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52	<b><u>Friday, November 2</u></b>	
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54 President Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8 P.M. Central Daylight Time (CDT).  
55 Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy  
56 McIver, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, and Cathy  
57 L. Sands. Also present was Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, *ex officio*.  
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59 MOTION: Kevin Gallagher moved and Kathy McIver seconded to suspend the order of business  
60 and go directly into Executive Session for the purposes of approving membership applications,  
61 committee appointments, and reviewing any Honorary Memberships as well as nominees for the  
62 Good Sportsmanship, Heroic Newfoundland, and Isabel Kurth awards. The motion to go into  
63 Executive Session passed unanimously.  
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#### 65 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

66 The Board went into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m The Board came out of Executive Session at  
67 9.10 p.m.

- 68 • While in Executive Session the Board approved the membership list of November 3,  
69 2007 for publication.
- 70 • While in Executive Session the Board appointed the following Nominating Committee:  
71 Rebecca Stanevich (Chair), Lori Littleford, Roger Powell, Dwight Gorsuch, Barbara  
72 Hearn. Jocelyn Hawley and Andre Lapeyre were appointed as alternates.
- 73 • While in Executive Session the Board appointed Karen Steinrock as Publicity Chair.
- 74 • While in Executive Session Megan Nutbeem was given an Honorary Membership.
- 75 • While in Executive Session the Board appointed Jeannette Voss to the Newf Tide Policy  
76 Committee (NTPC). It was decided to advertise for an additional NTPC member.  
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#### 78 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### 79 Regional Club Liaison (Kathy McIver)

80 Kathy spoke regarding the various communications between herself and the Niagara Frontier  
81 Newfoundland Club (NFNC).  
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83 MOTION: Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Barbara Finch seconded to go into Executive  
84 Session to discuss compliance issues with NFNC. The motion passed unanimously.  
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#### 86 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

87 The Board went into Executive Session to discuss regional club issues at 9:23 p.m. The Board  
88 came out of Executive Session at 10:04 p.m.  
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#### 90 **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Mary Lou Roberts)**

91 MOTiON: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Sue Marino seconded that whenever possible, NCA  
92 Committee chairmanships will be rotated at least every five years to provide more depth of  
93 leadership within the club and to bring fresh perspectives to committee operations. Previous  
94 chairs should be encouraged to remain on committees to share their experiences and provide  
95 continuity. The motion failed 5 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sue Marino, Meredith Reggie, May  
96 Lou Roberts, Roger Frey); 7 no (Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver,  
97 Mary L. Price, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands).  
98

99 Mary W. Price reported that the AKC has sent a survey to all Parent Clubs regarding their  
100 proposed AKC Draft Test Regulations. This will be reviewed in Committee Reports along with  
101 the proposed regulations, the Working Dog Committee response, and other comments received  
102 on the issue.  
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104 MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to recess the meeting at 10:54  
105 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.  
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107 **Saturday, Nov. 3 – Board Reconvenes**

108 President Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT).  
109 Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy  
110 McIver, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, and Cathy  
111 L. Sands. Also present was Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, *ex officio*. Also present was guest  
112 Kathy Griffin.

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114 **TREASURER’S REPORT (Mary L. Price)**

115 Mary presented the Treasurer's report. She reported the following balances: checking account:  
116 \$7000.11; savings account: \$63051.97; invested in CDs: \$255,127.93; and the NCA operations  
117 balance total of \$325180.01 with \$4,487.20 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses.  
118 The Uniform Trophy Fund money market account balance is \$13,208.53 for a grand total of  
119 \$338,388.54. This report was accepted unanimously.

120  
121 Mary also reported that the NCA has received one Incorporation Grant Application (from  
122 Newfoundland Club of Southern California). The application will be on the Agenda for the next  
123 meeting.

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125 **AKC DELEGATE’S REPORT (Mary W. Price)**

- 126 • Mary reported on the nominees for the AKC Board’s Class of 2012. Additional  
127 candidates may also run by petition; the deadline is November 15, 2007.
- 128 • Mary also reported on the new Board of the Canine Health Foundation (CHF). The CHF  
129 Board has a total of 18 members; the AKC holds six of those positions and CHF holds  
130 12.
- 131 • Mary will attend the meeting in Long Beach, California. She reported that the Eukanuba  
132 Classic will not be shown live on TV. It is now scheduled to be shown the same  
133 weekend as the Superbowl.
- 134 • Mary handed out copies of the *October Chairman’s Report*. The report contained an  
135 announcement regarding the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show which will  
136 include the first-ever international competition the Eukanuba World Challenge. The top  
137 dogs from 40 countries will compete in this separate event.

