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The Board of Directors of the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. held a teleconference meeting on March 15, 2007. President Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time. Present were Jan Boggio, Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura Dean, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands and AKC Delegate, Mary W. Price, *ex officio*. Also present were Board members elect Barbara Finch and Sue Marino.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Aura Dean moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to approve the minutes of the February 15 – March 8, 2007 teleconference as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Roger Frey)

Roger reminded everyone that the Annual Reports from NCA officers are due to him by April 20, 2007 in order for them to be copied and made available at the Annual Membership Meeting.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Sandee Lovett)

Sandee reported on the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) meeting. The CTMB has appointed Sharon Gwaltney as acting chair of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) due to the ill health of Cherrie Brown. Clyde Dunphy will contact Michigan State University to get an update of the status/results of the forelimb anomaly study. The CTMB does not recommend that RAC and Health & Longevity Committee (H&L) be combined as they feel that the purpose of the committees is very different. Two members of CTMB are up for re-appointment this year, Janice Hight & Tom McGill. The CTMB recommends to the Trustee that Directors whose terms are expiring be appointed at the Trustee's Annual Meeting. Both candidates are willing to continue to serve.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Mary Lou Roberts)

Mary Lou Roberts noted that she will be sending out a revised proposal for committee reorganization that the Board can review at the face-to-face meeting at the 2007 National Specialty.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Jacqueline Bellochs)

- Jacqueline reported that she had received correspondence from AKC regarding Specialty Show issues which was forward to Sue Raney, Chair of the 2007 National and to Robin Seaman, Chair of the NCA National Specialty Committee.
- She forwarded the letter from the Monroe Kennel Club regarding a possible Judges Seminar to Ingrid Lyden, acting secretary of the Judges Education Committee.
- Jacqueline received a letter from the AKC regarding the 2007 Health Conference to be held in St. Louis, Missouri. The conference dates will be October 19-21, 2007. Member clubs are limited to one representative per club this year and the attendee representing NCA will need to be appointed and submitted to AKC by June 15, 2007.

- A letter was received from Sherluck MultiMedia, Ltd. regarding their services in using multi-media computer technology to produce CD Breed Studies using videos, pictures, animations, and audio. This is the company that the Shetland Sheepdog and Saint Bernard clubs used for their educational CDs.
- A letter was received from AKC regarding the revision to the Show Trial Manual to more adequately address exercise area requirements at Dog Shows. This becomes effective April 1, 2007. Specialty shows must have a minimum of two exercise pens suitable to the size of the breed. Rules for all-breed shows have a scale which determines the number of pens and minimum size, depending upon the entry.
- A letter was received from the AKC regarding the selection of recipients of The Annual American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Awards. Member clubs are allowed to nominate one candidate in each of the three event categories: conformation, companion events, and performance.
- A letter was received from AKC requesting information regarding the AKC developing and holding an AKC International Obedience Invitational. Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to support the idea of an AKC International Obedience Invitational. The motion passed 10 yes (Jan Boggio, Aura Dean, Kevin Gallagher, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey), 2 abstain (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sandee Lovett).

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Cathy L. Sands)

Cathy L. Sands presented the proposed contract for the cardiologist at the 2007 National Specialty Show for Board approval. Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Pam Rubio second to approve the contract for the Cardiac Clinic at 2007 National. The motion passed unanimously.

Cathy reported that she had received a request for help in locating future NCA National Specialty shows on the website from an overseas Newfoundland fancier. There was discussion regarding the difficulty of finding NCA events on the NCA Website. Jacqueline Brellochs will ask the webmaster to simplify this task. Mary Lou Roberts stated that most events can be found by using the Search Facility in the calendar section. Meredith Reggie stated that events can also be found easily in the *Newf Tide* section.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Mary L. Price)

Mary presented the Treasurer's report. It was accepted unanimously. She reported the following balances: checking account: \$4915.71; savings account: \$18924.85; invested in CDs: \$259,119.36; and the NCA operations balance total of \$282,959.92 with \$4,567.20 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund money market account balance is \$6,868.82 for a grand total of \$289,828.74.

