

# NCA Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting, April 19, 2006 (Approved May 17, 2006)

Roger Frey, President, called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. eastern time.

Present were Jan S. Boggio (JSB), Aura Dean (AD), Roger Frey (RF), Sandee Lovett (SL), Kathy Mclver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Meredith Reggie (MR), Mary Lou Roberts (MLR), Pam Rubio (PR), Cathy L. Sands (CLS). Mary W Price (MWP), AKC Delegate, *ex-officio*, was present. Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), former Recording Secretary, was present.

AT 8:05 p.m. Kathy Mclver moved to go into Committee of the Whole, Sandee Lovett seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

At 8:10 p.m. Jacqueline Brellochs joined the meeting. Kevin Gallagher joined the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes of the March 27-28, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously as amended.

Minutes of the March 28, 2006 Annual Meeting of the Board were approved unanimously as amended.

Kathy Mclver moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to come out of Committee of the Whole. The motion was approved unanimously.

## President's Report

Roger Frey, President, asked if any of the Board members use the recordings of the meetings and wanted to know if the Board felt they were useful. There was discussion regarding the cost and usefulness by the Recording Secretaries and the need to have the executive session portions edited out of the tapes. Mary Lou Cuddy stated that she had not found them to be useful. One Board member said she had used them to refresh her memory regarding discussions. The cost of recording minutes at the face-to-face meetings is approximately \$1000 per year. There is no additional cost for recording minutes of a board teleconference.

Kathy Mclver moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the minutes no longer be recorded. The motion passed. 8 yes (JB, RF, SL, MLP, KM, PR, MLR, CLS), 3 no (JB, AD, MR), 1 abstention (KG)

Roger had received a letter from Lisa Davis, Esq. soliciting the NCA's legal business. Ms. Davis was formerly with Tyler, Cooper & Elkhorn (the law firm used by NCA) but

has now established her own practice. Ms. Davis is the attorney who has done the work for NCA. It was decided to get quotes to compare and put this item on the Board's May agenda.

Roger received a letter from the AKC regarding the Crufts certificates. The Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and Select winners are eligible to compete at Crufts. Jacqueline Brellochs and Roger Frey will contact AKC for more complete information.

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

Sandee Lovett, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, reported that she had received the packet of information from AKC regarding the proposed AKC draft test. The report is 56 pages which she summarized for the Board.

There was discussion about the freight load requirements, equipment, safety issues, and the need for a certificate from a veterinarian stating the dog's weight. It was stated that if NCA did not participate we could not have any input on the proposed AKC draft test.

Sandee Lovett moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that the NCA should participate in the proposed AKC draft tests.. The motion was approved 11 yes (JSB, JB, AD, RF, KG, SL, KM, MLP, MR, MLR, PR), 1 abstention (CLS).

Sandee will write a letter to the AKC regarding the Club's reservations about weight loads, equipment, and safety issues

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

Mary Lou Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, spoke about procedures for notifying appointees and committee chairs of appointments and changes. This item was referred to executive session.

Mary Lou Roberts asked that Ingrid Lyden be allowed to join the meeting with a request from the Awards Committee. Ingrid Lyden joined the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

The Awards Committee wishes to know if it would be possible to list the Top Five Stud Dogs and Top Five Brood Bitches in *Newf Tide* rather than only the number one. There was also interest in listing the Top 20, and the Top 10 or 20 Obedience dogs.

There was discussion about listing the top five stud dogs and brood bitches and the top 20 in obedience and conformation. The requirements for number of title holders would remain in place for the brood bitch and stud dog listings (i.e., only those dogs with the required numbers would be listed). There was additional discussion about listing the dogs by rankings rather than alphabetically. It was suggested that the top 10 in each category be listed rather than limiting stud dog and brood bitch to the top five. There was discussion about which issues of *Newf Tide* would feature the items

Jan Boggio moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Second Quarter *Newf Tide* list the top 10 stud dogs and brood bitches and that the Third Quarter *Newf Tide* list the top 20 obedience and conformation dogs. This would be effective for the 2006 calendar year. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kathy McIver asked if it was possible to get past top 10 in each category from the Awards Committee. Awards Committee will share the information they have compiled.

### Report of the Recording Secretary

Cathy Sands, Recording Secretary, reported that the former Recording Secretary, Mary Lou Cuddy, had requested permission to destroy ballots and envelopes from the last election. There was a question as to whether anyone had asked to see them. Mary Lou stated that no one had asked.

Aura Dean moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded that the materials be destroyed. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Report of Corresponding Secretary

Jacqueline Brellochs, Corresponding Secretary, reported on correspondence.

A letter was sent to Michael Liosis, Director of Club Relations at AKC, updating the NCA officers with AKC.

Jacqueline reminded the Board of the deadline for NCA's participation in the selection of recipients for the 2007 AKC Lifetime Achievement Award nominees in fields of conformation, companion events and performance events. It was agreed by consensus that this would be taken up in executive session.

Gina DiNardo Lash of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show has asked if NCA wants to sponsor the three breed medallions for the Eukanuba show in Long Beach, California next year.