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139 **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

140 **On-Line Whelping Box**

141 Mary Lou Roberts reported that, in response to the Membership’s direction at the Annual  
142 Meeting of the Membership on May 1, 2007, only one committee (Breeder Education) of the  
143 three that were directed to look at the issue of the Online Whelping Box, has sent in its  
144 suggestions. She still has not received input from the Breeders List Committee or the ad hoc  
145 Ethics Guide Committee.

146  
147 Meredith Reggie reported that she had emailed many of the current Breeders List breeders  
148 regarding the availability of puppies and had received responses from most. Five or six of them  
149 offered educational information. None had puppies available. Two or three breeders offered  
150 referrals to people who are not currently listed on the Breeders List.

151  
152 Mary Lou Roberts stated that the NCA needs to have a clear definition of what the Whelping  
153 Box is designed to do: help puppy buyers find NCA breeders or help NCA breeders to sell  
154 puppies.

155  
156 It was suggested that REACt and General Education also be asked to review the idea of the On-  
157 Line Whelping Box. Several members were opposed to adding committees to review the idea.  
158 Sue Marino stated that the two Committees that have not responded need to be given a deadline  
159 to respond to the Board.

160  
161 MOTON: Cathy L. Sands moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Breeders List Committee  
162 and Ethics Committee be directed to submit a response regarding the On-Line Whelping Box  
163 issue within 30 days of the date on which they are notified to respond. The motion passed 9 yes  
164 (Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price,  
165 Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands) 3 no (Jacqueline Brellochs, Mary Lou Roberts,  
166 Roger Frey).

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168 **RECESS**

169 The Board took a short break at 8:55 a.m. They reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Kathy Griffin joined the  
170 meeting.

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172 Judges Education Committee

173 Kathy Griffin and Barbara Finch presented the new Judges' Education CD program for Board  
174 review and approval.

175  
176 There were questions and discussion regarding the photos and videos on the CD. Sue Marino  
177 suggested that the still photos showing the roll of loose skin on the back of the dog be replaced  
178 with a video segment. There was also comment that none of the video segments showed front  
179 movement and that there needed to be some examples of fronts included. It was suggested that  
180 something be added to the presentation explaining why we call white and black dogs Landseer.  
181 There was also a suggestion to add some carting footage of dogs doing real work such as hauling  
182 firewood or children. Roger Frey reminded everyone that the standard places temperament first  
183 and last in its description of what a Newfoundland should be.

184  
185 MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the CD for use as  
186 presented with the understanding that it is a living document to be improved on as needed. The  
187 motion passed 11 yes: (Barbara Finch, Roger Frey, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy  
188 McIver, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, and Cathy  
189 L. Sands); 1 no (Jacqueline Brellochs).

190  
191 MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the Judges  
192 Education Committee address the recommendations of the Board within the next year.

- 193
- 194 • Replace the still photos showing the roll of loose skin on the back of the dog with a video  
195 segment
  - 196 • Include some video segments showing front movement
  - 197 • Add something to the presentation explaining why we call white and black dogs Landseer
  - 198 • Replace the video clip at the end of the dog with the cart in the water with some carting  
199 footage of dogs doing real work such as hauling firewood or children.

200 The motion passed 10 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Roger Frey, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett,  
201 Kathy McIver, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio); 1  
202 no (Barbara Finch); 1 abstain (Cathy L. Sands).

203 The Board thanks the Judges Education Committee (JEC) and appreciates all of the hard work  
204 that has gone into preparing the new CD. The Board also thanks Kevin Gallagher for setting up  
205 the audio/video equipment for the presentation.

206  
207 The Board reviewed the copy of a letter entitled "A Communiqué from the Newfoundland Club  
208 of America Judges Education Committee" regarding the grooming of Newfoundland dogs that  
209 was written by the JEC several years ago but never published in the AKC Judges' Newsletter.

210  
211 MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to accept the JEC letter as written.  
212 The motion failed 5 yes (Barbara Finch, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Pam Rubio, Cathy L.

