

NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES, June 29 & July 6, 2005 (Approved August 17,  
2005)

Roger Frey, President, called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

The following directors were present: Jan S. Boggio (JSB), Jacqueline K. Brellochs (JKB), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Aura Dean (AD), Jack Dean (JD), Roger Frey (RF), Kevin Gallagher, (KG) Sandee Lovett (SL), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Mary Lou Roberts (MLR), and Debra Wigal (DW). Mary W. Price (MWP), AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was present. Tom Broderick (TB) *ex-officio* was absent.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board considered the March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5, April 13, 2005 meeting minutes.

Roger Frey, President, reported that he had spoken to Robin Seaman regarding her concerns about the portion of her Corresponding Secretary's report which referred to an email she had received inquiring about a member's death. Roger read the wording that Robin would like to have included.

Summary of discussion: There was discussion about adding additional points to Robin Seaman's wording. It was Robin's report and she had made her corrections; the Board did not need to add any more. No other Board members had objections to Robin's wording.

Jack Dean moved and Aura Dean seconded to add the following items to the summary of the discussion on line 787 of the March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5, April 13, 2005 meeting minutes.

1. Robin Seaman stated that it showed a lack of integrity and trust.
2. Jack Dean asked for an explanation because if we had known that Maureen Cavanaugh had passed away, we could have adopted Jan Boggio's suggestion to wait a few days and send in corrections and that would have saved us time and money.
3. Other Board members were told. Why did these members not say a word as we wasted all that time? The real problem is that such an action divided the Board with President only telling one group and not the others.

Discussion for the motion: A summary of discussion should include all key points.

Discussion against the motion: According to Roberts' Rules of Order, minutes are to be a record of what is done and not what is said.

Kevin Gallagher moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to call the question.

The motion to call the question passed. 9 Yes (JKB, MLC, RF, KG, SL, KM, MLP, MLR, DW); 3 No (JSB, AD, JD)

The original motion failed. 4 Yes (JSB, AD, JD, DW); 8 No (JKB, MLC, RF, KG, SL, KM, MLP, MLR)

Time: 8:37 p.m.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded the NCA Board go into a committee of the whole.

Discussion for the motion: The Board will work together to amend the minutes. There will be no motions or consensus concerning the minutes reported, only the motion for the final approval. We are improving in our use of Roberts' Rules of Order. The membership will be able to listen to the recordings of the meetings.

Discussion against the motion: These minutes stretch over several dates. We were not in the committee of the whole automatically when that meeting was taking place. Before the Board goes into a committee of the whole, we should decide what the minutes are to contain.

The motion passed. 10 Yes (JSB, JKB, MLC, RF, KG, SL, KM, MLP, MLR, DW); 2 No (AD, JD)

Kathy Mclver moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to approve the March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5, April 13, 2005 meeting minutes as amended.

The motion passed. 9 Yes (JSB, JKB, MLC, RF, SL, KM, MLP, MLR, DW); 1 No (JD); 2 Abstentions (AD, KG)

Time: 9:36 p.m.

Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Kathy Mclver seconded to approve the April 25-26, 2005 minutes as amended.

The motion passed. 11 Yes (JSB, JKB, MLC, AD, RF, KG, SL, KM, MLP, MLR, DW); 1 No (JD)

Time: 10:02 p.m.

Mary L. Price moved and Sandee Lovett seconded to approve the April 28, 2005 Annual Meeting of the Board minutes as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

Time: 10:05 p.m.

Kathy Mclver moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to approve the May 25, 2005 minutes as amended.

The motion passed. 11 Yes (JSB, JKB, MLC, AD, RF, KG, SL, KM, MLP, MLR, DW); 1 No (JD)

Jan Boggio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board come out of the committee of the whole. The motion passed unanimously.

Time 10:14 p.m.

