

Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
Board of Directors Teleconference
October 18, 2007, Approved December 6, 2007

President Roger Frey called the teleconference meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Present were Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands, and Roger Frey. AKC Delegate Mary W. Price, *ex officio*, was excused from attendance. Jacqueline Brellochs and Kevin Gallagher joined the meeting during the approval of the minutes. Barbara Finch was absent, excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the September 20, 2007 minutes of the Board of Directors Teleconference as amended. The motion passed unanimously. Cathy Sands thanked Sandee Lovett for taking the minutes in Cathy's absence.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Roger Frey) President Roger Frey read a letter from the AKC in response to the NCA's letter requesting that all owners and co-owners of a stud dog be required to sign litter registration papers. A copy of that letter will be attached to the minutes.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Sandee Lovett) Sandee Lovett reported on the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) meeting of October 4th. The CTMB discussed the process for submitting grant proposals to the CTMB. It voted to move its meeting date to the 2nd Thursday of the month, one week before the NCA Board holds its teleconferences. The Trustee requested the CTMB to contact the Canine Health Foundation regarding the criteria used to decide which breeds are asked to participate in specific health studies. The next meeting of the CTMB will be held November 8.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Mary Lou Roberts) Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the NCA pay the expenses involved for Dan Carr, Chair of the Technical Resources Committee, to attend the Board's November face-to-face meeting in Chicago to demonstrate the new NCA database program to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Lou Roberts reminded the Board to think about possible candidates to fill the opening of chair of the Publicity Committee so that we can appoint someone at the face-to-face meeting in Chicago.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Jacqueline Brellochs) Jacqueline reported that she had received a letter from the AKC regarding receipt of a late regional specialty application and asking for an explanation. A letter has been sent to the AKC explaining difficulties in obtaining a sweepstakes judge and that the regional club did not know that the application could be filed without a complete judging panel.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Cathy L. Sands) Cathy L. Sands reported that she is in process of getting bids for the printing and mailing of the election ballots. Postage will be considerably more this year due to the increase in postal rates.

Barbara Finch joined the meeting at 9:00 p.m. EDT.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Mary L. Price) Mary L. Price presented the Treasurer's report. She reported the following balances: checking account: \$5,413.65; savings account: \$ 63,000.19; invested in CDs: \$255,127.93; and the NCA operations balance total of \$323,541.77 with \$4,487.20 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund money market account balance is \$13,208.53 and a grand total of \$336,750.30. Pam Rubio moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded to approve the report. The motion passed unanimously.

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT (Mary W. Price) The information about the AKC and the Canine Health Foundation was sent by Mary W. Price to all the Board members under separate cover.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Mary Lou Roberts)

- H&L – Pam Rubio: Rebate/funding proposals for DNA collection
There was discussion regarding the Grant Proposal to collect DNA samples at the 2008 National Specialty Show.
Meredith Reggie moved and Sue Marino seconded that fees for submission of DNA collection should be paid by the owner. The motion passed.
Meredith Reggie moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded that the amount of the Grant for DNA collection at the 2008 National not exceed \$700. The motion passed.
Pam Rubio moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded to accept the Grant Proposal regarding DNA collection at the 2008 National as amended. The motion passed: 8 yes (Barbara Finch, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Roger Frey) 2 no (Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands); 2 abstain (Jacqueline Brellochs, Kevin Gallagher).
Pam presented the Grant Proposal for DNA collection funding on the Regional Club level. Kathy McIver moved and Meredith Reggie seconded to accept the Grant Proposal for Regional Club Funding of DNA Collection as amended. The motion passed: 11 yes (Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey); 1 no (Jacqueline Brellochs).
- Regional Club Contact – Kathy McIver
 1. Niagara Frontier Newfoundland Club: Kathy McIver reported that the Niagara Frontier Newfoundland Club has been out of compliance with NCA rules regarding operations of regional clubs since 2006. Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that a letter be sent via certified mail to the Niagara Frontier Newfoundland Club regarding these issues and requiring that the club submit a response within two weeks of the date of the letter. The motion passed: 9 yes (Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Roger Frey); 1 no (Meredith Reggie); 2 abstain (Jacqueline Brellochs, Cathy L. Sands).
 2. Proposed changes to the High Country Newfoundland Club (HCNC) Constitution & By-Laws. Kathy McIver recommended the NCA Board approve the requested revisions to the HCNC Constitution and By-Laws. Pam Rubio moved and Sue Marino seconded to approve the By-Laws change. The motion passed unanimously.
 3. A proposed revision to the Southeastern Newfoundland Club Constitution and By-Laws was discussed. Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Kathy McIver seconded that SENC be asked to take another look at the Board's previous recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Lou Roberts presented a question from the Breeder Referral Committee asking permission to take copies of the Breeders List to Westminster for distribution to those who might be interested. The Board approved this suggestion by consensus.