Mary reported the receipt of \$1,974.80 from the now defunct Newfoundland Club of Ohio and requested direction from the Board for its disposition. The Board decided to

postpone a decision until after discussion of other agenda items on the agenda, which might have relevance to such a decision.

Kevin Gallagher reported that he is still negotiating with the ballot printing vendor for a settlement.

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT (Mary W. Price)

- Mary reported on the AKC Board of Directors election. Dr. Patricia Haines, Ken Marden, and Patti Strand were elected on the first ballot.
- The AKC By-Laws amendments regarding the AKC nominating committee passed. These amendments require a petition to run for the AKC Board to contain 50 signatures (previously the number was 20) and also revises the time frame for the nominating committee and petitioners.
- At the Delegates meeting Mary received a copy of the "AKC Annual Report". The report contains a full color photo of Ch. John's Big Ben of Pouch Cove taken from a recent donation to the AKC's art collection.
- The NCA's letter of January 22, 2007 was read at the AKC Parent Club meeting and the NCA received high compliments for having spoken out, both in criticizing the AKC's Petland contract and for offering positive suggestions. John Lyons, CEO of AKC, said the suggestions in the letter were being given careful thought.
- AKC has once again hired an archivist who told Mary that the NCA items are a "marvelous collection". She looks forward to receiving additional items from our club. There was discussion about who at AKC receives copies of Newf Tide. Aura stated that they go to the AKC Librarian. An additional copy will now also go directly to the AKC Archivist.
- Mary reported that there was discussion regarding support for the Group Clubs. These are clubs that are specific to one AKC group such as a Working Group Club. Currently there are two such clubs that have been approved as AKC member clubs and 97 additional clubs working towards recognition.
- The AKC has put out a survey regarding the idea of mixed-breed dogs participating in an AKC listing service and AKC competition events. AKC has cited that they already accept mixed breeds in the CAR, CGC, Disaster Relief and other areas. Mary reported that this idea was not well received by the Delegates. There was discussion by the NCA Board expressing opposition to the AKC offering a listing service and championships to mixed breed dogs.
- Mary has received a letter from Dennis Sprung, AKC President, and John Lyons, AKC CEO, announcing the AKC's Outstanding Sportsmanship Program. The AKC has supplied a medallion to be given annually by each member club. The member clubs are to notify AKC when a winner is named.
- Mary received an AKC survey regarding how clubs are using the information contained in the New Titles Report. This report goes to Robin Seaman, NCA Specialties Chair. Mary will forward the survey to Robin.
- The minutes of the AKC Board Meeting for February, 2007 contain new requirements for breed parent clubs reporting practices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Mary Lou Roberts)

The members of the new NCA Code of Ethics Committee have agreed to serve.

The proposed survey by the REACT committee was discussed. The Chair of that committee will be asked to send another copy of the survey to the NCA Board for review at the face-to-face meeting at the 2007 National. Mary Lou reported that Donna Zink is still waiting for direction/approval for the proposed REACT committee. Pam Rubio will contact Donna to review final suggestions.

Mary Lou noted two reports that were sent to the Working Dog Committee from Lori Littleford regarding proposed carting titles and new designations for dogs with multiple re-qualifications in working tests.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:46 p.m. Kathy McIver moved and Aura Dean seconded to go into executive session. At 10:25 p.m. Aura Dean moved and Pam Rubio seconded to come out of executive session.

While in executive session the membership application list for March 15, 2007 was approved for publication.

While in executive session Patti Emerling was appointed to serve on the REACT Committee.

While in executive session the Constitution & By-Laws Committee (CB&L) was discussed. Jan Boggio was directed to move forward on the project and contact the Chair, Jack Witt, to see if it is possible to complete the informational letter to the membership prior to the National Specialty.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Roger Frey reported that there will be a Judges Education Seminar at the 2007 National Specialty Show. Denise Castonguay has been appointed to organize the seminar. Due to the lateness of her appointment the JEC Seminar has missed the AKC deadline for publication in the *AKC Gazette*. It has been posted on Judges-L internet list and she will be directed to post it there frequently. There was discussion about ringside mentors for the Seminar.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy McIver moved and Jacqueline Brellocks seconded that at the next AKC' delegate's meeting, the NCA's AKC delegate be requested to ask that the AKC consider requiring the signatures of all the owners of a stud dog on litter applications.

