



**Newfoundland Club of American, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting  
February 15, 2007 – March 8, 2007**

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President Roger Frey called the meeting to order on February 15, 2007 at 8:09 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Present were: Jan S. Boggio, Jacqueline K. Brellochs, Aura Dean, Roger Frey, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy L. Sands, and Mary W. Price, *ex-officio*. Also present were Board-elect members Barbara Finch and Sue Marino. Pam Rubio was absent.

Pam Rubio joined the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Jan Boggio stated she did not receive the agenda packet nor did she receive the emails containing agenda items.

Roger Frey welcomed Barbara Finch and Sue Marino to the Board.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jacqueline Brellochs suggested that any editing of minutes such as spelling, typographical errors and grammar be corrected by the *Newf Tide* Editor prior to printing in *Newf Tide* and that the Board review the minutes for content only. There was discussion about the keeping of a signed set of minutes in a permanent record. The current Secretary does this but does not have such a set from previous secretaries. It was decided by consensus to add these items to the Agenda for the March 15, 2007 meeting.

The minutes of the December 21, 2006 – January 4, 2007 teleconference meetings were approved as amended.

The minutes of the January 18, 2007 teleconference meeting were approved as amended.

The Secretary will remind the Board to go into a meeting of the Charitable Trust in order to review the minutes of the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB).

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Roger Frey)**

Roger suggested that the Board hold a special meeting to review the report of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee (CB&L).

### **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Sandee Lovett)**

Sandee reported the highlights of the meeting of the Charitable Trust Management Board, which was held on January 25, 2006. The CTMB had received three requests for information. Tracy Warncke, Health & Longevity co-chair, requested the status of pending grant requests and proposals. A request for review of the DNA Clinic at the 2007 National Specialty was deemed to be outside the scope of the CTMB's Operating Principles. A request for review of the status of the elbow abnormal data and its location was deferred to the February meeting.

Thirty-two pieces of the Dannyquest "Double Dare" sculpture have been sold. Twenty-four pieces have been ordered to have for sale at the 2007 National Specialty. The plans are to have a second sculpture available in the fall prior to the Holidays.

The CTMB received a letter from an NCA member expressing concern about the insurance and financial problems facing the Rescue Programs of many Regional Club and asking it for help in insuring the Clubs. The 501c3 tax designation of the CTMB does not allow it to provide insurance for Regional Clubs because it does not control their finances. The Rescue Chair and Regional Club Liaison will communicate this information to the Regional Clubs, along with a list of insurance companies that are currently being used for insuring Rescue Programs.

The Newfoundland Club of Northern California has requested a block grant for rescue expenses incurred in 2005. More information is needed before a decision can be made. The CTMB needs to formulate a policy to follow in addressing requests of this nature. The next CTMB meeting is scheduled for February 22.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Mary Lou Roberts)**

Mary Lou only has items that fall under Committee Reports. She asked to table the discussion of the re-organization of the NCA Committees until the March 15, 2007 teleconference.

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Jacqueline K. Brellochs)**

- Correspondence from AKC has been received and sent to Robin Seaman (Specialty Show Chair).
- The letter regarding NCA copyrighted logo items has been sent to NCA suppliers. She has had a response from Claire Hernandez (NCA International Liaison) regarding the French Newfoundland and Landseer Club (FN&L Club). The FN&L Club had requested a link exchange between their website and that of the NCA. The Board agreed to allow the FN&L Club to add a link from their webpage to the NCA webpage. The process for adding links on the NCA webpage for other international clubs has not yet been developed. Clair will be directed to contact Marylou Zimmerman, NCA webmaster, to establish a means, time frame, and policies for the NCA site to provide links to international Newfoundland clubs.
- A request to reprint an item from the NCA webpage from a webmaster. This article will be reviewed at the next teleconference and a decision regarding permission to reprint will be made at that time.
- Representatives to attend the AKC Parent Club Conference must be made at this meeting. The item is moved to Executive Session.

### **RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Cathy L. Sands)**

Cathy presented the election results and will have the election materials available at the 2007 National for anyone wishing to review them. The Committee which counted ballots included: Betsy Beaver, Jan Curtis, Johanna Matsuda, Patti Pigeon, Susan

Raney, and Cathy Sands. Carolanne Fisher and Linda Morley-Roser were unable to attend. As of December 15, 2006 there were 1914 members. A total of 766 ballots were received.

