

**Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors
Teleconference of September 10, 2003**

President Tom Broderick called the teleconference to order at 8:03 PM on Wednesday, September 10, 2003. The following directors were present: Tom Broderick (TB), Aura Ellen Dean (AD), Jack Dean (JD), Robin Seaman (RS), Mary L. Price (MLP), Jan Boggio (JSB), Jacqueline Brellochs (JKB), Roger Frey (RF), Sandee Lovett (SL), Patty McDowell (PMD), Roger Powell (PR), Debra Wigal (DW), Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate *ex officio* and Beverly Eichel, *ex officio*.

The President called for a moment of silence in memory of Jack Bernhard who passed away on August 16, 2003 and any other of our Newfoundland friends who had recently passed away.

The President announced that he would set a time limit on the meeting and any business that was not finished by 11:00 p.m. would be held until the next meeting.

Minutes of May 27th ,June 25th and July 30th.

Some Board members requested that they be sent a hard copy instead of an electronic copy because it took too much time to print them out. Jack pointed out that to provide them with a hard copy through the mail would cost about \$10 to \$20. The Board members decided they would print the minutes out. Hard copies of the minutes would be sent to Board members who were having computer problems.

President Tom Broderick reported that the Recording Secretary's problems in publishing minutes were resolved and the minutes for Board meetings held on May 27 and June 10, 2003 were sent to the Board. He indicated that the remaining June and July, 2003 minutes would be sent to the Board soon and a short teleconference would be called in October to approve the remaining minutes.

One Board member asked that in the future if there was going to be a delay for more than three weeks that Jack will send a notice. He said that he would be glad to.

The Recording Secretary will email everyone a timetable for comments on the minutes that had been previously distributed by email.

Report of the President, Tom Broderick:

The NCA has very recently received a request from the Westminster Kennel Club for a script and information to use on the televising of the show. They wanted it by September 1st but had given the NCA an extension, although it was uncertain for how long.

There was a question on the proper committee or person to do this: The JEC, Publicity, or General Education. Another Board member asked if the Board should approve the piece

prior to it being sent. One Board member stated that the entire piece was only 75 words in length and we had to get this in quickly.

One Board member suggested that the information should have been distributed by email rather than wait for the teleconference.

Patti McDowell moved and Robin Seaman seconded that this matter be referred to Marget Johnson, Chair of the Publicity Committee, with direction from the Board to contact either the JEC or General Education to obtain materials for use by the Westminster Kennel Club during the dog show. Motion passed unanimously.

Robin Seaman is to call Marget Johnson and inform her of the Board's direction.

Report of the First Vice President, Aura Dean:

Aura reported that she will send an itinerary out to each Board member to provide information about the face-to-face on November 21, 2003. The tentative starting time is 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 21, 2003, 8:00 a.m. Saturday, November 22, and 8:00a.m. Sunday, November 23, 2003.

Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Roger Powell seconded that Board members share rooms to the extent possible in order to save money. The motion passed unanimously.

Aura also stated that *Newf Tide* and the *Annual of Titlists* were scheduled to be mailed out on Friday, the 12th and that this issue was late for the most part because of technical problems.

Report of the Second Vice President, Sandee Lovett,

Sandee said that when she read the Board's face-to-face meeting minutes she learned that she was assigned the job of copying the CD ROMS from the AKC Parent Club Conference. Because she was absent from that part of the meeting, she was unaware of this assignment and wanted more information about it.

Sandee Lovett reported that the Working Dog Committee is finalizing the WRDX exercises. The committee has, at this time, tabled work on the regulations concerning aggressive dogs.

Report of the Recording Secretary, Jack Dean:

Jack reported that the integrated agenda packet was working out well. Most people who have agenda items are following the new procedure of sending everything to the secretary for inclusion in the agenda packet. This can be significantly cheaper and keeps some control over all of the loose papers. Normally any item to be submitted to the entire Board, either as an informational item or with an agenda item, should be sent to the Recording Secretary for distribution, preferably in an electronic format. Two exceptions

to this policy are items that are very time sensitive and would not reach the Board in the normal agenda packet and would normally be acted upon at the next Board meeting or items that, because of their bulk or weight, would be more economically distributed by mailing to the individual members. In a period of a very large projected budgetary deficit, each small savings can add up to significant total savings.

