



**Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting  
May 17-June 21, 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 Mclver (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. Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), former Recording Secretary, was present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the March 28, 2006 Annual Membership Meeting were approved for publication unanimously as amended. (Aura Dean, Jacqueline K. Brellochs)

Minutes of the March 29, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors were approved unanimously as amended. (Kathy Mclver, Pam Rubio)

Minutes of the April 19, 2006 teleconference of the Board were approved unanimously as amended. (Aura Dean, Kevin Gallagher)

### **Charitable Trust**

At 8:25 p.m. Pam Rubio moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that the Board recess and go into a meeting of the Trustee of the NCA Charitable Trust. The motion passed unanimously.

Roger Frey called the meeting to order. The minutes of the March 28, 2006 Face-to-Face Meeting of the Charitable Trust were approved unanimously. (Aura Dean, Sandee Lovett)

At 8:28 p.m. Kathy Mclver moved and Aura Dean seconded to come out of the meeting of the Charitable Trust and return to the meeting of the NCA Board. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Report of the President**

Roger presented a letter and rate schedule from Lisa Davis, Esq. regarding the NCA's legal business. Kathy Mclver moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to engage Ms. Davis to represent the Newfoundland Club of America. The motion passed unanimously. Roger will contact Ms. Davis and the previous law firm to transfer the NCA records to Ms. Davis' practice.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that any direct contact with the NCA attorney must be in writing by either the President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, or anyone

else the Board so designates on a case by case basis. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Sandee Lovett, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, reported that she had received an acknowledgement of her letter to the AKC regarding the NCA's input on the proposed AKC draft test. The Board commended Sandee on her well written letter.

Sandee gave an update on the dedication of the Seaman sculpture at Ft. Mandan. The Foundation had suggested that the NCA might like to issue a proclamation honoring Seaman for presentation at the dedication ceremony. Such proclamation would then be displayed at the Ft Mandan Historic Site Museum.

Kathy McIver moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that the Proclamation state that the NCA wishes to bestow upon Seaman the honorary title of *Working Dog* for his noted contributions to the success of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion of adding the NCA gold seal on the certificate.

### **Report of the Recording Secretary**

Cathy Sands, Recording Secretary, requested that her report on membership applications be moved to Executive Session.

### **Report of Corresponding Secretary**

Jacqueline K. Brellochs, Corresponding Secretary, reported on correspondence received and answered.

### **Report of the AKC Delegate**

Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate reported on correspondence received regarding proposed revisions to the AKC's By-Laws. There was discussion of the change that would eliminate the restriction of not allowing professional judges to serve as Delegates. There was additional discussion regarding the abolishment of the AKC Nominating Committee and requirement for all AKC Board candidates to run by petition.

Meredith Reggie moved and Cathy Sands seconded to ask Mary W. Price to vote in favor of the AKC By-Laws change to abolish the AKC Nominating Committee and require all AKC Board candidates to run by petition. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board had no strong opinions regarding the AKC By-Laws change allowing professional judges to serve as AKC Delegates.

Mary W. Price reported that there has been no response to the NCA's letter requesting that the limited registration option be the default on registration applications. There was much discussion as to how to get this idea implemented.

Kathy McIver moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded that NCA contact Delegates of other AKC clubs regarding supporting the use of limited registration as a default. The motion passed unanimously.

Jacqueline K. Brellochs moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded that NCA invite all NCA members who belong to AKC member clubs to raise the issue of the limited registration as a default with their club. Mary W. Price and Jacqueline K. Brellochs will write an item for *Newf Tide* regarding this issue.

### Report of the Treasurer

Mary L Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances in NCA, Inc. accounts:

#### NCA Operations

Checking Account	8,982.64	
Savings Account	18,738.33	
CDs	<u>210,128.24</u>	
	237,849.21	237,849.21

Reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses 4,728.79

#### Uniform Trophy Fund

Money Market Account 14,080.11

251,929.32

The Fine Arts auction proceeds received from the Colonial Newfoundland Club:

Health Challenge - \$1,030:

Danny Quest 1<sup>st</sup> Puppy Statue - \$300.

Alana Shirley Ltd. Ed. plate - \$400.

Photos by Tracy Carton - \$330.

Rescue - \$1440.

Stained glass from estate of Ruth March – \$400.

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Newf Gold pendant and earrings - \$540.  
First Cover, Lewis & Clark stamp - \$500.

Trophy Fund - \$1,310.  
Number 1 Ltd. Ed. plate - \$360.  
Artwork for Ltd. Ed. plate - \$950.

Total - \$3780.

Mary L Price reported the hotel approved by the Board for the Nov. 3 – 5, 2006 face-to-face meeting agreed to provide rooms at the same rate -\$89.00 as in 2005, and the down payment of \$1,000.00 has been sent to the hotel as required by the contract.

**Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**Error! Bookmark not defined.

### **Committee Reports**

Mary Lou Cuddy, Membership Chair, asked for approval to cease printing fax numbers in the *NCA Membership Directory*. Rationale is that most people now use email rather than fax. There are approximately 613 fax numbers listed out of 2024 records. There was discussion regarding pros and cons of removing fax numbers.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy Mclver seconded to no longer print fax numbers in the *NCA membership Directory*. The motion passed 7 yes (Jan S. Boggio, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Kathy Mclver, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands) 5 no (Jacqueline K. Brellochs, Aura Dean, Roger Frey, Kevin Gallagher, Meredith Reggie).

Mary Lou Cuddy requested that the *Newf Tide* issue in which new applicants are published be sent to those applicants.

Cathy Sands moved and Aura Dean seconded that new member applicants receive a complimentary copy of the *Newf Tide* issue in which they are published as a part of the application process. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Lou Cuddy presented the draft of the *Membership Dues Notice* and *New Member Information Update*.

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

Aura Dean gave an update regarding *Newf Tide*. Beth Sells has volunteered to manage the returned issues of *Newf Tide*. Issues will be returned directly to Beth as her address will be listed as the known office of publication. If no forwarding address is given. Beth will contact the individual for an address correction and re-mail the issue.

Aura reported that she has once again initiated a mailing “watch” to track late deliveries of *Newf Tide*.

Aura also reported that the mailing permit must be changed to reflect the change in the location *Newf Tide* is now being mailed from.

No requests for bid packets for the job of *Newf Tide* editor have been received. Since there are potential changes to the bid packet, this process is currently on hold.

One member asked if *Newf Tide* has been printed yet. It has not.

### **Old Business**

There was discussion regarding a motion to make the membership application procedure more user-friendly. Several items included in the current application and sponsorship forms were discussed.

Cathy Sands moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that the membership application process be reviewed to make it more user friendly. The motion passed unanimously. Mary Lou Cuddy, Cathy L. Sands, and Meredith Reggie were appointed to review the current documents. The Membership and Board are requested to send any suggestions to them.

### **Executive Session**

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Aura Dean seconded that the Board go into Executive Session at 10:15 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:15 p.m.

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

Kathy Mclver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to recess the meeting until next month. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Recess**

The Board recessed at 11:15 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time and will resume via teleconference on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

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

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

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

### **Committee Reports**

Mary Lou Roberts reported that the new website is ready for content posting. The NCA committees need to let Mary Lou Zimmerman (Internet Chair) know what they want to have posted. There was discussion of the new website and how it will work. It was stated that committees need to watch their own areas for content and supply changes and needed updates to the webmaster.

There was discussion about the proposed Whelping Box on the website. The Internet Committee has suggested several things, including automated responders to inquiries. It was decided that all board members should look at all proposals and that Pam Rubio will be the person to collect ideas and proposals.

Purina has asked NCA to add the Purina weight circle donation plan information to the website.

There was discussion of the old New York state incorporation. Meredith Reggie moved and Pam Rubio seconded that that NCA contact the NCA's attorney for clarification. The motion passed unanimously. Roger Frey will contact the NCA's attorney for an opinion.

Kathy McIver reported that the new Regional Club Committee is slowly being formed. There was discussion as to how to get more regional clubs to participate. To date only 9 NCA clubs and 2 clubs in process of forming have joined the RCC.

Kathy McIver reported on information received from AKC on the Canine Ambassador Program. There was discussion about insurance concerns regarding participation in the program. Kathy McIver moved and Aura Dean seconded that the NCA rescind the original motion to participate (In order to educate children about responsible dog ownership, canine safety and a variety of other canine-related topics, the NCA will promote the AKC's Canine Ambassador Program). The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about restructuring NCA committees and the policy manual revision and update. There is an attempt to standardize the format and give more complete job requirements and descriptions.

Mary L. Price reported that the Finance Committee teleconference is scheduled for June 22 and that the budget should be completed then.

### **Executive Session**

At 9:40 p.m. Kathy Mclver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to go into Executive Session. At 9:55 the Board came out of Executive Session.

While in executive session the applicant list of May 8, 2006 was approved for publication. The applicant list for June 16 was sent back to the Membership Chair due to an incomplete application form. One application was rejected.

While in Executive Session the Board of Directors voted to accept jurisdiction and schedule a hearing for misconduct charges filed against an NCA member. A hearing will be held at the Board's face-to-face meeting in Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, November 4 at 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time.

