

NCA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Hyatt Regency Monterey, Monterey, California
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The annual membership meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel in Monterey, California. A quorum of 206 NCA members was needed to conduct business. At the opening of the meeting, a quorum had been reached.

Roger Frey, President, called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

There was a moment of silence for recently deceased members Ann Dodge, Ruth March, Nancy McGill, Maureen Cavanaugh, Arlene “Dugan” Miller, Betty Trott and for beloved Newfoundland companions that have passed over the Rainbow Bridge.

Roger Frey invited members to partake in the refreshments provided in celebration of the NCA’s 75th Anniversary. Joyce Taylor and other members of the Newfoundland Club of Northern California were thanked for arranging for the wonderful cakes and presentation.

Roger Frey asked if all members present had a copy of the meeting’s agenda. He requested that the presentation of the new Special Best in Show Award for Best in Show won at Westminster or the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship be added to the agenda. Hearing no objections, the agenda was adopted.

Welcome

Roger then welcomed everyone to the 2005 Annual Membership meeting of the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc., which was also the 75th Anniversary of the NCA.

He noted that we come together, not only to celebrate the NCA's long history of stewardship to our dogs, but to also celebrate each other and our common bonds and goals. He asked what could be better than spending a week with over 300 Newfoundlands in beautiful Monterey, California. He thanked the Newfoundland Club of Northern California for hosting this year's National Specialty.

Roger addressed the new sign-in procedure designed to efficiently and accurately determine if a quorum had been obtained.

Roger acknowledged the international visitors from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Sweden, United Kingdom and Canada. He recognized the Honorary Members for their long and outstanding service to the NCA. He recognized the Board of Directors: Aura Dean - 1st Vice-President, Sandee Lovett - 2nd Vice-President, Robin Seaman - Corresponding Secretary, Mary Lou Cuddy - Recording Secretary, Mary L. Price - Treasurer, Mary W. Price - AKC Delegate and the Board of Directors - Jan Boggio, Jacqueline Brellochs, Jack Dean, Patti McDowell, Mary Lou Roberts and Deb Wigal. Unfortunately, Patti McDowell was absent due to a family medical emergency. Tom Broderick, ex-officio and immediate past president was absent due to work commitments. New Board members Kevin Gallagher and Kathy McIver were introduced. Their terms commence at the end of this meeting.

Roger introduced the Parliamentarian for the meeting. Travis Barrick is an attorney with a large law firm with offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Portland. He is a Professional Registered Parliamentarian having been certified by the National Association of Parliamentarians in 1997.

Approval of Minutes

The April 25, 2002 Annual Membership Meeting minutes were published in the Third Quarter 2002 ***Newf Tide***. Hearing no objections to the minutes, they stand approved.

The April 24, 2003 Annual Membership Meeting report was published in the Third Quarter ***Newf Tide***. Hearing no objections to the report, it stands approved.

The April 22, 2004 Annual Membership Meeting report was published in the Fourth Quarter ***Newf Tide***. Hearing no objections to the report, it stands approved.

Report of the President

Roger Frey, President, updated the membership on an item that had been addressed by the Board since the Annual President's Report in the First Quarter 2005 ***Newf Tide***.

Since that Annual President's Report, the Board voted to amend the NCA's Certificate of Incorporation. When the last revision to the NCA Constitution and By-Laws was effected in 1997, the membership voted to remove proxy voting. The Board at that time

did not realized that a specific statement prohibiting proxy voting should have been included in the Certificate of Incorporation. On February 1, 2005, Michael Liosis, Director of Club Relations for the AKC, reaffirmed their position in a letter addressed to the President of NCA that the AKC does not approve proxy voting for any of the approximately 4,600 clubs which hold events under AKC Rules and Regulations. The AKC is the NCA's parent organization. Per the laws of Connecticut, where the NCA is incorporated, if proxy voting is not specifically prohibited in either the Certificate of Incorporation or in the Constitution and By-Laws, it must be allowed. To correct this oversight and to keep the NCA compliant with AKC requirements and the will of the membership as expressed in 1997, the NCA Board of Directors has amended the Certificate on Incorporation to read, "Proxy voting is not permitted."

Roger thanked the Board and especially the officers who all do the hard work on behalf of the club and the dogs. He thanked all the NCA committees and the Regional Clubs for the outstanding work that all of them accomplish. He also acknowledged his gratitude to the members who helped him better serve the club, whether it was with compliments, advice or complaints. He stated that it had been an honor and a pleasure to serve as the Club's President this past year.

