecting the information.

Hope this helps! As always, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call – 720-320-1663!

During the past month the WDC continued to focus our efforts on improving our working dog events. The WDC addressed the following:

--assisted the HANC water test committee in clarifications on the entry process and the lottery process for accepting entries

--Worked with PNNC as they decided to cancel their water test due to poor conditions at their lake.

--Addressed a judging change for Bear Mountain due to a family emergency (Sam Butler has just been hospitalized, and Joyce removed herself from the judging panel)

--Continued work on the judges examinations with providing those judges in the first group who did not pass the exam the first time with the second test.

The committee also discussed future goals and ideas. The committee always welcomes the board's input on these items and direction. The WDC brainstormed a list of goals and ideas and we will be exploring these ideas with judges, board members and general members involved in working events in the coming months so we can gather input and data regarding these ideas prior to prioritizing and implementing any of the ideas. All possible goals are created with the idea of clarifying current regulations and operational practices as well as reaching out to members to encourage their participation in working events.

These possible goals fall into the following three subdivisions:

Expanding the interest in working events for NCA members new to the sport:

After concentration on advanced levels in both water and draft, first WRDX and then DDX, the WDC will be looking at ways that we can enhance the existing "specialty carting" regulations and guide to make it a more broad type beginner event to increase member participation in draft work.

Regulation management

The WDC will continue to maintain the updates and provide clarifications that need to be included in the water regs and draft test as determined by judges input and questions raised during the year by members and judges. These clarifications will be addressed and brought to the NCA board for approval.

The WDC will review the DDX rules in one year with feedback from membership. Evaluate suggestions already received concerning turns, 90 back ups, 90 degree turns in draft for the traditional test, make consistent and uniform for all levels (although width may be different).

The WDC will look at developing explanatory or training videos that address changes to regs in both water and draft work

Strengthening the judging pool of NCA judges for water and draft

To continue to maintain and grow the highest level of qualified judges for members in working events, the WDC will explore the following ideas to develop our judging pool:

Publicize the promotion of our current judges through the website with photos, include bio info as already approved by the NCA board

Continue to provide service to member clubs by growing and strengthening the knowledge base and support systems for judges including review of the observation process, judges education seminars and regional judges get-togethers.

Look at ways to continue to encourage feedback from judges on working dog events and regulations including formal judges education seminars/regional get-togethers, outline of bullet points of emphasis for water and draft, judges teleconferences and videos or interactive call-in/panel chats or webinars -- quarterly working dog forum type webinars.

As we consider these ideas fully, we will bring specifics to the board for their consideration.