Mary Lou Roberts reported that Robin Seaman called her to clarify the Specialty Show Committee's position that if an event at a National Specialty is called a "Top Twenty," it must be a competition. If the host club does not want to hold a competition, it may have some other event with a different title (e.g., "Meet and Greet" or "Showcase"), but the term "Top Twenty" will be reserved to mean a competition.

Mary Lou Roberts reported that the chair of the Working Dog Committee has indicated the timeline is too short for the committee to distribute, review, and hold a teleconference to discuss and make a recommendation on the NCA's position in response to the AKC's proposed draft test regulations. Pam Rubio moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to direct the WDC to hold a teleconference to discuss this topic and email a recommendation to the Board no later than November 1. The motion passed unanimously.

Meredith Reggie asked if there had been any action taken on the Board's directive to place advertisements in the catalogues of benched shows. Mary Lou will follow up on this.

Mary Lou Roberts noted that there was some confusion about the number of people that the WDC wants to add to their committee. She will inform Cheryl Dondino that they may certainly add two new members if the Committee so desires.

Mary Lou Roberts asked the Board about communications sent by Ron Sell to the Working Dog Committee and later copied to the Board. The Board referred the responsibility for responding to this correspondence back to the WDC with the direction that they respond to Ron Sell's issues and copy the Board with that response no later than January 1. The Corresponding Secretary will communicate this action to Ron Sell.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to go into Executive Session at 11:31 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing membership applications. The Board came out of Executive Session as 11:35 p.m. While in Executive Session the Board approved for publication the Applicants List dated October 18, 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jacqueline Brellochs: Policy Manual, 2005, p.65 notes 6/19/01 -- "Board directs Judges Education Committee (JEC) to write article to be published in AKC Judges Newsletter to review the intent of the present wording of the *Illustrated Guide*, amended in November of 1999, in regards to grooming." On December 12, 2001 the "Board approves article on grooming for publication in the AKC Judges Newsletter." Reportedly, the letter which the Board approved was never published. This item was referred to JEC with the direction to locate the original article or write a new article explaining to judges that excessive grooming is not to be encouraged. The JEC will submit this article to the Board for review no later than November 1, 2007.

Meredith Reggie: The Board of Directors asks the Working Dog Committee to develop a policy for refunding entry fees for working events. This item was referred to Working Dog Committee.

Meredith Reggie: The Board of Directors asks the Working Dog Committee to develop an Emeritus Judges Program for water and draft judges based on the current system used by the AKC. This item was referred to the Working Dog Committee.

Jacqueline Brellochs: Board minutes and special alerts to the membership be printed on non-glossy paper, stapled and mailed with Newf Tide each quarter. Item was referred to Newf Tide Policy Committee.

Jacqueline Brellochs: (Discussion/brainstorming regarding our National Specialty week...get input from our Specialties Show Committee for possible changes, touching on following topics:

- A) Is the week too cluttered?
- B) Offer activities more "unique" to our National gathering rather than including those readily available at numerous shows and club events all year
- C) Sessions to emphasize to those "performance" activities the importance of certain anatomical features and how to evaluate those features in our Newfs
- D) ABC's of Breeding learning templates adapted for our breed
- E) Remove from specialty guide, all references to water tests
- F) Expand type of show site to be searched for from "Resort type hotels are recommended"(p. 8 of Specialty Guide)
- G) Eliminate "Working Dog Reception is required" -- outmoded; A Gymkhana type of event is more beneficial.
- H) Hotel reservations.
- I) Top Twenty – Specialty Show Committee made a policy change that has not been Board approved, namely to require that it be a competition if it is held; make this more of a learning experience and a sharing of anecdotes regarding the Top Twenty Newfs with membership;

These items were referred to Specialty Show Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Jacqueline Brellochs: Should the number of obedience, rally, and agility trials be limited to one at each National and replace additional ones with learning seminars? This item was referred to Specialty Show Committee.

Roger Frey asked for a moment of silent in memory of Dick Schumer who has passed away of a heart attack.

ADJOURNMENT At 12:07 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time Kathy McIver moved to adjourn. Cathy L. Sands seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be the fall face-to-face meeting held at the Sheraton Gateway Suites, Chicago O'Hare, on November 2-4, 2007. Meeting times will be as follows: Friday, 11/2 – 7:30 – 11:00 pm; Saturday 11/3 – 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and 7:30 – 11:00 pm; Sunday 11/4 – 8:00 am – 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy L. Sands
NCA Recording Secretary