Report of the 1st Vice-President

On behalf of the Board and the membership, 1st Vice-President, Aura Dean, together with President Roger Frey presented a plaque to outgoing Board Member and Corresponding Secretary Robin Seaman in appreciation for her hard work and dedicated service to our club and breed. Although not present to receive hers, outgoing Board Member Patti McDowell, was also recognized with a plaque in appreciation for her hard work and dedicated service to the club and the breed. Aura then thanked the membership for the opportunity of serving them as their 1st Vice President for the past year. She thanked those members who took the time to write, called to share ideas, gave suggestions, or complained. Aura said that the Board needs to hear from the members in order to address their concerns. Aura said that she will continue to serve the membership to the best of her ability in the upcoming year.

Report of the 2nd Vice-President

Sandee Lovett, 2nd Vice-President, explained that one of the main responsibilities of the 2nd Vice-President is to serve as the Liaison between the Board and its committees. The NCA relies heavily on its committees to carry out its important work in a variety of areas. The NCA is blessed to have many talented members who willingly donate their time and expertise to chair or serve on these committees.

She reported there were over 40 different committees with more than 150 members serving on them. She took the opportunity, on behalf of the Board, to thank all the chairs and committee members for their hard work and positive contributions this past year.

Sandee reminded members that the annual reports of the committees were published in **Newf Tide** and she hoped that members will take the time to read those reports and appreciate what the committees have accomplished.

She also reminded the members that the Board wants to involve as many members as possible in the work of the Club. With that in mind, Sandee noted there was a salmon-colored insert in the most recent **Newf Tide**. She reported, to date, that over 50 members have returned those forms and the names of the volunteers have been compiled and distributed to the Board. They will also be distributed to the committee chairs as that as committee vacancies arise, the list of interested volunteers can be utilized.

Sandee stated that it had been her pleasure to serve and the 2nd Vice-President this past year and she thanked the membership for their support.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Robin Seaman, Corresponding Secretary, thanked the membership and the Board of Directors of the NCA for the opportunity to be the corresponding secretary for the fourth year.

She reported that all correspondence that had been received had been answered in a timely matter or sent to the respective person or committee to be answered.

Robin shared some pieces of correspondence that she had received. In December, she received a check for \$3,000.00 to be used by NCA for education from the Electric City Kennel Club in honor of one of their members, who, incidentally is not an NCA member.

She shared a letter from the AKC as they are now accepting nominations for its 2005 Awards of Canine Excellence (ACE) and she encouraged members to send in nominations.

The last correspondence was a letter from the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program letting us know that they had sent a check in the amount of \$1,906.00 to the AKC Canine Health Foundation. This is one-half of the amount raised by NCA members. This money is generated by NCA members who are Pro Plan Members, who send in their weight circles and who have designated the Newfoundland Club of America as their breed of choice to receive the credit. If you are a Pro Plan member please be sure that you have designated the NCA to receive the credit for your weight circles.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, reported that since the last annual meeting at the 2004 National Specialty held in Delavan, WI, the Board has held a total of seven meetings using 20 teleconferences. The Board held a face-to-face meeting on October

29-31, 2004 in Cleveland, OH and just concluded a face-to-face meeting this week. The minutes of all the meetings have been or will be published in **Newf Tide**.

She explained that the other major responsibility of the Recording Secretary is the NCA election. There were approximately 913 ballots cast out of 2036 possible for an approximate voting turnout of 45%. The election results have been published in **Newf Tide**.

She thanked the Board for the honor of serving as Recording Secretary and for their support. She also thanked the membership for allowing her the honor of representing them for this past year.

Report of the Treasurer

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following.

NCA Operations

Checking Account	3,006.19	
Savings Account	18,227.59	
CDs	<u>196,622.12</u>	
	217,855.90	217,855.90

"Distinguished Member"

Restoration	225.00	
CD	<u>1,179.31</u>	
	1,404.31	1,404.31

Uniform Trophy Fund

Money Market Account		<u>153.16</u>
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\$219,413.37

Mary L. Price reported that the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 were distributed with **Newf Tide** and the membership is invited to contact her with any questions.

Report of the AKC Delegate

Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, was absent due to illness.

Health Challenge Committee

Jan Boggio, Newfoundland Health Challenge Co-Chair, thanked the membership for their support this past year. The Health Challenge silent raffles raised approximately

\$2,500.00 over the two days. This amount will help support the new osteosarcoma study that the NCA just voted to fund. She also announced that Tracy Carton had donated over \$2,500.00 to the Health Challenge from her calendar sales.

David Helming, Newfoundland Health Liaison, reported that the Newfoundland Health Challenge has raised over \$262,000.00 over the years. Three new projects were funded on 2004 and 1 new project was funded in 2005. He reported that there was approximately \$90,000.00 available for future projects. The Newfoundland Health Challenge has supported 19 projects plus the former cystinuria rebate program. He thanked the membership for their support.