Jack Dean Moved and Patti McDowell seconded that the *Policy Manual* reflect the above change in procedure. The motion passed unanimously.

Some Board members questioned why the Recording Secretary's report had not included an announcement of the Nominating Committee's slate. The Recording Secretary stated that he had requested the Nominating Committee chair to send him the results so that he could announce it at the last (July 30th teleconference) but the chair did not send it to him until the next day (August 1st) thus he did not have it to announce at the last meeting. There is no policy that requires him to do so, and indeed last year's Recording Secretary had not done so. Upon further discussion, it was decided that the Board should receive official notice of the Nominating Committee's slate from the Recording Secretary.

Roger Frey moved and Roger Powell seconded that the Recording Secretary be assigned the responsibility of reporting to the Board the results of the Nominating Committee's slate for the election to the Board by its next meeting following August 1st. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Corresponding, Secretary, Robin Seaman:

Robin outlined the qualifications of the candidates for the AKC's Lifetime Achievement Awards in the areas of Conformation, Companion Events and Performance. The Board voted unanimously to cast the NCA's vote for Michelle Billings in Conformation, Shirley Jacobson in Companion Events and not to send a recommendation in the Performance area, because they were unfamiliar with the nominees. Robin will complete the required form and submit the NCA's nominations to the AKC by the deadline.

**Report of the Treasurer, Mary L. Price,
NCA Operations**

Checking Account	22,602.98	
Savings Account	48,956.52	
CDs	<u>154,458.58</u>	
	226,018.08	226,018.08
"Distinguished Member" Restoration		
Money Market Account		1,160.20

Uniform Trophy Fund

Money Market Account

5,827.73

\$ 233,006.01

Report of the AKC Delegate, Mary W. Price,

AKC Delegate Mary W. Price reported on the Monday, September 8th meeting of the Delegate Parent Club Committee and the Tuesday morning, September 9th forum which was followed by the regular quarterly meeting of Delegates. Those attending the Parent Club Committee meeting were advised the Committee's proposal to award a 3-point major to reserve winners at national specialty shows, where entries are twice the number needed for a 5-point major, will go to the AKC Board for consideration at its October meeting. It was announced the position of AKC archivist has been eliminated, and archived materials are now being handled by the executive secretary with the assistance of the library and club relations staffs. It was announced that the second Parent Club Conference will be held in Cincinnati on October 22, 23, & 24, 2004.

The Delegates Forum was devoted exclusively to a power point and video presentation, plus question and answer period, on the proposed Working Dog Sport, which is being promoted by some German Shepherd Dog fanciers. Delegates, for the most part, were skeptical of the need for any such activity within the AKC organization. Delegates challenged inconsistencies in the proposed regulations and cited the unnecessary duplication of required exercises already included in current obedience, tracking, CGG, and agility events. Also, there was strong objection to the similarity of the proposed Working Dog Sport to Shutzhund tests.

President Al Chaure, whose resignation is effective December 31, 2003, reported that the registration system is now stable, and that on-line litter registrations should be available before the end of the year. There was no report from the AKC chairman.

Mary reported to the Board results of the election of persons to serve on the Delegate Standing Committees. She will forward complete results via surface mail.

Website Links

Jack Dean stated that as NCA Internet Chair he recommended and approved the suggestion of health links on the NCA website.

Jan Boggio moved and Sandee Lovett seconded that the NCA webmaster be directed to establish the health links as recommended by Tracy Warncke and Chris LaMuraglia. Jack Dean was asked to contact either Tracy or Chris to get this link established as soon as possible. Motion passed unanimously.

Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate sick dogs at the National

Discussion on the agenda item regarding bringing sick dogs to the national ranged from Board members pointing out that at every dog show there is a chance the dogs may be exposed to sickness, the AKC had regulations regarding this situation, that any infraction could be addressed by the Bench Show Committee, to asking the judge to have exhibitors show the dog's bite, writing a timely article for *Newf Tide* and placing the AKC regulations in the premium list and in the National packet to remind our members of their obligations in this regard.

Jack Dean moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that an *ad hoc* committee of experienced people be formed to report to the Board by November 1, 2003, with recommendations on preventive measures, suggestions to use existing procedures to minimize the problem and suggestions for changes in the *National Specialty Guide* to minimize the problem and a budget of \$100 be authorized.. The motion passed by a vote of 9 yes and 3 no.

