



Newfoundland Club of American, Inc.

Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting  
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President Roger Frey called the meeting to order on January 18, 2007 at 8:06 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The Board had a moment of silence in memory of Frank Winnert.

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*. Pam Rubio was absent.

Pam Rubio joined the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Roger Frey).** No report.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Sandee Lovett).** No report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Mary Lou Roberts).** No report.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Jacqueline Brellochs)**

- A letter from Tamzin Rosenwasser regarding senior membership discount.
- A request from the French Newfoundland and Landseer Club to link their webpage to that of the NCA.
- A request from the Champion Pup website to link their webpage and asking NCA to encourage NCA breeders to list with that page.
- Jacqueline reported she has sent the letter to Dennis Sprung, AKC President, regarding the AKC Online Breeder Classifieds signed by Mary W. Price, NCA AKC Delegate, and herself as Corresponding Secretary. (Attachment)
- The AKC Parent Club Conference will be in Georgia in 2007 and NCA may send two delegates.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of linking with other on-line websites. The Board members will look at the websites and discuss this matter again at the February 15, 2007 teleconference. There was discussion about making the NCA website a higher presence on the internet. There was a short discussion about search engine optimization

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

Cathy reported that not all of the ballot inspectors previously appointed are available to serve as ballot inspectors. She asked that Sue Raney be added to the list of counters. There was some concern expressed regarding the uncertain weather and inspectors' ability to travel.

Pam Rubio moved and Aura Dean seconded to add Sue Raney to the list of inspectors. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mary presented the Treasurer's report. It was accepted unanimously. She reported the following balances: checking account: \$4,491.06; savings account: \$24,861.12; invested in CDs: \$254,450.01; and the NCA operations balance total of \$283,802.19 with \$4,567.20 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund money market account balance is \$15,148.06 and a grand total of \$298,950.25.

### **AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT (Mary W. Price)**

Mary reported that there are currently 6 candidates for election to the AKC Board of Directors. There are 3 candidates nominated by the Committee (Judy Hart, Cindy Vogel, and incumbent Patricia Haines). Incumbents Carmen Battaglia and Patty Strand and former Board member Ken Marden are candidates by petition. The deadline for petitions to be submitted is January 31, 2007.

The AKC Board of Directors and Staff have issued an invitation to all NCA members to attend an open house at their headquarters, 260 Madison Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York City, NY. The Open House will be held from 12 noon until 4 p.m. on February 11, 2007. This is the day before the Westminster Kennel Club show begins.

Mary also reported that all are invited to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> annual sale of dog art at the Bark Fest at Bonhams Charity Brunch on Sunday morning, February 11, 2007. Admission is a fifty dollar donation to DOGNY, America's Tribute to Search and Rescue Dogs. The gallery is located at 595 Madison Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS (Mary Lou Roberts)**

- Breeders List (Aura Dean)

The Breeders List Application was submitted for approval for publication in *Newf Tide*.

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to delay approval of the application until the February 15, 2007 Board teleconference. Several possible revisions to the application were discussed. It was stated that the deadline for getting the application into the next issue of *Newf Tide* would be very tight if this issue was delayed until the February meeting. The motion failed 4 yes (Santee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, and Pam Rubio) 8 no (Jan Boggio, Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura Dean, Kevin Gallagher, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey).

Cathy L. Sands moved and Aura Dean seconded to use the application as written with the exception of revising the first paragraph to read as follows: **"This list is a valuable link between buyers and knowledgeable NCA member-breeders."** The motion passed unanimously.

- Judges Education Committee (JEC) (Roger Frey)

Roger Frey reported that the CD to be used by JEC will not be approved by the JEC committee until their meeting at the 2007 National Specialty Show. There was discussion regarding the fact that the CD cannot be used until approved by the Board.

Kathy McIver reported on a joint teleconference held to discuss materials for *Newf Tide* and the web. Attending were Dejah Petsch, chair of General Education Committee, Kathy McIver, chair of Breeders Education Committee, Tracy Warncke & Pam Rubio, co-chairs of Health & Longevity Committee, and Kim Griffith chair of Judges Education Committee.

- *Newf Tide* Policy Committee (Aura Dean)

Aura reported that there would be an announcement in the next issue of *Newf Tide* about the re-instatement of Regional Club Columns. Guidelines for content of those columns are still being developed.

- Electronic Newsletter (Mary Lou Roberts)

Discussion of this item will be postponed until the February 15, 2007 teleconference due to time constraints this evening.

- Committee Restructuring Letter (Mary Lou Roberts)

This email will be sent out to all Committees for feedback and input.