213 Sands); 6 no (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou  
214 Roberts, Roger Frey) 1 abstain (Kevin Gallagher).  
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216 MOTION: Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded that the following  
217 statement regarding grooming be added to the JEC letter: “The dog should not be so groomed  
218 that it impairs the ability to judge the proper coat texture or that an open coat is created.” The  
219 motion passed 8 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Meredith  
220 Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey); 4 no (Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher,  
221 Kathy McIver, Pam Rubio).  
222

223 Mary Lou Roberts will contact the chair of JEC (Denise Castonguay) and ask her to include the  
224 sentence on grooming.  
225

226 There was a short discussion about the possibility of creating an interactive CD for use as an  
227 educational tool.  
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## 229 **RECESS**

230 The Board took a short break at 10:15 a.m. They reconvened at 10:30 a.m.  
231 Guests present were Dan Carr, Cissy Sullivan, Linda Larson, Barbara Hearn and Tamzin  
232 Rossenwaser.  
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## 234 **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

### 235 Technical Resources Committee

236 Dan Carr, Chair of the Technical Resources Committee, presented information on the NCA  
237 database project. He gave an update on the technical progress and the plans for future phases of  
238 the project. Dan also demonstrated the database site via the Internet and demonstrated the  
239 design layout. The trial system has imported all of the data from the Orthopedic Foundation for  
240 Animals (OFA). The AKC will not release their studbook information for public use. Dan also  
241 spoke about the lack of progress in obtaining the data from the current NCA database for use to  
242 trial the system. The existing NCA data has been turned over by the previous Database Chair to  
243 a programmer in Canada who is extracting the data from a personal system but she has not been  
244 responsive to emails and has not yet provided the data. The Board was reminded that the new  
245 database will run on a server—not on anyone’s personal computer—so that we will never have  
246 the problem in the future of having data reside on a personal computer where it cannot be  
247 accessed easily by the NCA and where ownership of the data is not an issue. . Technical  
248 Resources hopes to receive data within the next two to three weeks.  
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250 All use of the new database will require a user name with a password. Breeders and owners of  
251 dogs will be able to input records on their own dogs and a place to upload a photo of each dog  
252 will be available.  
253

254 The Board thanked Dan Carr for his hard work and presentation.  
255

## 256 **LUNCH RECESS**

257 The Board recessed at 12:00 noon for lunch. The Board reconvened at 1 p.m.  
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## 259 **PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Roger Frey)**

260 Roger reported receiving a letter from Mr. David Roberts, Assistant Vice President of the AKC  
261 Registration Services, in response to the NCA’s letter requesting that the AKC require all owners  
262 of a stud dog to sign litter applications. The AKC believes that there is no need to have such a  
263 requirement at this time. Mr. Roberts also referenced the AKC’s new online Recordkeeping  
264 Service which will help co-owners access all records on their dogs. The letter also re-stated the  
265 AKC’s belief that co-ownership arrangements often lead to problems.  
266

267 **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Sandee Lovett)**

- 268 • Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) - Sandee Lovett. Sandee reported that the  
269 Board held a teleconference meeting on October 25. Clyde Dunphy, Chairman of the  
270 CTMB, will be present on Sunday and will give a report at that time.

271  
272 **RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Cathy L. Sands)**

273 Cathy apologized for leaving the minutes of the October teleconference out of the agenda  
274 packets.

275  
276 Cathy reported that all candidates for the 2008 election of officers have submitted their  
277 biographies and statements. She has received one quote on and is waiting on a second quote for  
278 the printing and distribution of the election packet. Based on 1300 packets the printing and  
279 paper cost is \$2.99 per packet for a total of \$3887. Stuffing (based on 1300 packets) is \$.55 per  
280 packet for a total of \$715. These amounts may vary depending on actual number needed. The  
281 biggest cost this year will be postage costs as the U.S. Postal Service has more than doubled the  
282 cost of mailing large envelopes via first class.

283  
284 Cathy requested approval of the following as ballot counters/election judges: Betsy Beaver, Patti  
285 Pigeon, Shine Sturtz, Sue Raney & Linda Morley Roser.

286  
287 MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to approve the ballot counters.  
288 The motion passed unanimously.

289  
290 Cathy has received emails addressed to secretary (from the link on the NCA website) as follows:

- 291 1. A request for a copy of the 1980 video of Wendy Volhard testing a litter of  
292 Newfoundlands. It used to be available via the NCA. Cathy requested information as to where  
293 the NCA library resides so that she can send the inquiry to the proper person.  
294 2. A request from a person in Denmark to purchase the poster "Distinguished Member" and  
295 a pack of note cards. She will forward the request to Sue Miller.