### **Approval of the Budget**

The Board considered the Finance Committee's proposed budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Summary of discussion on Membership budget lines: The process used to develop the membership numbers was questioned. There has been a 10% drop in membership each year for the last several years. The number of members taking advantage of the senior discount is increasing. The projection from the Membership Chair is for 50 new applicants for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. There are currently 2,065 members. Membership costs are going up due to postage rates increasing, the updating of programs, etc. A firm budget cannot be developed when membership numbers are unclear or it is not known how the figures were derived. No one can know for certain how much the membership numbers will change from year to year.

Summary of discussion on **Newf Tide** budget lines: When the advertising rates increased in April 2004, the number of ads decreased. There was a noticeable decrease in member-vendor ads. The projection of **Newf Tide** advertising from the last budget was on the mark. Printing and postage costs will increase and the cost of another binding process has to be considered if the magazine is larger than usual or exceeds 110 pages. The contract for printing **Newf Tide** is up for renewal and bids may be higher than our present printers. Contingency expenses have to be considered in the event of a new contract. Preparation of the magazine and pre-press work must be dealt with. The contract for Newf Tide editor will be reviewed in 2006. One person pointed out that the current editor gives many more hours of volunteer time than she bills for and another editor might not be so inclined.

Summary of discussion on **Annual of Titlists** budget lines: The editor of the **Annual of Titlists** has a three-year contract. The editor's contract is based upon a contingency fee based on the number of dogs in the **Annual of Titlists**.

Summary of discussion on **Breeders List** budget lines: Expenses are up \$60.00 as there are more pages to print as the number of breeders participating is up.

Summary of discussion on General Education Committee budget lines: The figure of \$4,000.00 for new projects was questioned. The figures for this committee were carried over from last year's budget. The Board had approved some special ads last year so that will not be an expense this year.

Summary of discussion on "Distinguished Member" Committee budget lines: The amount listed in the budget has been the estimate from the beginning. The museum waits until there are multiple items to return to the Tate Museum and that saves on some expenses. Over 80 posters were sold in the last fiscal year; the card sales and donations are ongoing.

Summary of discussion on interest rates budget lines: The rates on the CD's were considered. The different CD's are at different rates. There was a request to have the rates broken down by CD.

Summary of discussion on National Specialty budget lines: The Treasurer announced that she had received the National Specialty check from the Newfoundland Club of Northern California (NCNC), minus the NCA expenses. These were treated as two separate items. One for the receipt of all the money the NCNC collected on behalf of the NCA (i.e. poster sales, plates, etc. and as a second one reimbursing NCNC for expenses incurred by the NCA Board. The NCNC, Kevin Gallagher, withheld 50% (or \$2600+/-) from the check to the NCA to cover the attrition charged by the hotel. The NCNC was 46 room/nights short of the number stated in the hotel contract resulting in additional charges of \$5,200 to cover the facilities used at the hotel. Hotel room/nights and contracts were briefly discussed. There will be further discussion on this matter when the final National Specialty financial report is completed.

Summary of discussion on **Constitution and By-Laws** Revision Committee budget lines: The need to include the cost of ballots for the approval of the new Constitution and By-Laws was discussed. It was felt that it was unlikely the committee would be ready for a vote this fiscal year. The cost of the vote could come out of the contingency line in the unlikely event the vote would happen that quickly.

Summary of discussion on **Register of Merit** budget lines: The **Register of Merit** was supposed to be published in 2001 but because of database problems, it was delayed. Since it is supposed to be published every five years, the new one will be published in the Second Quarter of 2006. The budget needs to reflect the increased number of pages and costs.

Summary of discussion on Internet Committee budget lines: The higher amounts listed in the proposed budget were questioned. The Board was reminded that the committee is working to develop a new website and there will be costs associated with multiple domains, new providers, and other items. The committee will need a number of teleconferences to facilitate getting the new website on line as quickly as possible.

Summary of discussion on Ad Hoc Breeders Education Committee budget lines: If this committee becomes a standing committee, it will need funds to develop its programs.

Kevin Gallagher moved and Kathy McIver seconded to approve the budget for the fiscal year 2005-2006 as amended.

Summary of discussion against the motion: There is an approximately \$20,000.00 difference between what the Finance Committee proposed and the budget now with these recent inputs.