### **Old Business**

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that the Board set a fixed time for teleconferences. There was discussion about possible days, weeks, and length of time such a day should remain in effect. There was a friendly amendment to set the meeting time as the third Thursday of each month. Each new Board shall, at the Annual Meeting of the Board, set a meeting date for the next year. The motion passed 6 yes (Roger Frey, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Kathy Mclver, Pam Rubio, Mary Lou Roberts), 5 no (Jan S. Boggio, Jacqueline K. Brellochs, Aura Dean, Meredith Reggie, Cathy L. Sands).

Jacqueline K. Brellochs moved and Aura Dean seconded that the NCA cover the cost of registering cystinura and cardiac results in the OFA database for NCA members for a period of one year beginning with July of 2006. There would be a maximum of 10 dogs per household or \$75 per household in rebates allowed. There was discussion of the logistics involved in such a program and where the rebate program would fit into the NCA's budget. The motion failed 2 yes (Jacqueline K. Brellochs, Roger Frey) and 7 no (Jan S. Boggio, Aura Dean, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Kathy Mclver, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy L. Sands).

Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Aura Dean seconded to send the item to the Health & Longevity Committee for proposed procedures for the motion. The motion to refer the item to Health & Longevity passed 7 yes (Jan S. Boggio, Jacqueline K. Brellochs, Aura Dean, Roger Frey, Mary L. Price, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands), 4 no (Sandee Lovett, Kathy Mclver, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts).

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Cathy Sands seconded to have the NCA pay for rosettes to be given to all new VN's at the National Specialty. There was a friendly amendment



to add ROM's to the motion and to have this coordinated through the Awards Committee. The motion passed 9 yes (Jan S, Boggio, Jacqueline L. Brellochs, Aura Dean, Roger Frey, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Kathy Mclver, Pam Rubio, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy L, Sands) and 1 abstain (Maredith Reggie).

There was discussion about the best time to present the rosettes at a National Specialty show. There was also discussion about the size and style of rosette and costs involved. Jacqueline moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that the Dog's names be on the rosettes and that the size and style of rosette be standard and should include the date presented. The motion passed 6 yes (JB, Jacqueline K. Brellochs, Aura Dean, Kathy Mclver, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands) and 5 no (Roger Frey, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Maredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts).

### **Executive Session**

At 11:10 Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy Mclver seconded to go into Executive Session. At 11:14 the Board came out of Executive Session.

While in Executive Session the Board discussed merging the ad hoc *Newf Tide* Review Committee with the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee. It was decided that the ad hoc Committee's work is not yet done and that this was not practical at this point in time.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that beginning with the current issue of *Newf Tide* the Board enact a policy that the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee will, within 45 days of the mailing of each issue, submit a post-publication formal written review of each issue and present it to the Board. This report will list things that went well and things that need to be improved upon and describe how improvements shall be accomplished. Items presented may run the gamut from minor issues such as misspellings or incorrect dates to major errors such as photos printed in black and white rather than color or missing pages. Topics should also include technical concerns and billing issues. The motion passed 9 yes (Jacqueline K. Brellochs, Roger Frey, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Kathy Mclver, Maredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Mary Lou Robert, Cathy L. Sands) and 2 no (Jan S. Boggio, Aura Dean).

At 11:42 p.m. Jan S. Boggio and Mary W. Price left the meeting.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee be directed to create a bid package that separates the functions that follow into discrete, biddable components: 1) Editorial board functions (collection, review, and editing of content; decisions on sequence/placement within the magazine; interface with committees, content providers, and the NCA Board; 2) Production (scanning, layout, preparation of electronic files prior to printing); 3) Printing, packaging, and mailing; 4) Preparation of the *Annual of Titlists*. Complete preparation of this bid package by July 31 and solicit bids for review by the NCA Board by September 30. Note that bidders

may bid on one or more components. The motion passed unanimously with 2 absent (Jan S. Boggio, Kevin Gallagher)

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Breeders Education Committee (BEC) is allowed to conduct educational programs at National and Regional Specialty Shows at no cost to the host club. The BEC will plan the program, provide needed educational materials and provide staffing. There was discussion about the fact that regional clubs will not have the option to refuse to host BEC educational programs. Host clubs will be asked to publicize such programs in their printed materials. The motion passed 9 yes (Jan S. Boggio, Aura Dean, Roger Frey, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Kathy McIver, Pam Rubio, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy L. Sands) 1 no (Meredith Reggie), 2 absent (Jan S. Boggio, Kevin Gallagher).

There was discussion about Newf Novelties. Mary Lou Roberts moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the Board ask the ad hoc Newf Novelties Committee to investigate the potential use of one of the existing online vendors such as Café Press, Ted's Temptations, Newf Impressions, to begin retailing items using the NCA copyrighted drawings. The motion passed unanimously with 2 absent (Jan S. Boggio, Kevin Gallagher).

The next Board of Directors teleconference will be on July 20, 2006 at 8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Sands, Recording Secretary