296  
297 **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

298 Specialty Show Committee (Robin Seaman)

299 Robin Seaman, Chair of the Specialty Show Committee, joined the meeting via telecom at 1:20  
300 p.m.

301  
302 She reported that the Specialty Show Committee is making several changes to the Specialty  
303 Show Guide. Obedience is now referred to as Companion Dog so that Rally, Agility and  
304 Obedience in that Chapter will be referred to as Companion Dog Events. This further enforces  
305 the NCA Uniform Trophies being given in all AKC regular and non-regular classes.

306  
307 The Specialty Show Committee recommends that the Companion dog trophies will have one set  
308 of 1st-4th place at the National for pictures. Actual trophies will be sent within 6 weeks of the  
309 close of the National Specialty Show to the Agility Class winners. There are many agility classes  
310 and, if ordered in advance, many trophies might be ordered unnecessarily.

311  
312 There was input from owners of Selects that they did not care for the demitasse cups that have  
313 been awarded in the past. The committee recommends that Selects receive a 5-piece place  
314 setting of the Lenox china in both A & B trophy selections.

315  
316 MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the recommendations of  
317 the Specialty Show Committee regarding the trophy changes for Agility and Select classes. The  
318 motion passed unanimously.

320 Robin reported that the Committee recommended no change to the way room reservations are  
321 handled at National Specialty Shows. Several Board members felt that there needs to be a  
322 change. Several suggestions were voiced: 1) a lottery by postmark 2) the hotel to take care of all  
323 reservations 3) reservations filled by postmark date 4) no Overnight express reservations be  
324 accepted 5) no reservations accepted by walk-in, all must be via mail.

325  
326 MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Sue Marino seconded to combine all of the  
327 reservations for the first two weeks and then do a random drawing, lottery style, for the rooms.  
328 The motion failed: 4 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sue Marino, Mary Lou Roberts, Roger Frey); 8  
329 no (Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith  
330 Reggie, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands).

331  
332 MOTON: Meredith Reggie moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to give host clubs their choice  
333 of 3 methods of handling room reservations: 1) allow the hotel to handle all reservations, 2) use a  
334 lottery method with random drawing for reservations or 3)keep the same method currently in use  
335 (assigned by the arrival date. If the host club chooses to handle the reservations themselves, no  
336 walk-in reservations would be taken. The motion passed: 8 yes (Barbara Finch, Kevin  
337 Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Cathy L.  
338 Sands) 4 no (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sue Marino, Mary Lou Roberts, Roger Frey).

339  
340 Robin stated that the change in method to handle room reservations at National Specialty Shows  
341 will affect any National already approved. The Board agreed by consensus.

342  
343 The Specialty Show Committee recommends that the wording regarding a Working Dog  
344 Reception be changed to Working Dog Activities. This would broaden the scope of working  
345 activities and in no way would prohibit a reception. Robin cited the Gymkhana and Rodeo at this  
346 year's National as examples of other working dog activities.

347  
348 MOTION: Pam Rubio moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the term "Working Dog  
349 Reception" in the Guide be eliminated and expanded as "Working Dog Activities." Working  
350 Dog Activities may include a reception if so desired. The motion passed unanimously.

351  
352 Robin reported that the Committee felt that the Top 20 must be a competition. If a Showcase is  
353 held it must not be called a Top 20. There were questions as to whether the Top 10 Obedience  
354 must also be a competition; it does not. The application form to host a National will be revised  
355 to have a place to state if the Top 20 Competition or a Top 10 Obedience Showcase will be held.

356  
357 There was discussion regarding the events that a host club should be allowed to offer. The  
358 feeling of the Specialty Show Committee is that the host club should be free to choose what  
359 events they wish to offer. One Board member asked about holding Canine Good Citizen (CGC)  
360 tests at nationals. The AKC recommends that clubs hold CGC tests.

361  
362 Host clubs must also have an educational event. The Breeders Education Committee will review  
363 the *ABC's of Breeding* program as a possible program at National Specialties.

364  
365 It was suggested that references to water tests at Nationals should be removed from the *Specialty*  
366 *Show Guide*. The time of year that Nationals are held limits the ability of clubs to offer any  
367 water tests. The consensus was that it be left in so that if the conditions are right, a club might  
368 consider offering a water test.