Aura Dean moved and Jan Boggio seconded that NCA sponsor medallions for a one year period. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms Lash has also solicited a full page advertisement at a cost of \$140 in their catalog. It was agreed by consensus that NCA should place such an advertisement.

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the General Education Committee and Effective Advertising Committee should be asked for input and ideas for such an advertisement. The motion was approved unanimously.

## Report of the Treasurer

Mary L Price, Treasurer, reported on the need to clarify the cut-off date for new member renewals. Aura Dean moved and Mary L Price seconded that applicants appearing in a past calendar year of *Newf Tide* will receive a dues notice for the next fiscal year. The cut-off date for dues renewals will be included in the welcome letters to new applicants. The motion was approved unanimously.

She reported that the American Dog Owners Association dues have been paid.

Mary Lou Cuddy left the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

## Committee Reports

Mary Lou Roberts, Committee Liaison, reported a need to discuss the process of notifying appointees and committee chairs of appointments. This was referred to executive session.

Mary Lou Roberts noted that the Board mailbox on the NCA website now sends all mail received to all of the Board members. It is important to be sure that someone answers each email. Mary Lou Roberts motioned and Cathy Sands seconded that the Corresponding Secretary be in charge of ensuring those emails are answered by the proper person or committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Aura Dean gave an update regarding the printer for *Newf Tide*. The Printing Center has stated that they do not wish to print the next issue of *Newf Tide* since NCA will not be renewing their contract. Sutherland Printing has been asked to print this issue and has agreed.

Nicki Gundersen of the Ad Hoc *Newf Tide* Committee joined the meeting at 10 p.m.

There was discussion regarding print brokers and samples of work that were mailed to the Board. The cost of 70 pound paper versus 80 pound paper used in printing was discussed. Also discussed were the possibility of color pages, a publication review committee, man hours spent in compiling information, and the solicitation of advertising from national organizations such as dog food companies.

Niki stated that Beth Sell is trying to get a definitive answer from the Postal Service regarding whether the use of 9-digit zip codes would speed deliveries. One member commented that she had not yet received the current issue of *Newf Tide*.

The Ad Hoc *Newf Tide* Committee has spoken with the publisher of the Aussie Journal which received the Dog Writers' Award for Best Publication. The Board and all the members of *Newf Tide* Policy Committee will receive sample copies of the Aussie Journal for their review. The Board received information regarding a print broker and samples. This information will also be sent to all the members of the *Newf Tide* Policy

Committee (Aura Dean, Jan Boggio, Meredith Reggie, David Van Couvering, Ken Wildman).

It was suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee and the Policy Committee need to work closely together and a teleconference including all members of both committees was discussed.

The second quarter issue of *Newf Tide* will be printed on 80 pound paper and will be mailed from Des Moines, Iowa. It will be mailed in polybags rather than envelopes.

Aura Dean moved and Cathy Sands seconded that NCA ask the Sutherland Company for a letter of intent pending review and acceptance of their contract for three issues of *Newf Tide*.

One member stated they could support a motion for two issues.

The motion for three issues passed 8 yes (JB, JB, AD, RF, KG, SL, MLP, MR, CLS), 2 no (KM, MLR). 1 abstention (PR).

Mary W Price left the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Aura Dean requested an extension to May 1, 2006 for applications for the Breeders List. She also requested an extension to May 20, 2006 for bid packet requests for the position of editor of *Newf Tide* and/or the Annual of Titlists. The Board approved these two requests by consensus. Marylou Zimmerman will post these two extensions on the NCA website. Aura stated that there was no advertisement for a new editor placed in the AKC Gazette. The rationale was that previous advertisements placed there did not generate good results.

Niki Gunderson left the meeting at 12:33 a.m.

Kathy Mclver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the new format for the new NCA website. The motion passed 11 yes (JSB, JB, AD, RF, KG, SL, KM, MLP, MLR, PR, CLS), 1 abstention (MR).

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that the Board postpone the implementation of the online Whelping Box due to the concerns of Internet Committee until the Board's May meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

## Executive Session

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Aura Dean seconded that the Board go into Executive Session at 12:35 a.m. The motion was approved unanimously

The Board came out of Executive Session at 1:15 a.m.

While in executive session, the Board approved the applicant list dated April 6, 2006.

While in executive session, the Board appointed Dan Carr as chair of the Technical Resources Committee.

While in executive session the Board nominated Donna Buxton for the Lifetime Achievement Award for conformation and Dan Hudson for the Lifetime Achievement Award for companion events. No nomination was made for performance events.

The Board set a deadline of June 1, 2006 to send comments on the draft of the Specialty Show Guide to Barb Finch and Robin Seaman. Barbara Finch and Robin are asked to report back to the Board by August 1, 2006.

## New Business

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded that the previous Working Dog judging qualification rules shall be reinstated, retroactive to January 1, 2006. These rules shall be used until such time as the Board receives and accepts a new proposal from Working Dog Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next Board teleconference scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Board's fall Face-to-Face meeting is scheduled for November 3,4,&5, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois.

Board adjourned at 1:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L Sands  
NCA Recording Secretary