Cathy submitted bills for this year's mailing and Mary L. Price submitted additional information regarding the costs of last year's printing and mailing. Mary has paid the postage expenses but wanted Board review and approval before paying printing and labor costs. The vendor has given NCA a 20% discount on his services. Cathy stated that the vendor had taken out a short-term loan in order to do the work for this mailing. There was a discussion regarding the difference in the costs compared to past years. The company previously used has gone out of business. Aura Dean stated that the printer that does *Newf Tide* for the NCA would not do this type of job. There was discussion regarding the difference in expenses between North Carolina and Colorado vendors. Kevin Gallagher volunteered to talk with the Colorado vendor and get more detailed information.

Kevin Gallagher moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the NCA pay 1/2 of the outstanding bill (\$2500) at this time as a matter of good faith. The motion passed unanimously. Any future payments will depend upon Kevin's report back to the Board.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT (Mary L. Price)**

Mary presented the Treasurer's report. It was accepted unanimously. She reported the following balances: checking account: \$597.10; savings account: \$24,908.98; invested in CDs: \$259,119.36; and the NCA operations balance total of \$284,625.44 with \$4,567.20 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund money market account balance is \$7,384.09 and a grand total of \$292,009.53.

#### **REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE (Mary W. Price)**

- Mary reported that there are no new candidates for election to the AKC Board. The deadline for filing petitions was January 31, 2006. She will send biographical information on the candidates to the NCA Board.
- AKC has done a survey of the return rate of registrations on litters where there is at least one limited registration issued. Fifty-four percent of those registrations have been returned. There had been some discussion within AKC about deleting the limited registration designation but this survey may change that thinking.
- She reported that the AKC will have an increase fees on January 1, 2008. This will be the first increase since 1925. She pointed out that the NCA's AKC Task Force had suggested this in their letter to the AKC.
- The Board received a copy of the NCA letter to AKC regarding the *ad hoc* AKC Task Force Committee's charge to develop a list of ways and means that might be implemented by the AKC and supported by parent clubs, which would help to curtail

the financial drain cause by reduced registration figures. A reply from Patricia Haines was also supplied to the Board.

It was noted that Beverly Eichel, as Chair of the NCA's AKC Task Force, should receive copies of items sent to the AKC.

### **COMMITTEES (Mary Lou Roberts)**

- **Breeder's Education Committee (BEC) (Kathy McIver)**

1. Kathy reported that the BEC held a teleconference and that it went well.
2. She referred one item regarding a new appointment to the BEC to Executive Session.

- **Internet Committee (Mary Lou Roberts)**

The Internet Committee has asked that their Request for Proposal: Software Development Project be approved. Meredith Reggie moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded that the Request for Proposal be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

- **National Specialty (Cathy L. Sands)**

Cathy has received correspondence from Sue Raney, Chair of the 2007 National, regarding trophies. High Country Newfoundland Club (HCNC) is asking for clarification regarding these trophies.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Pam Rubio seconded that NCA should pay for the trophies for Rally and Agility at the 2007 National.

There was discussion regarding the confusion as to whether the NCA or HCNC should pay for the trophies for Agility & Rally. The NCA Policies (November, 2001) state that the NCA will pay for all Lennox trophies at Nationals but the list of the potential classes has not been updated to include these new AKC classes. There was discussion about the cost of trophies and what had been offered in past years. There was discussion about communication issues between all parties involved. Cathy will check with the 2007 trophy chair regarding which trophies were asked for by HCNC.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Sandee Lovett seconded to call the question. The motion to call the question passed 11 yes (Jacqueline K. Brellocks, Aura Dean, Roger Frey, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, and Cathy L. Sands), 1 no (Jan Boggio).

The motion to pay for the trophies for Rally and Agility at the 2007 National passed 11 yes (Jacqueline K. Brellocks, Aura Dean, Roger Frey, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, and Cathy L. Sands), 1 no (Jan Boggio).

Cathy asked for clarification of procedures regarding the rosettes for ROMs and VNs at the NCA Nationals. The host club is to order the rosettes and bill NCA for their cost.

- **Newf Tide (Aura Dean)**

1. Aura stated that the post publication reports are due. Due to a household fire she will have to re-create some portions of the report(s) before she can submit them to the Board.
2. Aura presented a Proposal for Regional Club Submission for *Newf Tide*. There was discussion regarding content of the columns. Kathy McIver moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to approve the Proposal as amended. The motion passed unanimously. (Attachment)

Kathy McIver reminded everyone that Regional Clubs are encouraged to submit items to the website and that any articles exceeding the 250 word maximum for *Newf Tide* may be submitted to the Regional Club Liaison for posting there. She has asked all regional clubs to submit items. To date only one NCA member has submitted an item.

Kathy asked for clarification regarding reporting procedures for the Regional Club Committee (RCC). The procedure is that the RCC Chair will report to the BEC Chair. The BEC Chair will include the RCC report(s) in her report to the Board.