One member stated that he believed the process is unreliable as budget items are carried over from year to year.

Kevin Gallagher moved and Kathy McIver seconded to call the question.

The motion to call the question passed unanimously.

The original motion passed. 10 Yes (JKB, MLC, AD, RF, KG, SL, KM, MLP, MLR, DW); 1 No (JD); 1 Abstention (JSB)

### **Executive Session**

At 11:39 p.m., Deb Wigal moved and Jan Boggio seconded that the Board go into executive session.

The motion passed unanimously.

At 11:41 p.m., Jan Boggio moved and Aura Dean seconded that the Board come out of executive session.

The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the Board approved the membership applicant list dated June 17, 2005.

By consensus, the Board decided to recess and the date for the next teleconference was set for Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. eastern time.

At 11:45 p.m., Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy McIver seconded to recess the meeting until July 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. eastern time.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **NCA Teleconference Meeting Reconvenes on Wednesday, July 6, 2005**

Roger Frey, President, called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

The following directors were present: Jan S. Boggio (JSB), Jacqueline K. Brellochs (JKB), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Aura Dean (AD), Jack Dean (JD), Roger Frey (RF), Kevin Gallagher (KG), Sandee Lovett (SL), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Mary Lou Roberts (MLR), and Debra Wigal (DW). Mary W. Price (MWP), AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was present. Tom Broderick (TB) *ex-officio* was absent.

### **Report of the President**

Roger Frey, President, brought the Board's attention to some FYI items that were included in this agenda concerning the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show.

The Board discussed the NCA's participation in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show's "Meet the Breeds" exhibition.

Sandee Lovett moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the NCA participate in the "Meet the Breeds" exhibition at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show, and that the Board ask the Newfoundland Club of Florida if they would host the booth. The Board will offer the Newfoundland Club of Florida a budget of \$200.00, if they desire.

Summary of discussion: The Newfoundland Club of Florida will have to be asked if they are interested in doing it again. It was a success last year. There is no booth fee but the Newfoundland Club of Florida does have some expense in providing displays and handouts for the booth. The Board should offer a small budget for them to offset any costs that they may have. There was a comment that this should be an annual line item in the General Education Committee's budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jan Boggio moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded that the NCA support the Newfoundland entry at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show by purchasing the AKC Parent Club medallions.

Summary of discussion: The NCA did not purchase these medallions last year. Many other parent clubs did purchase the medallions. It was suggested that since the medallions do not have any mention of the NCA on them, that the NCA ad in the show catalog mention that the NCA proudly offers the medallions to the Newfoundland winners.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the feasibility of placing an ad in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show catalog.

Summary of discussion: The rates were \$125.00 for a full (8.5x11 inch) page ad, \$75.00 for a two-thirds page ad and \$40.00 for a one-third page ad. The catalog includes a photograph, if submitted by the owner, of each dog entered in the show. It was asked if the catalog was something that the NCA should send to the Historian each year. Response of the Board was mixed. There was disagreement about whether or not the catalog was of sufficient quality to merit our support with an ad. It was felt that most spectators would hesitate to spend \$20.00 for the catalog. It was debated if the information in the NCA ad would reach very many people. The ad is not due until November, 2005.

Jan Boggio moved and Deb Wigal seconded to table the discussion of purchasing an ad in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show catalog until the next meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President**

Sandee Lovett, 1st Vice President, reported on the June 21, 2005 meeting of the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board. (TMB). A sub-committee of Clyde Dunphy, David Helming, and Mary Jane Spackman, which was established at the TMB's previous meeting, had prepared an organizational plan for the TMB members to consider. The TMB members discussed the details of the plan, which included bringing the Research Advisory Committee, Newfoundland Health Challenge, Juniors Scholarship, and some aspects of the Rescue Committee under the TMB's direction. Based on the discussion at the meeting, the sub-committee will continue to refine the TMB's structural plan, communication protocols, and relationship with the NCA Board and its committees and will present a report at its next meeting on July 19, 2005. When the TMB completes a written organizational document, it will be presented to the NCA Charitable Trust for consideration.