## OLD BUSINESS

Cathy Sands moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to correct the policy regarding NCA booths at national specialty shows to include NCA Newfoundland Rescue (V35.4 7/28/04) to read as follows:

“Newfoundland Health Challenge **and Newfoundland Rescue** shall be assisted by the host club to set the facilities to conduct their fund raising activities. Ringside auctions (held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) shall be held in a location close to the breed ring for the purposes of conducting silent auctions and the sale of limited edition soft goods. The host club will help to facilitate the rental of tenting, tables and chairs for this function; however, the host club shall not be responsible for paying for the rental of same or for providing the man-power to run the ringside auctions. The host club shall discuss these arrangements with Newfoundland Health Challenge **and Newfoundland Rescue** well in advance of the National show.” The motion passed 11 yes 1 abstain (Pam Rubio).

## NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting Schedule at the 2007 National Specialty Show

The Board set the following days and times for meetings:

Monday, April 30  
1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.  
8 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. with break for lunch.  
Time to be determined to re-convene (after Annual Membership Meeting)

Thursday, May 3  
Meeting of new Board of Directors  
8 p.m. until 11 p.m.

- Uniform Trophies (Mary L. Price)  
Mary L. Price moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Corresponding Secretary send a letter of instruction to all vendors regarding the fact that the artwork involved in the NCA Uniform Trophies is copyrighted by NCA. Only NCA or its agent can order items with NCA artwork. The motion passed unanimously.
- Review of dues for next club year (Meredith Reggie)  
Current dues structure is set at \$75 for a single membership, \$80 for a double membership. There is a senior discount offered at \$55 for single and \$60 for double.

There was discussion as to whether or not the senior discount is in compliance with the NCA Constitution and By-Laws. The membership vote held at the 2006 meeting regarding the senior discount was extremely close. Several Board members were uncertain whether or not the NCA membership wished to keep or discontinue the senior discount. One member stated that she could not support a discount based solely on age but felt strongly that another category should be developed that would reflect longevity as a member of NCA in conjunction with age, i.e., perhaps 20 years as an NCA member and over 65 years of age.

Meredith Reggie moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to not offer a senior discount. The motion passed 9 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands, 3 no (Jan Boggio, Aura Dean, Roger Frey).

There was discussion regarding the cost of dues. One member stated changing the dues rates now when the membership may vote to change the types of membership offered in the Constitution and By-Laws revisions was not productive. There was discussion regarding the cost of subscribing to *Newf Tide*. Some members felt that a subscription should cost more than the cost of joining NCA.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy McIver seconded to leave the dues the same (with the exception of the senior dues) for this next year. The motion passed 11 yes, 1 no (Aura Dean).

- Ringside public address system at Nationals (Jacqueline Brellochs)  
Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Kathy McIver seconded that a ringside public address system be used to call each class at national specialty shows. Once class placements have been made the public address system would also be used to announce winners and absentees by number. There will be no announcements on the public address system while a class is being judged unless there is an emergency.

There was discussion regarding the cost of a public address system. One member suggested that the NCA purchase such a system and supply it to clubs. Another member felt that this was not necessary and that many clubs already own a public address system.

The motion passed 10 yes (Jan Boggio, Aura Dean, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey) 2 no (Kevin Gallagher, Pam Rubio).

- Scheduling of classes at National Specialty Shows (Jacqueline Brellochs)  
There was discussion regarding the listing of show times for classes at national specialty shows using a system similar to that used by all breed dog clubs. The class times listed would be based on groupings of 50-60 entries. Two members felt that this could make a day much longer than necessary, depending on the number of absentees in any given time slot. Another member stated that any excess time could be used to take photos of class placements. Several members felt that it would be very helpful to exhibitors to have a more detailed schedule.

Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded that beginning times for conformation classes at our national specialties will be published in groups of 50-60 entries. Any excess times between published times (due to absentees) may be used for taking photos of class placements. The motion passed 10 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey) 2 no (Jan Boggio, Kevin Gallagher).

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to go into executive session as 11:06 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 11:52 p.m.

While in executive session the Board approved for publication the list of applicants of January 19, 2007.

While in executive session the Board agreed that the proposed Constitution & By-Laws survey should be sent as a separate mailing rather than in the next issue of *Newf Tide*.

While in executive session the Board appointed Vicki Hansen chair of the Regional Club Committee.

- Indexing of back issues of *Newf Tide*

Mary Lou Roberts offered the help of some of her students to index past issues of *Newf Tide*. Aura Dean, chair of *Newf Tide* Policy Guide, felt that the project would be very helpful. The Board agreed by consensus to have the students work on the indexing.

- Ethics Committee

The Board will need to appoint a new committee to work on the NCA Ethics Guide. Board members discuss appointments to this committee at the February 15, 2007 teleconference.

- Pending Items

There was discussion regarding the listing of items pending. Most of these items are items that were referred to committees. There was discussion regarding better communication to and from committees.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meredith Reggie moved and Kathy McIver seconded to adjourn. The teleconference adjourned at 12 midnight eastern standard time.

The next Board teleconference will be at 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Thursday, February 15, 2007. Deadline to submit agenda items to the Recording Secretary will be Wednesday, February 7, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Sands  
NCA Recording Secretary