



Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

**Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting
July 20, 2006**

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Roger Frey, President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Present were Jan S. Boggio (JSB), Jacqueline K. Brellochs (JKB), Aura Dean (AD), Roger Frey (RF), Kevin Gallagher (KG), Sandee Lovett (SL), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Meredith Reggie (MCR), Mary Lou Roberts (MLR), Pam Rubio (PR), Cathy L. Sands (CLS). Mary W Price (MWP), AKC Delegate, *ex-officio*, was present.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as amended for the Board of Directors teleconferences of May 17 & June 21, 2006.

President's Report (Roger Frey) No Report.

1st Vice President's Report (Sandee Lovett) The June meeting of the Charitable Trust was cancelled. The new meeting is now tentatively scheduled for July 26, 2006.

2nd Vice President's Report (Mary Lou Roberts)

Received a letter from the Sable Newf project.

Recording Secretary's Report (Cathy L. Sands)

Correspondence received and sent will be in Executive Session.

Corresponding Secretary's Report (Jacqueline K. Brellochs)

Correspondence received and items responded to include requests for copies of the *Illustrated Guide to the Standard*.

There was discussion of the Board mailbox and spam content. Secretary will send copies of letters of content to the Board along with the responses.

Treasurer's Report (Mary L. Price)

Mary L Price reported that 30% of the NCA membership has renewed at this point. This is normal compared to last year's renewals.

NCA Operations

Checking Account	31,824.06	
Savings Account	18,774.05	
CDs	<u>213,972.00</u>	
	264,570.11	264,570.11

Reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses 4,728.79

Uniform Trophy Fund
Money Market Account 15,174.45

279,744.56

Bill Cuddy has donated more than 50 hours streamlining the Membership Database. The Board wishes to thank him for his generous donation of his time and talents.

AKC Delegate's Report (Mary W. Price)

Mary W. Price attended the AKC Delegates Meeting in Raleigh, NC in June. The motion to eliminate the AKC Nominating Committee was referred to their the Delegates By-Laws Committee (a standing committee). The motion to eliminate the restriction of not allowing professional judges to serve as Delegates failed.

The Parent Club Conference is tentatively planned for June of 2007.

The NCA needs to update the AKC specialty show website regarding NCA Nationals as the last update was in 2004. Barbara Finch will work in this.

The AKC is now publishing a new monthly report entitled "New Titles of Record Report". There was discussion regarding who should receive AKC reports. Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy McIver seconded that NCA contact AKC regarding specific reports that should be sent to a designated Board member and/or the AKC Delegate. The motion passed unanimously. The Corresponding Secretary will advise the AKC with the designated recipient of such reports.

Committee Reports (Mary Lou Roberts)

(1) The Water Test Steward and Test Committee Handbook was reviewed. There was discussion about formatting changes needed. Several changes were made to Section 2 (Test Site Specifications), Section 3 (Equipment) and Section 7 (Multiple Person Rescue).

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Cathy Sands seconded to approve the Handbook as amended. The motion passed unanimously. The Working Dog Committee is to be commended for a job well-done.

(2) Website:

Pam Rubio will report on the Whelping Box project next month.

Mary Lou Roberts spoke about placing copies of old *Newf Tide* issues in a member only section of the website. There was discussion about obtaining copies of some of the older issues. Mary Lou will check with Mary Jane Spackman regarding what issues the Historian has.

(3) Breeders Education Committee (Kathy McIver)

The BEC is proposing an educational program by a panel of breeders at the 2007 national. She has contacted K-9TV regarding filming the program and the cost will be approximately \$300. The CD could then be copied and made available to the membership.

BEC is also interested in a possibility of doing a semen collection at the National. There was discussion about what was involved and needed. Cathy Sands will contact Larry Hanson and work with him on the project.

(4) General Education (Dejah Petsch)

The Newfoundland Breeder Checklist was submitted for review by the Board. Any comments or suggestions regarding the checklist are to be sent to Dejah Petsch by August 1, 2006.

(5) Juniors (Jill Britton)

Jill submitted the following forms for Board review: (1) NCA Junior Application for AKC Classic and Westminster Qualifying Awards (2) NCA Junior Handler Awards (3) NCA Junior Scholarship Criteria and (4) NCA Junior Scholarship Application. She also submitted the 2006 Junior Standings.

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the Application for the AKC Classic and Westminster Qualifying Awards and the NCA Junior Handler Awards and to refer the Junior Scholarship Application and Criteria forms to the Charitable Trust for their approval. The motion passed unanimously.

