

Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting
November 16, 2006

President Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:14 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Present were Jan Boggio, Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura Dean, Roger Frey, Sandee Lovett, Mary L Price, Kathy Mclver, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Mary Lou Roberts, and Cathy L. Sands. Mary W. Price, *ex-officio*, and Kevin Gallagher were absent.

Kathy Mclver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to postpone approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously with 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

There was discussion regarding the Judges Education Seminar at the 2007 National. Roger Frey will check with the Judges Education Committee (JEC) chair. Roger will also check on status of the new CD being approved by the JEC.

Kevin Gallagher joined the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy Mclver seconded to present the following questions to the Judges Education Committee (JEC):

- Has the JEC considered producing an interactive CD-ROM for the NCA?
- What are the positives and negatives of an interactive CD-ROM? Please include costs and production time, etc.
- Does the JEC think there would be a market for an interactive CD within the NCA membership, thereby making the project more economically feasible while providing breed education to the fancy as well as the judges? The motion passed 11 yes (Jan Boggio, Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura Dean, Roger Frey, Sandee Lovett, Mary L Price, Kathy Mclver, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Mary Lou Roberts, and Cathy L. Sands) and 1 abstain (Kevin Gallagher).

Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded to direct the Specialties Committee to have a corrected and consolidated Specialty Guide to the Board on or before March 31, 2007 so that the Board will have time to review it before the face-to-face meeting at the National. The motion passed 11 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura Dean, Roger Frey, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Mary L Price, Kathy Mclver, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Mary Lou Roberts, and Cathy L. Sands), 1 no (Jan Boggio).

Aura Dean moved and Jan Boggio seconded to ask the National Speciality Committee send any and all suggested or recommended changes to the Guide to the Board on or before January 15, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy McIver moved and Aura Dean seconded to ask for input from the NCA Membership Chair regarding the idea of placing the NCA membership application on the website. Cathy L. Sands and Meredith Reggie were instructed to discuss the idea with Mary Lou Cuddy, the Membership Chair.

Kevin Gallagher left the meeting at 9 p.m.

There was discussion regarding adding another level of ROM awards. One member stated that they were fine with the concept but suggested that the idea be sent out to several committees including, Health & Longevity, Breeders Education, *Newf Tide* Policy Committee, Database, and Breeders List. Some concerns were raised such as lack of breeder input and logistics (i.e., costs, implementation, etc.). This item has been on the agenda since March of 2006 with no action taken by the Board.

Others pointed out that ROMs, by definition, represent many of the top producing Newfoundlands and that it is in the best interest of all that we encourage the posting of health test results for these dogs in a publicly accessible database. It was also noted that the NCA stresses in several publications its strong support for open registries, and adding this level of encouragement for breeders to post test results will prove that we really mean it. One Board member noted that he could not think of any reason why this action would not be good for the Newfoundland breed.

It was also suggested the additional level should also be added to the VN awards.

Several members felt that the purpose of the motion was to encourage breeders to use an open database. There was discussion of CHIC and what it is intended to be. There was additional discussion about what the public perceives it to be.

Motion #1: Mary Lou Roberts moves and Pam Rubio seconds that the NCA establish, beginning in 2007, an additional ROM designation, called the ROM-Open, that will be awarded to any dog/bitch -- past, present, and future--that has met the already-established ROM criteria but which also has all of its test results (regardless of status) for hips, elbows, heart, and cystinuria posted in a publicly accessible, open database. (This will include the OFA database as well as other databases that might be made publicly available in the future, including an NCA database.) This award does not in any way change the existence or qualification of the existing ROM award. The motion passed 7 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Roger Frey, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Pam Rubio, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy Sands) 4 no (Jan Boggio, Aura Dean, Kathy McIver, Meredith Reggie).

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to appoint the following to count ballots for the 2007 election: Bill Bartlett Jr., Juanita Bartlett, Betsy Beaver, Jan Curtis, Carol Anne Fisher, Johanna Matsuda, Patty Pigeon, Linda Morley-Roser, Cathy L. Sands. The motion passed unanimously with 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

Ingrid Lyden, Awards Committee Chair, has asked who the presenters of the awards will be at the 2007 national and also needs to know who will write the articles. Sandee Lovett will present the Heroic Newf Award, Pam Rubio will present the Good Sportsmanship Award, and Roger Frey will present the Isabel Kurth Award. Cathy L. Sands will email Ingrid with the requested information and copy Mary Lou Roberts, Committee Liaison.

Mary Lou Roberts spoke about the possibility of restructuring the committees. Kathy McIver stated that Mary Lou Roberts deserved a round of applause for managing the 38 committees. The Board agreed.

Aura Dean suggested that the Board send out the concept of restructuring to the committees and ask for comments and suggestions. This was agreed to by consensus. Mary Lou Roberts will submit a draft of an email to the committees at the December 21, 2006 teleconference meeting.

Meredith Reggie recused herself and left the meeting at 10:15 p.m. Meredith returned to the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Aura Dean reported that bids for *Newf Tide* printer, editor, lay-out, and the annual will be mailed out to the Board on November 20, 2006. A teleconference meeting of the Board to review and discuss the bids was scheduled for December 7, 2006 at 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Mary Lou Roberts has attempted to contact the persons asked to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2008. Jocelyn Hawley, Barbara Hearn, Lori Littleford and Beckie Stanevich have agreed to serve. Mary Lou should know by November 26 the status of rest of the committee.

Committee Reports are due to the Recording Secretary per the NCA constitution by December 15, 2006. Mary Lou Roberts will remind the committees of the deadline.

An email was received from Jack Witt (CBL) regarding an email he received about the revision of the NCA Code of Ethics. Discussion of revising the NCA Code of Ethics will be added to the December 21, 2006 agenda.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:30 EST. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

While in Executive Session the Board approved letters regarding a grievance submitted by the WDC. The Board also approved a letter regarding the outcome of the misconduct hearing of November 4, 2006.

The Board asked that Technical Resources submit a progress report.

Cathy L. Sands moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The next regular teleconference of the Board of Directors will be on Thursday, December 21, 2006 at 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Deadline for agenda items for that meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Sands
NCA Recording Secretary