369  
370 The Guide needs to expand the show site description guideline to reflect using other sites, such  
371 as Purina Farms. A primary requirement is to find lodging accommodations that have adequate  
372 grounds. The possibility of permanent show sites being developed around the country will be  
373 discussed at the next meeting of the Specialty Show Committee.

374  
375 Barbara Finch said she is working on setting up potential geographical regional divisions for  
376 future nationals. There was discussion that the possibility of the NCA national having a core  
377 show group that would handle National shows and that the host clubs would then not have to  
378 “re-invent the wheel” each year,  
379

380 A Board member asked about future host clubs for the National beyond 2009. There is interest  
381 by one of the west coast clubs in hosting the 2010 show. They are actively searching for a show  
382 site.  
383

384 A suggestion was sent to the Committee regarding subsidizing tenting and electrical power at  
385 nationals. The committee feels that this issue should be dealt with on a case-by-case basis rather  
386 than a blanket policy being included in the Guide. The 2008 show chair is negotiating with a  
387 nationwide company that may be able to supply these items to other locations.  
388

389 There was discussion about contracting on a national level with suppliers of tenting, generators,  
390 etc. to gain better pricing. Kevin Gallagher will check into the cost of NCA purchasing a public  
391 address system for use at national events.  
392

393 There was discussion regarding the proposal at the Annual Meeting that regional rescues be  
394 allowed to have booths at national specialty shows. It was suggested that regional club rescues  
395 should be treated like any other vendor. Discussion followed regarding the need for the host  
396 club to be able to cover its expenses by selling of its items and about whether or not regional  
397 rescues might create too much competition for these dollars.  
398

399 MOTION: Pam Rubio moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded that vendor spaces, including those  
400 for rescue, be allotted at the discretion of the host club. The motion passed unanimously.  
401

402 It was noted that the *Specialty Show Guide* needs to be approved for content. The final version  
403 should be to the Board by November 15, 2007 with the hopes of being able to approve it at the  
404 December 6, 2007 Board teleconference. Once the content has been approved there are three  
405 volunteers to review for grammar and ease of use: Kathy Paxton, Meredith Reggie, and Sandee  
406 Lovett.  
407

408 Robin reported on Regional Specialty Show procedures. All applications for independent  
409 regionals must be to Robin by seven months and two weeks prior to the date of the show. All  
410 regionals held in conjunction with an all breed show must be to Robin by six months and two  
411 weeks prior to the date of the show. Robin asked for direction as to when a club can be refused  
412 permission to hold a regional specialty.  
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414 MOTION: Kevin Gallagher moved and Barbara Finch seconded that any regional club that is 14  
415 more days late in submitting an application for a regional specialty show may be denied. The  
416 motion passed unanimously.  
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418 The Board thanked Robin for her attendance.  
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#### 420 **RECESS**

421 The Board recessed at 3:40 p.m. The Board reconvened at 3:55 p.m.  
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#### 423 **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

##### 424 Working Dog Committee

425 Mary Lou Roberts reported that the Board has received the comments of the Working Dog  
426 Committee regarding the AKC’s proposed all-breed draft test rules. Information from Roger &  
427 Consie Powell was solicited and that is also included in the packet.



428  
429 MOTION: Pam Rubio moved and Sandee Lovett seconded that the Board submit the Working  
430 Dog Committee's report to AKC along with a cover letter expressing NCA's concerns regarding  
431 the proposed AKC draft test regulations. The letter should also reflect that the NCA strongly  
432 feels that its own draft tests should be grandfathered in and not be affected if the AKC draft test  
433 becomes a reality. The motion passed unanimously. Mary W. Price will give Sandee the name  
434 of the person at the AKC to which the letter should be directed. Sandee will also respond to the  
435 letter received from the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club regarding the proposed draft  
436 regulations.

437  
438 There was some discussion of Committees not being responsive to requests from the Board as  
439 well as club members. Committees will be reminded that they need to respond to contacts from  
440 members without being directed to respond by the Board. Mary Lou Roberts asked if the Board  
441 felt that she should be communicating with entire committees on Board requests rather than only  
442 with the Chairs. The consensus was that she should continue to direct her communications to the  
443 Chairs only.

444  
445 There was discussion regarding the qualifications of water test judges.