- **On-Line Whelping Box (Mary Lou Roberts)**

Mary Lou asked for clarification regarding who is the responsible person (owner) of the on-line whelping box and its materials. Many items for this Committee come from various sources which has caused some confusion. Breeder Referral is the owner.

- **Regional Club Liaison (Kathy McIver)**

Kathy reported that she has received the proposed Constitution and By-Laws from the Cal-Neva Club. She has asked for territory clarification from the club.

- **Working Dog Committee (Cheryl Dondino, Chair)**

The Committee reviewed suggestions made by Meredith Reggie in her letter to the Board dated August 8, 2006. The results of this review are listed below as mended by the Board 10 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura Dean, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, May Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey), 2 no (Jan Boggio, Kevin Gallagher).

1. The WDC was unanimous in wanting to see each division (WD, WRD, WRDX) maintain their individual pre-swim times. However, we would favor 15 minutes being observed by each division, rather than the current 30 minute timeframe allowed for the WD & WRD levels. We would recommend to judges that the pre-swim time be utilized for meeting with stewards or check of exhibitor equipment as the handlers finish in the water with their dogs. Anything that makes use of this time period in other focused, water testing preparation activities would be time well spent.

2. All WDC members agreed that it was always our intent that WRDX dogs being tested move on to the next exercise as soon as they fail to correctly perform any of the required exercises. We should remind the judges to cover this with the exhibitors in the pre-testing meeting, and to be sure to adhere to this during the test. This will save a lot of time allocated to the WRDX division, and will help to maintain the average time per dog of one half hour.

3. The suggestion that the WD/WRD level dogs be moved on to the next exercise immediately after failing to perform the exercise correctly met with a much closer vote by WDC members. Six (6) of us (BF, CW, CD, PM, SM, VK) recommend that the Board pass a motion that modifies the current water test regulations to allow handlers ONE very brief opportunity to assist their dogs in completing a failed exercise successfully. Suggestions given for judges to advise handlers would include taking the dog gently by the collar and helping the dogs in a continuous motion with stewards moving in towards the dog to assist in the success. The dog/handler team would then move on to the next exercise immediately. It was felt that this would help to preserve success for the dogs, especially in instances of two day tests or additional tests close together where the handlers would be upset at their dogs not being allowed to do the exercise correctly when other tests were at stake. It may be that not allowing dogs to have one, very brief opportunity to succeed in an exercise would be met with a lot of opposition on the part of those entering water tests.

4. None of the WDC members were in favor of stopping the testing entirely for any dog at any level as soon as they fail any exercise.

5. The WDC members were unanimous in agreeing that we would like for each regional club to continue to decide for themselves which division (WD/WRD/WRDX) should be tested first, second and third. We feel that this freedom allows the clubs to set up their test sites with regards to their particular needs in terms of water conditions, stewards, equipment, etc.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Aura Dean moved and Kathy McIver seconded to go into executive session at 11 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 12:21 p.m.

While in executive session the Board approved the applicants for membership list of February 15, 2007 for publication.

While in executive session the Board discussed appointments to an Ethics Committee and a potential chairperson for that committee.

While in executive session the Board voted to send Jacqueline Brellochs and Kathy McIver to attend the AKC Parent Club Conference July 20-22, 2007 in Peachtree, Georgia.

While in executive session the Board appointed Pat Randall to the Breeder Education Committee.

While in executive session the Board voted not to use the survey as submitted by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee (CB&L) due to the format in which the information was presented. Jan Boggio was appointed to assist CB&L on the membership mailing.

### **RECESS**

The Board voted to recess until March 8, 2007. The current agenda will be continued at that time.

Jacqueline Brellochs moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The next regularly scheduled teleconference is March 15, 2007. Deadline for submission of items to the Secretary for that agenda is March 7, 2007.

### **MEETING RE-CONVENED**

President Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Present were Jan Boggio, Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura Dean, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey, and Mary W. Price, *ex-officio*. Also present were Board-elect members Barbara Finch and Sue Marino. Mary L. Price was absent.

The approval of the Charitable Trust Management Board minutes for its October, 2007 meeting was moved to the March 15, 2007 Agenda.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Meredith Reggie gave a quick review of the proposed Whelping Box. There was discussion regarding the wording of general education information that appears on the web site on the new Puppy page. Board members were all asked to review this page and to make any recommendations for change at the next meeting.

Roger Frey had invited Robin Seaman, National Specialty Committee Chairperson, to attend tonight's teleconference. Robin was unable to attend.

Mary Lou Roberts read an email from Robin asking the Board to refer the agenda items related to Specialty Shows to the Committee until the next meeting or until the National.