***Newf Tide* Policy Committee**

Aura Ellen Dean, ***Newf Tide*** Policy Committee Chair, thanked the membership for their help in submitting items to ***Newf Tide*** in the correct format and on time. She reminded all of the members that if they were planning to move, their address change had to be sent to the Membership Chair so that their ***Newf Tides*** would reach them. ***Newf Tide*** is not automatically forwarded to a new address, it is first returned to the printer who must pay additional postage to receive it. It is an unnecessary, costly and timely process. She requested that members help the NCA keep costs in line by reporting address changes well before deadline. Aura reminded the membership if there are any questions about ***Newf Tide***, please do not hesitate to contact any one on the ***Newf Tide*** Policy Committee: Meredith Reggie, Sandra Younger, Ken Wildman, David VanCouvering and Jan Boggio, Editor, ex officio.

Awards

Ingrid Lyden, Awards Chair, thanked her Awards Committee for all their hard work in tabulating all the statistics used to determine the following awards. She then presented the following awards.

Top Junior Showmanship - Kaitlyn Anderson

Top Junior in Conformation - Alexis Ditlow

Top Obedience Dog - Poster pup Cuddly Bear Dakota, CDX (Mike Waterhouse)

Top Show Dog - Ch. Seabrook Steppin Out At Poohbear, ROM (Kathy Griffin and Shelby Guelich)

Top Show Bitch - Ch. Cypress Bay See Sea Baby (Peggy Lange and Debra Thornton)

Top Producing Sire - Ch. Darbydale All Rise Pouch Cove, ROM (Peggy Helming and Carol Bergmann)

Top Producing Dam - Ch. Midnite Bays Frozen Asset, ROM (Reginia & Michael Schneider)

Register of Merit -

Dogs:

Ch. Kilyka's Jordan, ROM (Kathy McIver & Betty McDonnell)

Am./Can. Ch. Numa's Had To Be Pouch Cove, DD, ROM (Lanelle Warrick, Ingrid Lyden & Peggy Helming)

Ch. Pouch Cove's Goliath, ROM (Peggy Helming & Carol Bernard Bergmann)

Bitches:

Ch. Kilyka's Castlepines Jamielee, ROM (Betty McDonnell & Zoe Montague)

Larinkallion Disperin, ROM (Marti Tate & Evelyn De Reus)

Ch. Liberty's Dylana, ROM (Ingrid & Chris Lyden)

Ch. Midnite Bay's Frozen Asset, ROM (Reginia & Michael Schneider)

Ch. Nakiska's No Questions Asked, ROM (Ingrid & Chris Lyden)

Ch. Nakiska's Tattletale, WD, ROM (Ingrid & Chris Lyden)

Ch. Seabrook Heireverent Pouchcove, ROM (Kathy Griffin & Peggy Helming)

Ch. Seabrook Street of Dreams, ROM (Kathy Griffin)

Ch. Shadrack's Made of Honor, CD, TDD, ROM (Jean & Steven McAdams)

Ch. Twillin Gate Specialty, ROM (Reginia & Michael Schneider and Peggy Helming)

Jacqueline Brellochs, Versatile Newfoundland Chair, awarded the following dogs the title of Versatile Newfoundland (VN).

VN Ch. Bayside's In The Nick of Time, CD, WRD, DD (Catherine and Clyde Dunphy)

VN Ch. Baywatch's Holokai Nimiami Oz, CD, WRD, DD (Dawn Staffen and Barbara Jenness)

VN Am./Can. Ch. Castanewf's Ingenue, CD WRD, TDD, Can. WRD, Can. DD (Denise Castonguay and Marc Castonguay and Rod Oishi)

VN Am./Can. Ch. Castanewf's Make Believe, CD, WRD, DD, Can. WRD (Pam Saunders and Denise Castonguay)

VN Am./Can. Ch. Castanewf's Tag You're It, CD WRD, TDD, Can. WRD (Cheryl Dondino)

VN Ch. Darbydale's Gone Fishin', CD, WRD, TDD, Can. WRD, Can. DD (James Zabloutny and Jennifer Zabloutny)

VN Ch. Dockside's Tangled Up In Blue, CD, WRD, DD (Jan Curtis)

VN Ch. Dryad's Blk Wtch Sea Anemone, CD, WRD, DD (Patricia Drew and Joan Gunn)

VN Ch. Holokai's Rainforest Delite, CD, WRD, DD (John O. and Denita Jackson and Barbara Jenness)

VN Ch. Jolly Roger's Maritime Chanty, CD, WRD, TDD (Bethany and Bruce Karger and Roger Frey)

VN Ch. Jolly Roger's Walk The Walk, CD, WRD, TDD (Bethany and Bruce Karger and Roger Frey)

VN Ch. Kilyka's Castle-Builder, CD, WRD, DD (Jeffrey T. Visotsky and Betty McDonnell)