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447 MOTION: Meredith Reggie moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to ask the Working Dog  
448 Committee to consider WRDX titles as related to WRD titles in setting judges' qualifications.  
449 The motion passed unanimously.

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451 **RECESS**

452 The Board recessed at 5 p.m. The Board re-convened at 8:10 p.m.

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454 Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Sue Marino,  
455 Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, and Cathy L. Sands. Also  
456 present were Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, *ex officio* and Clyde Dunphy.

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458 **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

459 Regional Club Liaison (Kathy McIver) (continued)

460 Kathy supplied a list comparing the number of NCA members who are members of regional  
461 club for the years 2005 and 2006. The list also showed total members of each regional club for  
462 each year. There was discussion as to what could be done to encourage regional club members  
463 to join the NCA.

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465 MOTION: Sue Marino moved and Mary L. Price seconded that the Board encourage the regional  
466 clubs to make their members more aware of the NCA. The motion passed unanimously.

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468 There was discussion regarding how to define and handle misconduct on the regional club level.  
469 The following statement was developed: The NCA Board supports regional clubs in encouraging  
470 and promoting good sportsmanship at club events. Given the variables in accessing  
471 sportsmanship, regional clubs may find the AKC's *Code of Sportsmanship* useful in developing  
472 policies which are in accordance with their governing documents and specific club needs.

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474 MOTION: Mary L. Price moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board direct the Regional  
475 Club Liaison to send the statement to the regional clubs. The motion passed unanimously.

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477 There was discussion regarding the Niagara Frontier Newfoundland Club's record keeping.

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479 MOTION: Meredith Reggie moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to advise the Niagara  
480 Frontier Newfoundland Club to send membership renewal notices to those who were listed as  
481 members on their 2004 membership roster but who are not listed on their 2007 membership

482 roster. These notices should be postmarked by January 2, 2008, and have a deadline for renewal  
483 of May 1, 2008, which restores the club to compliance with the 2008 renewal deadline provided  
484 for in its bylaws.

485 The Regional Club Liaison is directed to send a letter to NFNC explaining that the Board  
486 makes this recommendation due to confusion regarding its renewal policies between 2004 and  
487 2007.

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489 Constitution and By-Laws Committee (Clyde Dunphy, Member)

490 The Constitution and By-Laws Committee has had two teleconferences and several mail  
491 meetings. All members have participated in all meetings. It has been the policy of the committee  
492 to approve only those items which have a unanimous vote. Any issue which has had dissent or  
493 discussion is tabled until the next meeting or until a unanimous agreement is reached. To comply  
494 with NCA Board Policy, the committee reaffirmed all previous decisions at its October 16, 2007  
495 teleconference to provide "voice vote" compliance.

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497 The current CB&L Committee does not feel that legal review of the finished document will be  
498 necessary. The AKC and the State of Connecticut both have lawyers who will review the  
499 document and the Committee feels that for NCA to have a legal review also is unnecessary.

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501 CB&L Committee submitted the following process and time table

- 502 1. Provide Clyde with the (2) issues to be forwarded to board
- 503 2. Combine a full report of all decisions - to be submitted for the NCA Board face-to-face  
504 meeting
- 505 3. Preparation of a Newf Tide article (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Issue) on the changes to expect
- 506 4. (At same time, we need to go back through .... we can share this task .... and mark each  
507 item with the corresponding Article, Section number that it applies to)
- 508 5. Do the actual wording recommendations - see (4) make sure we don't miss any
- 509 6. Submit the recommended wording to NCA Board. (Spring/Annual meeting 2008)
- 510 7. Submit the recommended wording to Mike Liosis at AKC (Summer 2008)
- 511 8. Prepare/mail ballot (*Newf Tide*)? Send ballot to membership (Fall 2008). Proposed  
512 Effective date: March, 2009

513 The Board reviewed the suggestions and comments of the Committee. Clyde will take the  
514 Board's comments back to the Committee. The Board did not vote on any of the suggestions  
515 that were presented.

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517 Clyde also reported on the Parent Club Canine Health Conference. He thanked the Board for  
518 selecting him to attend the conference.

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520 Ad hoc Ethics Committee

521 Mary Lou Roberts submitted the report of the *ad hoc* Ethics Committee regarding a code of  
522 ethics.

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524 MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to thank the ad hoc committee  
525 for its report and to discharge them. The motion passed unanimously.