## **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President**

Mary Lou Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, brought to the Board's attention an email that had just arrived from Candace McMahon, *Breeders List* Chair. It was the consensus of the Board to table discussion until later. Mary Lou reported that several NCA members had recently contacted her wishing to serve on various committees. Mary Lou has forwarded those names to the appropriate committee chairpersons. She reported that Edith Markoff has joined the Obedience Committee. Mary Lou will have an updated list of committee members at the next meeting.

## **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Effective Advertising Committee**

Mary Lou asked for clarification on the status of the Effective Advertising Committee. When the Board recently made Effective Advertising a standing committee, the Board did not state whether the committee was to be an open committee or a Board-appointed committee.

Aura Dean moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded that the Effective Advertising Committee be listed as an open committee.

Summary of discussion: By leaving the committee as an open committee, it is hoped that additional NCA members who have experience in advertising would volunteer to serve on the committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Database Committee**

Mary Lou Roberts asked for clarification as to whether Bob Rogers was a member of the Database Committee with Dawn Fretts or if he was a separate committee for developing a new database.

Summary of discussion: Bob Rogers was a member of the Ad Hoc Database Committee with Clyde Dunphy, but he had not been listed on Dawn Frett's Database Committee in the past. There was discussion if Bob was continuing to develop a new NCA database. Mary Lou Roberts will follow up with Bob. Mary Lou Roberts reported that Flip Young's data had been sent to Dawn Fretts as instructed but it was not known yet if it had been received. Discussion on a new database program's license and other questions were tabled until more information was received.

Mary Lou Roberts reported that the scheduling of committee teleconferences through her was working very well. The committees have been very good about contacting her with dates so as to avoid two teleconferences being scheduled for the same time.

### **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: *Breeders List***

The Board decided to address the email sent by Candace McMahon that day. She had four items that she outlined in her email. The Board decided to table the first three items since the Board had no time to prepare for discussion. One of the items was time-sensitive as Candace is moving and was requesting guidance as to the disposition of all the old ***Breeders List*** files.

Kathy McIver moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to set the keeping of the ***Breeders List*** records to a minimum of three years' worth of documentation.

Summary of discussion: A three-year minimum would be needed for someone who had let their listing lapse for two years and then requested to be listed again. According to the ***Policy Manual***, if a listing is renewed within two years, they do not have submit all the litter and title information again.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Lou Cuddy moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to retain the old ***Breeders List*** records until the contents can be established and the value determined.

Summary of discussion: It was questioned if there would be any useful information in the older files that might be used in the new NCA database. It would be better to err on the side of caution by keeping the files than finding out later that there was some information in them that would have been useful. Mary Lou Roberts will talk with Candace to determine if other arrangements for storing the files can be made, how many boxes of files there are and if Candace thinks there may be any valuable information in those files.

The motion passed. 11 Yes (JSB, JKB, MLC, AD, RF, KG, SL, KM, MLP, MLR, DW); 1 Abstention (JD)

### **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: AKC Legislative Liaison**

Mary Lou Roberts reported that she had talked with Debbie Dennison, AKC Legislative Liaison Chair. Debbie wanted guidance as to how to distribute items she is receiving from the



AKC to the Board and NCA members. Items for the Board should be sent through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. Items that concern a specific geographic area should be sent to Regional Club Liaison for distribution.

### **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Ad Hoc Chief Information Officer Committee**

The Ad Hoc Chief Information Officer Committee had asked Mary Lou Roberts for clarification concerning Board comments and suggestions that were sent back to the committee at a previous teleconference. Mary Lou addressed their concerns and the committee is moving ahead.

### **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee**

Jack Witt, Constitution and By-Laws Review Committee Chair, told Mary Lou Roberts that the committee is making progress and should have a report for the Board soon.