VN Ch. Kilyka's Lagniappe Pro Zack, CD, WRD, DD (Ann M. and Andre C. Lapeyre)
VN Ch. Kilyka's Mollybrook, CDX, WRD, DD (Betty McDonnell)
VN Ch. Mollybrook's Reach Skyward, CD, WRD, DD (Edith Markoff and Karen Dunaway and Ken Dunaway and Stan Mittendorf)
VN Ch. Nashau-Auke's Partial Eclipse CD, WRD, TDD (Keith H. and Sandra Mallinson)
VN Ch. Pine Mountain's O My America, CD, WRD, DD (Sandra M. and Robert E. Younger)
VN Ch. Pouch Cove's Just Whistle, CD, WRD, DD (Rhoda J. and David B. Hartmann)
VN Ch. Seabrook's Memphis Belle, CD, WRD, DD (Pamela S. Rubio)
VN Ch. Socorro's Sea Monkey, CD, WRD, TDD (Jenni Lott and Pam Rubio)
VN Ch. Socorro's Snowdrift Tsumani, CDX, WRD, DD, TD, NAP, NJP (Cherilyn Antin and Jenni Lott)
VN Ch. Top Shelves Just A Tad Tippy, CD, WRD, DD (Cheryl Sablotny and Debra Wigal)
VN Ch. Wind'N Tide Tsunami, CD, WRD, DD, TD (Kathy Sylvia and Douglas M. Stewart)
VN Ch. Windwagon Opens At Angel Cove, CD, WRD, TDD (Robert R. Rogers and Susan L.B. Rogers)

Oldest Living Newfoundland - Ch. Sunrise Cyridwen Surprise (Nancy Varnum)

NCA Good Sportsmanship Award - Bernard and Annette Latronico

Heroic Newfoundland Award - Cru's Reefer Madness (Tina Moher)

Special Best In Show Award for Westminster and/or AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show - Ch. Darbydale All Rise Pouch Cove (Peggy Helming and Carol Bergmann)

New Business

Roger Frey, President, addressed the first item of new business. He announced that Steve Britton has explained his motion and has requested that no action be taken on it. Thus if there is no objection from the membership, the motion will be postponed indefinitely. Hearing no objections, the motion was declared dead.

Challenged Membership Application

Barbara Thompson brought forward to the membership, as per Article I, Section 3a of the NCA **Constitution and By-Laws**, a membership application that had been given unfavorable action by the Board. According to Article 1, Section 3a, an application which has received an unfavorable action by the Board may be presented at the next Annual Meeting of the Club by the applicants' endorsers and may be elected by a favorable vote of 75% of the members in attendance at a meeting of the Club. A handout was distributed to the members by Barbara Thompson to acquaint them with the applicant.

Summary of discussion for the approval of the applicant: The applicant has been well-known for many years and has worked to support rescue. The applicant was denied membership but was not told the reason for the denial. The Board appears to be hiding behind executive session; the applicant should be told the reasons. People should be treated fairly.

Summary of discussion against the approval of the applicant: The membership is voting in the dark; the members need more factual information. Statements made on the handout to the membership were corrected; Penn-Ohio Newfoundland Club (PONC) has not taken a vote on whether to approve the applicant's membership in PONC, PONC has one rescue chair and not co-chairs and PONC has never authorized a Guinness world record effort.

Meredith Reggie moved and Robert Shubert seconded to remove non-members of the NCA from the room and go into executive session.

Summary of discussion: Is this motion necessary? All members in the room must not speak of this matter to anyone not in attendance. The NCA **Constitution and By-Laws** Article I, Section 3a states that the Board may deny membership for any reason and is not required to give reasons, therefore the membership cannot require the Board to give them the reason for denial.

The motion to go into executive session passed.

There was a five minute recess. Persons who were not NCA members were asked to leave the room.

At 9:26 p.m., the Annual Meeting of the Membership went into executive session.

At 9:53 p.m., Summer Poris moved and Bruce Karger seconded to come out of executive session.

The motion passed.

While in executive session, the membership voted by secret ballot on the denied application.

The motion to approve the denied applicant failed as the 75% favorable vote needed was not reached. 131 Yes, 74 No

Raffle Drawing

NCA member Catherine Lamoureux found a diamond ring while walking on the beach in Santa Cruz, CA. It was authenticated by a jeweler, reported to the police and when it was not claimed, it was returned to Catherine. She had the ring appraised with the value being established at approximately \$6,400.00. The ring and the appraisal were donated

to the Newfoundland Club of Northern California Rescue who then donated it to the National where it was raffled off at the meeting. The winner was Sylvia Steiling.

Announcements

Mary Lou Roberts, "Distinguished Member" Chair, reminded members that the "Distinguished Member" poster was for sale in the Consignment Shop.

May Bernhard, International Liaison, asked all international visitors to find her tomorrow for a group photograph.

At 10:15 p.m., Lori Littleford moved and Ivan Rakyta seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lou Cuddy
NCA Recording Secretary