



**Newfoundland Club of America  
Board of Directors Teleconference  
May17, 2007 – Approved June 21, 2007**

A teleconference meeting of the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. Board of Directors was held on May 17, 2007. Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:09 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, and AKC Delegate, Mary W. Price, *ex officio*. Meredith Reggie and Cathy L. Sands were absent (excused for personal matters).

**President's Report (Roger Frey)**

No Report at this time.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report (Sandee Lovett)**

Sandee reported that she had received a call from Linda Maggy asking clarification about the deadline for applications for the Breeders List. There was a discussion as to whether to print hard copies of the Breeders List.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Sue Marino seconded to refer to the Breeders List Committee the question of whether to print hard copies of the Breeders list. The motion passed 9 yes (Roger Frey, Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Sue Marino, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio; 1 no (Kathy McIver); 2 absent (Meredith Reggie, Cathy L. Sands). It was decided by consensus that the deadline for applications for this year's Breeders List are to be received by June 1, 2007, with the list to be sent to Aura Dean by July 1, 2007.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report (Mary Lou Roberts)**

Mary Lou reported that there were three issues which needed to be discussed in Executive Session 1) Committee Appointments 2) Staffing of *ad hoc* Constitution & By-Laws Committee 3) Chair for Technical Resources which has been merged with Internet and Database.

**Corresponding Secretary Report (Jacqueline Brellochs)**

Jacqueline reported that she had received correspondence concerning the following items:

- 1) A request from AKC for Parent Clubs to host a Breed Table at the Responsible Dog Ownership Day event in New York. Jacqueline will contact Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club and New-Pen-Del Newfoundland Club to handle this.
- 2) A letter from a veterinarian at Northwestern University in Louisiana requesting breed information. Jacqueline will take care of this.

3) An invitation from the Rottweiler Club of America offering to help with anti-canine legislation by sending volunteers to staff Breed information tables at our events.

Debbie Dennison joined the teleconference at 8:30 P.M.

Kathy McIver will work with the Legislative Committee to distribute information on current canine legislation to the regional clubs. Debbie and Jacqueline will bring information on pet legislation to the next Board meeting. Kathy McIver suggested that letters be sent to veterinarians and pet food manufacturing companies to not support such anti-pet legislation.

4) Jacqueline received a letter from the Louisville Kennel Club asking for our support in its fight against anti-dog legislation there. They are in need of money for legal fees for lawsuits. The question was raised as to whether this was against our tax-exempt status. Mary L. Price will need to ask Edmund Sledzek, the NCA tax attorney.

There was discussion concerning the economic impact of such legislation on dog shows. The Mission Circuit Show Committee asked for breed clubs to support the fight against the anti-pet legislation (AB 1634) currently before the California Legislature. Kathy McIver was given permission to list the NCA as supporting this fight. She will put something on the website about writing letters against AB 1634. Debbie will write an article regarding anti-pet legislation and the importance of writing letters to legislators.

Mary W. Price left the meeting at 9:01 P.M.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Mary L. Price)**

Mary presented the Treasurer's report of May 17, 2007. Mary will email copies to the Board.

There are 30 plates of 350 left over from sales at the National. Mary does not have the final results from Health Challenge or Fine Arts auctions.

The dates for the fall face-to-face meeting will be determined at the June 21 teleconference.

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to go into Executive Session for committee appointments, staffing of *ad hoc* Constitution & By-Laws Committee (CBL), and appointing a chairperson for Technical Resources. The approval of the membership applications was delayed until the June meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.

While in Executive Session Dan Carr was appointed Chair of the Technical Resources Committee.

While in Executive Session Beverly Eichel, Sue Mendleson and Joan Gunn were appointed to serve on the *ad hoc* Constitution & By-Laws Committee.

While in Executive Session the Board agreed to ask Clyde Dunphy and Steve McAdams to serve on the CBL as well.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:24 p.m.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was discussion of the Working Achievement Award. Feedback needs to be given to Brian Hodges, committee chair. Board members should give input by the June 21 Board meeting.

There was discussion of the use of Rally titles towards the ROM award. Kathy McIver moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to correct the existing ROM qualifications changing the word "obedience" to "Companion Dog." The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding disbanding the Finance Committee. We might want to have other eyes besides the Board to look at the budget. Question – Is a yearly audit done? The budget does get reviewed.

### **New Business**

Cliff Dahl, AKC Delegate for the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, requested working dog statistics. Sue Marino will take care of this.

Sue Marino reported that some clubs have donated frequent flyer miles to fly their judges in for events. Perhaps this could be a way for regional clubs to cut down costs for working tests and use judges from outside their areas.

The response to the grant program has been positive from the regional clubs. There was discussion as to the various insurance companies and rates. Kevin will review the Northern California Newfoundland Club (NCNC) insurance policy and come back to the Board with information.

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. EDT. The next Board teleconference will be June 21, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Rubio