### **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: “Distinguished Member” Committee**

Mary Lou Roberts reported that Sue Miller has possession of all the posters at her home. She is filling the orders that were pending and has prepared an advertisement for the next issue of **Newf Tide**. She has also made a request that we offer the posters for sale to the regional clubs at a reduced price.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Mary L. Price seconded to approve the selling of the “Distinguished Member” poster to the regional clubs for \$15.00 apiece.

Summary of discussion: The clubs can charge whatever they want, they can make a few dollars and the money is still going to support the return of the painting. Postage to get the posters to the clubs would be the clubs’ responsibility. There are approximately 420 posters remaining. Concerns were expressed about the fact that the posters did not appear on Sue Miller’s commercial website (Pet Impressions). Mary Lou Roberts said that she was conducting the “Distinguished Member” sales independently of her commercial business so as to avoid the appearance that she may be profiting in some way from the sale of the posters. The Internet lists, the Regional Club Liaison and an article in **Newf Tide** can be used to promote the sales of the poster.

The motion passed. 11 Yes (JSB, JKB, MLC, AD, JD, RF, SL, KM, MLP, MLR, DW); 1 Abstention (KG)

### **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Internet Committee**

Summary of discussion: A concern was expressed about personal information (i.e., phone numbers, addresses) appearing on the NCA website. It was asked if there going to be a clear policy about this issue. It was asked that if a member wanted his full information listed to make it easy to contact him why should the Internet Committee decide that there was a

privacy issue and this information was to be deleted. The committee should and will discuss this matter thoroughly and will make a report to the Board.

### **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Working Dog Committee**

Mary Lou Roberts brought to the Board's attention the chart summarizing the changes to the qualifications for working test judges that Sandee Lovett had prepared.

Summary of discussion: There was a question as to whether the exhibiting requirement for provisional judges as listed in the old qualifications list had been enforced strictly. The records were kept and it was enforced in the past. It may not have been quite as strictly enforced this last year or two while the new qualifications were being developed.

Current provisional judges will be grand-fathered when the new qualifications take effect. Equivalent requirements to the qualifications were thoroughly discussed by the Working Dog Committee (WDC). The difficulty of documenting some suggested equivalent requirements was one of the reasons the WDC did not include equivalent requirements. There are ways that judges who need more titles to qualify for higher levels can find additional dogs to train, but some judges are not in the position or do not wish to take in additional dogs just to gain titles. Some excellent judges may be reduced to a lower level because of not being able to maintain the needed number of titles in a five year time frame.

The raising of the qualifications was questioned. Some judges achieved only the minimum titles, only judged at their own club's test and gained minimal experience. By slowing down the process to become a mentor judge, the judges will have to have a wider and greater depth of experience. Concern was expressed that the bond that develops between owner and dog when training for working titles may be sacrificed in the effort to gain the extra titles needed by having to borrow dogs to train for the required number of titles.

An appeal process or alternatives such as a point system for stewarding, seminars, and training dogs was suggested. Verification would still be a problem. It was stated that no current judge will lose his/her judging privileges. A judge who does not do a good job will not be asked to judge and that judge will slip back to provisional because of the judging requirements. It was suggested that clubs be required or make it a strong recommendation to hire provisional judges every "X" number of years. Clubs should not hire their own members to judge all the time. Effort should be expended to bring in judges from a distance.

The reasons that the mentor-level judges do not have to fulfill a number of exhibiting and judging assignments within a certain time requirement were considered. It was felt that mentor judges should also be required to fulfill exhibition and judging requirements the same as the provisional and partner judges do.

Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to accept the recommendations made in the Working Dog Committee's report for the new working test judge's qualifications with the addition of two amendments. The two amendments are to leave in the original requirements that, at the Mentor level, that the judge must exhibit once in

the last five years and the judge must have two of the judging assignments within the last five years.

Summary of discussion: The amending of the motion to instruct the WDC to again consider alternative requirements was discussed.

Jan Boggio moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to table the above motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jan Boggio moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the Working Dog Committee establish provisions for exceptions to the expanded judges requirements and to develop written criteria for meeting the expanded requirements, by whatever means, established by the Working Dog Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: General Education Committee**

The Board considered a request from Dejah Petsch, the General Education Committee Chair, to place an ad in a Fancy publication, *Dogs for Kids*, November/December 2005 issue.