Pam Rubio moved and Jan Boggio seconded to refer the items back to the National Specialty Committee.

There was discussion about whether this included the motion to rescind the motion passed at the February 15, 2007 teleconference regarding use of a ringside public address system at national specialty shows. There was additional discussion about whether it included the items that had been previously referred to Committee and the yet-unapproved National Specialty Show Guide.

A friendly amendment was made by Meredith Reggie and seconded by Jan Boggio to postpone acting on these items until a joint meeting can be held between the National Specialty Committee and the Board at the 2007 National Specialty. The motion passed 6 yes (Jan Boggio, Aura Dan, Kevin Gallagher, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Roger Frey) and 5 no (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy L. Sands) 1 absent (Mary L. Price).

Kathy McIver moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded that the National Specialty Show Committee be directed to hold a teleconference meeting of the entire Committee prior to the 2007 National Specialty Show to discuss the items postponed from them from the



February 15/March 8, 2007 Agenda until the National and to report the vote of the full committee with vote totals. The motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Cathy Sands moved and Sandee Lovett seconded to approve the contracts for the health clinics at the 2007 National Specialty Show. The motion passed unanimously.

A letter received from the Doberman Pinscher Club and the Rottweiler Club regarding a proposal entitled "Operation Doolittle's Raid" was presented by to the Board.

Mary Lou Zimmerman and the AKC Legislative Liaison will be asked what we can do since the input deadline has passed. They will also be asked whether or not they wish to present this to the membership at the NCA Annual Membership Meeting

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to request that the Corresponding Secretary, working with the Breeder List Referral Chair; write a letter to the current members of the Breeders List thanking them for their work in helping to educate the public and explaining how the Whelping Box will work. This letter may be sent electronically and should be received before the Breeder List renewals are delivered. The motion passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:00 p.m. Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to go into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session the Recording Secretary presented information regarding an NCA member voting twice in the election for officers. This member had stated that she did not receive the corrected ballot and asked for a replacement. The duplicate ballot was not included in the ballot counts.

While in executive session, the Board discussed the Constitution and By-Laws committee. There is concern over what appears to be communication issues with this Committee. The Board feels that the content of the survey is excellent but that the survey should be a product of that Committee and no mention should be made of the Board's opinions on the various proposals.

While in executive session the Board appointed members of the Ad Hoc Committee to review the NCA's Code of Ethics. The Chairperson is Ken Price. Committee members are Nancy Aliff, Denise Castonguay, Sandy Gabel, Sue Marino, Betty McDonnell, and Denise Robins. Beverly Eichel was appointed as an alternate.

Kevin Gallagher left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

At 11:10 p.m. the Board came out of executive session.

Mary W. Price reminded the Board that we need to decide who to vote for in the upcoming AKC election of its board members. Several NCA board members felt that we should vote for Patricia Haines who was the only member of the AKC Board who did not support the AKC-PetLand agreement, and that we should additionally vote for the non-incumbents who have indicated disagreement with the Petland agreement. The final decision was left to Mary W. Price to use her best judgment in casting the NCA's vote.

Roger Frey noted that unless the Board has objections, he will be hiring a Parliamentarian for the Annual Membership Meeting at the 2007 National Specialty Meeting in Boulder, Colorado. The Board agreed by consensus.

Jacqueline Brellochs, Corresponding Secretary, asked the Board for permission to send statistics received from the American Kennel Club to the webmaster of the Dog Show Statistics Website. Kathy Mclver moved and Aura Dean seconded to supply the requested information. The motion passed unanimously (2 absent: Mary L. Price & Kevin Gallagher). Aura Dean will send her the January and February, 2007 reports to be forwarded on to the webmaster.

A request was received from the Monroe Kennel Club, Monroe, Michigan, to have the NCA participate in their Judges Education Seminar. They had previously contacted the chair of the NCA Judges Education Committee but have had no response. This request will be forwarded to Ingrid Lyden, Secretary of the Judges Education Committee.

Mary Lou Roberts noted an email that had been received by Robin Seaman, chair of the National Specialty Committee, requesting that the Board enact ongoing policy to pay for trophies for Rally at National Specialties. This request will be included in the list of motions/topics sent back to the committee for vote by the full membership of the Specialty Show Committee.

There was discussion regarding the lack of information received from the Judges Education Committee regarding the holding of judges' education seminars. The Board believes that the NCA needs to be proactive in the education of judges.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:38 p.m. Pam Rubio moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The next teleconference meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on March 15, 2007. The deadline for submission of items was March 7, 2007.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the face-to-face meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, April 30, 2007 in Boulder, Colorado. The deadline for submission of items for that agenda will be Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Sands  
NCA Recording Secretary