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527 MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Pam Rubio seconded to send the Ethics Guide project  
528 to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

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530 Newf Tide Policy Committee

531 Meredith Reggie excused herself and left the meeting. Clyde Dunphy also left the meeting.

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533 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

534 At 10:35 p.m. Sue Marino moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to go into Executive  
535 Session to discuss a recommendation of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee. The Board came out  
536 of Executive Session at 10:50 p.m.

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538 While in Executive Session the Board approved the contract of Meredith Reggie as *Newf Tide*  
539 Editor for an additional year.

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541 Working Dog Committee  
542 Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Sue Marino seconded to accept the rewording and formatting  
543 changes of the Working Dog Committee's *Qualifications and Requirements for NCA Working*  
544 *Judges*. The motion passed unanimously.

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546 Meredith Reggie asked the Board for permission to remove the sample contracts offer for  
547 breeders from *Newf Tide*. The Board felt that the samples are outdated and need to be reviewed.  
548 Permission was granted by consensus.

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550 **RECESS**

551 The Board recessed at 11:08 p.m.

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553 **Sunday, Nov. 4**

554 President Roger Frey reconvened the meeting at 8:05 a.m. Central Standard Time (CST).  
555 Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Sue Marino,  
556 Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, and Cathy L. Sands. Also  
557 present was Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, *ex officio*. Kevin Gallagher was absent (excused).  
558 Clyde Dunphy was also present.

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560 **RECESS**

561 The Board recessed at 8:10 a.m. to go into a meeting of the Trustee of the NCA Charitable Trust.

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563 The Board reconvened at 9:51 a.m.  
564 Barbara Hearn and Tamzin Rosenwasser joined the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

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566 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

567 MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded that the NCA create and  
568 distribute an electronic newsletter monthly and/or as needed, to be made available to NCA  
569 members and others. The initial issue will be sent in December to all NCA members for whom  
570 we have an email address. Members will have the ability to opt out at any time. The motion  
571 passed: 10 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Roger Frey, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino,  
572 Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands); 1 no (Kathy  
573 McIver); 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

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575 MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that NCA ask all  
576 committees, the Charitable Trust Management Board, and regional clubs to submit ideas for  
577 content on an ongoing basis. The motion passed unanimously with one absent (Kevin  
578 Gallagher).

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580 Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that members of the Technical  
581 Resources Committee (Mary Lou Roberts and Marylou Zimmerman) will produce the first few  
582 issues of the electronic newsletter. The motion passed unanimously with one absent (Kevin  
583 Gallagher).

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585 **RECESS**

586 The Board took a short recess at 10:30 a.m. The Board reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Ad hoc Working Achievement Award

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Committee.

After much discussion it was agreed by consensus that there should be only one level of the Working Achievement Award.

MOTION: Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded that the Working Dog Achievement Award should have the following:

- Core title requirements
  - Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)
  - Water Rescue Dog (WRD)
  - Draft Dog (DD) and one re-qualification or
  - Team Draft Dog (TDD)
- Plus any 2 titles from the optional list below
  - Utility Dog (UD), Utility Dog Excellent (UDX), or Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH)
  - Tracking Dog (TD), Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX), or Variable Surface Tracking (VST)
  - 3 WRD re-qualifications or 1 WRDX
  - 3 re-qualifications of DD or TDD or any combination thereof
  - Rally Excellent (Advanced) Title
  - Any Open Agility EXCEPT fast

This new award will be effective immediately and any eligible dogs may receive the award at the 2008 National.

The motion passed 9 yes: (Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Roger Frey, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands:, 2 abstain (Meredith Reggie, Sandee Lovett), 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

The Board appreciates all the hours and hard work that went into their report. The Committee is discharged at this time.

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that the Working Achievement Award be made available to owners of dogs that are now deceased. The motion passed unanimously with one absent (Kevin Gallagher).

There was discussion about how the Award would be administered. It falls under the Awards Committee. Jacqueline Brellochs, as VN Chair, will do the paperwork at this point in time. It was suggested that Brian Hodges be asked to assist the VN Chair with this project.

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded that the Working Achievement Award must be applied for and documentation must be submitted to the VN Committee. The motion passed unanimously with one absent (Kevin Gallagher).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Cathy L. Sands moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. CST. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be a teleconference held on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 8:00 P.M. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

641 Cathy L. Sands  
642 NCA Recording Secretary