Summary of discussion: No circulation figures for this magazine were mentioned in the email from Dejah. There is money in the General Education Committee's budget for these kinds of ads. Any time Newfoundlands are a featured breed, the NCA should have a presence in that issue.

Jan Boggio moved and Aura Dean seconded to approve placing a \_ page ad in the "Dogs for Kids" November/December 2005 issue for \$150.00.

Summary of discussion: The budget that was just approved for the General Education Committee was discussed. This ad would come out the General Education Committee's special projects budget. A question was raised whether the committee had to come to the Board for approval for each ad. A suggestion was made that ads over \$1,000.00 would need Board approval. The Effective Advertising Committee should be consulted and this committee should investigate doing reports on previous ads and their effectiveness with the Board being copied on these reports.

The motion passed unanimously.

Time: 10:19 p.m.

### **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Specialty Show Committee**

Mary Lou Roberts reported that, as requested, she had spoken with Robin Seaman, Specialty Show Chair. Peggy Helming will stay on the committee as *ex-officio*. There was

discussion about making her a member of the committee. She was named *ex-officio* when Henry Jurczyk was named the chair of the committee and the committee then decided to have her stay as *ex-officio* when Robin became the chair. According to Robin, Peggy and the committee are happy with the status quo.

### **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Regional Club Liaison**

Kathy McIver moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to approve High Country Newfoundland Club's request that the state of Utah be added back into High Country's territory.

Summary of discussion: The state of Utah was once part of High Country's territory but was voluntarily given up when the Utah Newf Fanciers Club was formed. The Utah club has been inactive for many years and there is no interest in reviving that club, considering that there are only approximately eight NCA households in Utah. High Country Newfoundland Club has requested that the state of Utah be added back into its territory.

The motion passed. 11 Yes (JSB, JKB, MLC, AD, RF, KG, SL, KM, MLP, MLR, DW); 1 No (JD)

### **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Breeders Education Committee**

The Board considered a report from the Breeders Education Committee and a request to change the committee to a standing committee.

Sandee Lovett moved and Aura Dean seconded to change the Ad Hoc Breeders Education Committee to a standing committee.

Summary of discussion: The Board needs to approve the concept of the committee before it is made a standing committee. Goals and functions need to be decided on by the committee before the Board should move on this. The members have not had a chance to give input to this committee like they did for Newf Novelties. Requests for input could be placed on the NCA website and there is room in current issue of ***Newf Tide*** for a short summary of this report if it received by the editor within the next day.

It was asked if the committee was being penalized for moving too quickly. Some of the policies outlined in the report were questioned. They were taken from other committee guidelines and the ***Policy Manual***. There was a question about whether approval of the motion implies approval of the report. It was agreed that it does not. The Board can change the direction of the committee at any time.

The motion passed. 5 Yes (SL, KM, MLP, MLR, DW); 3 No (JSB, JD, RF); 4 Abstentions (JKB, MLC, AD, KG)

There was some discussion if the vote needed to be a majority of the Board. According to Roberts Rules of Order, the motion passes.

The Board was invited to make comments on the report in writing and those comments should be sent to the committee and to the Board by August 15, 2005.

### **Executive Session**

At 10:58 p.m., Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy McIver seconded to go into executive session.

Summary of discussion: Since the Board would be addressing the resignation of the co-chair of the Health & Longevity Committee, a Board member wanted to know if the committee had been asked for their input for a new co-chair or if they knew who was going to be suggested. It was suggested that the committee have a chance to suggest some names.

The motion passed. 10 Yes (JSB, JKB, MLC, RF, KG, SL, KM, MLP, MLR, DW); 2 No (AD, JD)

At 11:10 p.m., Aura Dean moved and Jan Boggio seconded to come out of executive session.

The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the Board approved naming Cathy Sands as co-chair of the Health & Longevity Committee.