Voting yes were TB (Since there was a dramatic outbreak of sick dogs at this year's National, we should establish an *ad hoc* committee to research this problem for some sort of solution), JSB, JKB (Ditto Tom), AD, JD (I think that this is a great beginning to work out a solution and the Board and our dogs can only benefit), RF, RP,DW

Voting no were: PM (I think that there are a number of steps that the Board can take rather than sending this to a committee and they can be implemented quickly. It is a common problem that we all face.), MLP, RS (Ditto Patti and the AKC has rules pertaining to exhibitors bringing dogs with contagious disease to dog shows and these should be publicized and implemented.)

Patty McDowell moved and Robin Seaman seconded that we direct that the National Specialty Coordinator and the National Specialty Show Chair to work with the host club to place information in the packet and premium to include Chapter II section 9 of the AKC's Rules applying to dog shows. Motion passed unanimously.

The corresponding secretary will communicate this directive by letter to Henry Jurczyk, National Specialty Committee and Joan Gunn, 2004 National Specialty Chair.

The Board unanimously agreed to recommend that the Breeders Forum in *Newf Tide* address this concern in a timely manner before the 2004 National Specialty. Jan Boggio will be responsible for this.

Direct Board Appointment to the Breed Mentor List

Patty McDowell pointed out that sensitive matters should stay in the Board room and that repeating parts of discussions out of context is a violation of the integrity of executive session.

Roger Frey moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to go into executive session for the purpose of appointing two people to the breed mentors list.

Procedural problems were raised about the propriety of the motion.

One Board member pointed out that the report of the JEC was accepted at the national face to face meeting and that report contained the condition that all people who wish to become breed mentors should make an application to the JEC to document their qualifications.

A question was raised that under the existing policy interested members should first make an application to the JEC, but other Board members stated that the NCA Board could override the policy if they choose. Another Board member questioned whether the application was known to people who wanted to apply and another member asked if the application had been approved by the Board.

One Board member pointed out that this agenda item had been on the agenda since May, 2003 and that there was not then an application created or available to prospective breed mentors and that an interested member would not even be aware of such an application and that these appointments did not need to be made in executive session inasmuch as they were a designation and not a committee appointment.

One Board member stated that one of the people that Roger wanted to directly appoint to the JEC had been sent an application. Another Board member confirmed that she had an email from the JEC Chair stating that the application had been sent to her but had not been returned.

One Board member raised the problem of why should the prospective breed mentor be required to fill out an application when she had already sent a detailed resume to the JEC?

Upon vote the motion as stated above failed: 4 yes 8 No.

Voting yes were JKB (Ditto Roger) RF (The JEC has continually kept qualified individuals off the breed mentor list based on subjective criteria and the pedigree of the dogs they breed), SL (I believe the individuals that are recommended are well qualified to be breed mentors and I see no reason why there should be further delay in appointing them) MLP (I agree with Sandee)

Voting No were TB (The JEC are the most honest knowledgeable and dedicated people in our breed. Any member who chooses to be on the breed mentor list should apply and if not accepted they can then bring their application and qualifications to the Board), JSB (Ditto Patti and Tom), AD (Ditto Tom and Patti), JD (I have always pushed for a more open and even handed JEC, but in this instance I can see no advantage to departing from the establish procedure of having the people make an application and I can see real harm in acting upon people without the input of the JEC.), PMD (This vote was not on the qualifications of any individual but I voted in support of following the policy that was established at the face to face meeting), RP RS(Ditto Patti) and DW (Ditto Patti)

Executive Session

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Executive session and several Board members shared their experiences with Executive Session and so called leaks, real and perceived.

Patti McDowell moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to go into executive session at 10:44 p.m.. Jack Dean moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to come out of executive session at 11:10 p.m.

The following items were reported when the Board came out of executive session:

- the applicant's list was approved
- Appointments were made to the new Ad Hoc Health Committee concerning sick dogs at the national: Steve Van Wie (Chair), with Steve Keeler, DebWigal, Ray Overman, Bob Horstmann, Dave Helming, Don Sharkey, John Cornell and Kathy Reed appointed as members of the ad hoc committee to look into the sick dogs at the national.
- Tom Broderick was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Working Dog Committee.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously passed the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Dean
NCA Recording Secretary