(6) Judges Education Committee (Kim Griffith)

A letter was received from JEC. The AKC is deleting its Judges' In-Ring Observation Program as of January 1, 2007, and passing this area of its judge's qualification program on to Ringside Mentoring by authorized mentors within the JEC of National Breed Clubs.

JEC is working with the AKC's Conformation Committee regarding their requirements and developing a set of procedures for the NCA Breed Mentors.

JEC is finishing the Judges' Education CD and wishes to use it for the first time at the Pennsylvania Judges' Seminars in mid-August.

There was discussion about JEC using materials that have not been reviewed by the Board. Mary Lou Roberts moved and Pam Rubio seconded that JEC may use the CD this one time only without Board review. JEC will be asked to send copies of the CD to all the Board members for review.

(7) Newf Novelties (Summer Poris)

Summer reported the need for clean copies of the NCA logo as well as the copyrighted drawings in the illustrated standard. Apparently no one knows where the originals are and Jacqueline will continue trying to locate acceptable copies.

(8) *Newf Tide* (Aura Dean)

A post publication report was supplied. The Board appreciates the time and effort it took to do this report and found it very thorough.

(9) The ad hoc *Newf Tide* Committee (Nicki Gunderson) report was accepted as submitted.

(10) The ad hoc Working Achievement Award Committee report (Brian Hodges) was accepted as presented.

At 10 p.m. Chris Lyden, Chair of the NCA Finance Committee, joined the meeting.

The Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending June 20, 2007 was presented by Chris and Mary L. Price. There was discussion regarding that a budget is only a "best guess" as to actual expenditures.

Database's anticipated expense to re-program the database was reduced by \$4,500 and reclassified to Technical Resources, now a standing committee.

Kathy McIver moved and Cathy Sands seconded to approve the Budget as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Lyden left the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Mary W. Price left the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Executive Session

At 11:10 p.m. Aura Dean moved and Kathy McIver seconded to go into Executive Session.

At 11:30 p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session.

While in Executive Session the Board approved the Membership Applicant List of July 20, 2006.

While in Executive Session the Board appointed Scott Wigginton to the REACT Committee. Caron daSilva has resigned from REACT and the Board thanks her for her service.

While in Executive Session the Board appointed Tracy Warncke as co-chair of Health & Longevity Committee. Cathy Sands has resigned as co-chair due to the volume of work involved in her position as NCA Recording Secretary.

New Business

1. Meredith Reggie moved and Jacqueline K. Brellochs seconded that the Board revise the statement regarding Board candidates to become a procedures and that the word "biggest" be removed from the statement regarding problems facing the NCA and/or the breed.

The motion "It will be permanent policy to request that all candidates for the Board of Directors provide a 300-word or less personal profile and answer the following question in 500 words or less: "What do you think are two problems facing the NCA and/or facing the Newfoundland breed, and how would you solve them?" The motion passed unanimously.

2. Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Kathy McIver seconded to direct the NCA website committee to delete "invitation to email the Board". The motion failed 2 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs and Roger Frey) and 10 no (Jan Boggio, Aura Dean, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Kathy McIver, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy Sands).
3. Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded that the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee create an index to Newf Tide articles and photos. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Meredith Reggie moved and Aura Dean seconded that breed specific education shall be the responsibility of and shall be assigned to the Judges Education Committee. The motion failed 2 yes (Aura Dean, Meredith Reggie), 1 abstain (Jan Boggio) and 9 no (Jacqueline Brellochs, Roger Frey, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Kathy Mclver, Pam Rubio, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy Sands).
5. Meredith Reggie moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded that the Board of Directors review or be informed of information, including requests, surveys and documents, prior to its placement on the NCA website for the general public. This does not pertain to updates on previously approved items such as approved working test or to basic information as lists of approved working judges, committee members, etc.

There was discussion regarding policies for printed materials such as *Newf Tide* and whether or not those policies could be applied to the internet.

The motion passed 9 yes (Jan Boggio, Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura Dean, Roger Frey, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Cathy Sands) and 3 no (Kathy Mclver, Pam Rubio, Mary Lou Roberts).

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:20 a.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:45 a.m.

While in Executive Session the Board voted to rescind the previous motion (#5) regarding review of items for the NCA website. The Internet Committee will be asked to create a Website Policy Committee similar to the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee to govern the procedures for review and approval of website content.

All Committees are to be reminded that there is a policy in place regarding Board review of items for public domain.

The Board had a moment of silence for NCA members Ellen Katz and Ann Latronico.

The Board adjourned at 1:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Discussion items from this Agenda will be carried over to the Agenda for the August 17, 2006 teleconference.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy L. Sands, Recording Secretary