While in executive session, the Board voted to reappoint all of the members of the Ad Hoc Breeders Education Committee to the newly-formed standing Breeders Education Committee and that committee should be a Board-appointed committee. The committee members are Mickey Fickett and Kathy McIver co-chairs, Janice Anderson, Karin Bock, John Cornell, Sue Jones, Jean McAdams, Pam Rubio and Deb Wigal.

### **AKC Parent Club Health Conference**

The Health & Longevity (H&L) Committee had requested permission from the Board to send two H&L committee members to the AKC Parent Club Health Conference in St. Louis, Missouri on October 21-23, 2005.

Summary of discussion: There are three committees that would benefit from attending this conference - H&L, Health Challenge and the Research Advisory Committee. The Board should consider setting up a rotating schedule where each committee would get a turn to attend these biannual conferences. The NCA is able to send two representatives as it is a member of the Founder's Club. The attendees should be responsible for getting reports from the conference back to the appropriate committees and the Board.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Sandee Lovett seconded to authorize one committee member from the Research Advisory Committee and one committee member from the Health & Longevity Committee to attend the 2005 AKC Parent Club Health Conference.

Summary of discussion: Some felt that the Board should designate who should attend. Others believed that the committees should designate the attendee as they will have a better idea of which committee members have the time and the skills to prepare the reports.

The motion passed. 6 Yes (RF, SL, KM, MLP, MLR, DW); 5 No (JSB, MLC, AD, JD, KG); 1 Abstention (JKB)

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the Research Advisory Committee and the Health & Longevity Committee be advised that their representatives who attend the 2005 AKC Parent Club Health Conference are responsible for distributing the information presented at the conference to the Health & Longevity, Research Advisory and Health Challenge Committees, and the Health Liaison and the members of the Board, and to prepare an article for publication in ***Newf Tide***.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Amendment of Minutes**

Kathy Mclver moved and Jan Boggio seconded to remove lines 172-176 from the previously approved March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5, April 13, 2005 meeting minutes.

Summary of discussion: Upon further review of the tape of the meeting, the statements on lines 172-176 were not correct and should be deleted from the minutes.

Kevin Gallagher moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to call the question.

The motion to call the question passed unanimously.

The original motion passed unanimously.

Jan Boggio moved and Kathy Mclver seconded to add Robin Seaman's corrections to the March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5, April 13, 2005 meeting minutes.

Summary of discussion: This addition had been discussed earlier in this teleconference.

Kevin Gallagher moved and Kathy Mclver seconded to call the question.

The motion to call the question passed unanimously.

The original motion passed unanimously.

### **Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

Aura Dean, Corresponding Secretary, reported that all correspondence received to date from Events Department at AKC relative to NCA Regional Club Specialty shows has been forwarded to Robin Seaman, Specialty Coordinator.

She reported on a letter from Jan Debbaut, Director, Tate Collection, about the Philadelphia Museum of Art's proposal to allow the loan of the "Distinguished Member" painting to Bruce Museum in Greenwich, CT. The Tate Museum denied permission and asked that the painting be returned in December, 2005. Irene Taruins, Senior Registrar of the Philadelphia Museum of Art reported that a quote has been obtained on the fumigation of the wooden crate to return the painting. Custom/Import regulations require this procedure. She will communicate the quote and further details to the appropriate NCA Committee.

At the direction of the President and pursuant to Board approval, Aura sent a letter to Debra Bonnefond giving the AKC permission to link the Veterinary Outreach web site to the NCA's website. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Health and Longevity Committee.

Aura reported on a letter from Robin Stansell at AKC regarding various newly adopted AKC polices. That letter will be forwarded to the appropriate committees.

Aura informed the Board that the AKC had received the change that she had submitted updating the AKC Legislative Liaison to Debbie Dennison.

Aura told the Board of a request from the AKC for an electronic copy of the NCA membership files. The reason for the request was to improve AKC's efficiency and enable the AKC to communicate more directly with members of AKC clubs on urgent AKC matters and pending legislation. The letter stated that membership lists are not rented or sold to any third parties.

Summary of discussion: The Membership Chair is prepared to send the file in the format requested by the AKC. The reason behind the request for electronic files was questioned as AKC could contact any officer on the NCA Board, the NCA Legislative Liaison or the AKC Delegate and ask that information be distributed to NCA members. The Board was reminded that NCA members have the option of opting out of having their names released. This request has been made before and the NCA has opted not to comply. A hard copy of the Membership Guide had been sent instead.

Kevin Gallagher moved and Kathy McIver seconded to send a hard copy of the NCA membership roster to the AKC in response to the AKC's request for electronic membership files.

The motion passed unanimously.

Aura reported on a conversation with Toni Hutto of AKC Publications regarding the NCA's information insert for AKC registrations. Ms. Hutto had forwarded a proof with the requested changes (subscription price and address of the corresponding secretary). There will be no charge for these changes. The proof has been returned for printing. A copy of the flier will be forwarded to all Board members.

Aura informed the Board that she had received a letter, as did most of the Board members, from an NCA member with a request for consideration of an NCA member for Honorary Membership. Aura replied to the letter stating that this matter will be considered at the Board's November 4-6, 2005 face-to-face meeting pursuant to the **Constitution and By-Laws**.

### Report of the Treasurer

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following.

#### NCA Operations

Checking Account	17,753.19	
Savings Account	3,242.22	
CDs	<u>196,769.88</u>	
	217,765.29	217,765.29

"Distinguished Member" Restoration		
CD	<u>1,179.31</u>	
	1,179.31	1,179.31

Uniform Trophy Fund		
Money Market Account		<u>11,509.36</u>
		\$230,453.96

Mary reported that the Membership Chair has received approximately 50% of the membership renewals which is slightly ahead of average at this time in the process.

### Report of the AKC Delegate

Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, informed that Board that she had attended the AKC Delegates meeting in Chicago, Illinois on June 13, 2005, but that she could not arrive in time to attend either the Delegate's caucus or the AKC Parent Clubs meeting on the preceding day.

The caucus and the regular meeting were mostly devoted to the Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005 (PAWS) which has been introduced by Pennsylvania senator, Rick Santorum. Dr. James Holt, a former AKC Board member who is now the AKC Federal Government Relations Consultant, offered some sound reasons to support PAWS and he encouraged the Delegates to read the proposal for themselves. Mary W. Price said that she would send copies of the proposal to the Board members. There was a question to Mary as to how this proposal will affect hobby breeders. She replied that the proposed legislation applies to anyone who breeds seven or more litters **AND** sells 25 or more dogs each year.



Mary reported on a meeting concerning the AKC's Strategic Planning efforts. The Delegates will receive a mailing of the Strategic Planning report. Ronald Menaker, Chairman of the AKC, stated that all aspects of the dog fancy were involved in preparing the plan. Delegates will have the opportunity to make suggestions and recommendations prior to the expected adoption of the plan at AKC's August Board meeting.

Mary also read the AKC's new mission statement which is being developed in conjunction with the Strategic Planning effort. The new mission statement includes the following statements:

1. Advocacy for the purebred dog as a family companion,
2. Supporting advances in canine health and wellbeing,
3. Protection of rights of all dog owners,
4. Promoting responsible dog ownership.

Mary reported that the newly revised By-Laws amendment concerning the AKC Nominating Committee will be presented at the September, 2005 meeting for its first reading with an expected vote at the January, 2006 meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There was a discussion concerning referring some agenda items to the respective committees.

Jan Boggio moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to refer health-related items on the June 29, 2005 agenda (agenda numbers 9, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 43) to the Health & Longevity Committee with a response from the committee to the Board by October 1, 2005.

The motion passed unanimously.

By consensus, the NCA Board will hold its next teleconference on Monday, July 25, 2005 at 8:30 p.m. eastern time. Agenda items are due to Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, by Friday, July 15, 2005.

At 12:02, Jan Boggio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Cuddy  
NCA Recording Secretary