RATIONALE: The AKC requires breeders to maintain records on every owned or co-owned dog. These records must be immediately available during a field inspection. It

is unreasonable to expect a co-owner maintain adequate records on a stud dog if only one owner's signature is required on a litter application. Requiring all owners' signatures ensures that a co-owner is aware when his or her stud dog produces AKC registerable puppies. It is common practice for breeders to co-own dogs placed on full registration. Requiring all co-owners to sign off on a litter prevents a dog from being used without the support of the dog's breeder.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to require all committees receiving reports from outside sources, such as OFA, AKC, etc., provide the NCA corresponding secretary and the NCA webmaster a copy of the report within 15 days its receipt. The corresponding secretary will maintain hard copies of all reports. The webmaster will be requested to enter all appropriate reports into the WIKI document center.

<http://www.newfdogclub.org/wiki/tiki-index.php>

RATIONALE: Multiple committees may benefit from having the ability to access these reports. For example, the same OFA report, for different reasons, might be useful to the Breeders Education Committee, Health & Longevity Committee, Health Challenge, and the Charitable Trust Management Board. Also, valuable information should not be haphazardly stored. Ensuring documents are protected and yet still accessible, is one way of creating a good working environment.

There was discussion regarding the fact that not all reports (such as the AKC Studbook) are allowed to be published. Reports such as that shall not be included in this motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy McIver moved that the NCA create a President's Award. This will be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting to any NCA member who, in the President's opinion, has made a significant contribution to the NCA over the past year. Sitting Board members do not qualify for consideration.

RATIONALE: The Isabel Kurth Award is presented for long term and outstanding service to the breed and the NCA. It is equally worthwhile to recognize the efforts of those members who make a significant contribution during the year.

A friendly amendment was made. Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded that "The NCA will create an "NCA Member of the Year Award." This will be presented at the NCA Annual Membership Meeting to any NCA member who, in the Board's opinion, has made a significant contribution to the NCA over the past club year. Sitting Board members do not qualify for consideration. The nomination will be determined by a 2/3 vote of the NCA Board at the face-to-face meeting of the Board at the National Specialty Show."

The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Aura Dean seconded that the NCA Member of the Year Award will be a framed certificate. The recipient will be acknowledged in *Newf Tide* with a one-page article. This award and its presentation will be coordinated with the Awards Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

(Kathy Mclver) Regional club requirements. This item will be moved to the agenda for the Board of Directors at the face-to-face meeting at the 2007 National Specialty Show.

Pam Rubio spoke regarding the email and motion submitted by Patti McDowell after the Agenda deadline. This item will be added to the Agenda for the Board's face-to-face meeting at the 2007 National Specialty Show.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:20 p.m. there was a motion to adjourn the meeting and to re-convene as a meeting of the Trustee for the CTMB. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING, March 15, 2007

At 11:54 p.m. President Roger Frey called a special meeting of the NCA Board of Directors. Present were Jan Boggio, Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura Dean, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy Mclver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands. Also present were Board-elect members Barbara Finch and Sue Marino. AKC Delegate, Mary W. Price, *ex officio*, was absent.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a proposal from the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) that the NCA provide one-time grants to regional clubs, on an as-needed basis, for legal fees, registration and incorporation fees, etc. for state and federal incorporation of regional clubs and their affiliated charities. The CTMB further suggested that the NCA provide annual grants to regional clubs, on an as-needed basis, for annual liability insurance premium costs for regional club rescue work.

There was discussion about the benefits that this would give to regional clubs who are finding it difficult to obtain insurance for their rescue operation. Questions were asked about the cost of the program and the number of clubs that are already incorporated. Some members pointed out that we have the money to help the regional clubs with this project. One member asked to table discussion of the proposal until the April meeting when we could review factual data about the actual projected cost and think more about implementation details of the program.

Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that NCA, Inc. provide one-time grants, up to a \$1000 limit, to regional clubs, on an as-needed basis, for legal fees, registration and incorporations fees, etc. for state and federal incorporation of regional clubs and their affiliated charities. The motion passed 11 yes, 1 abstain (Mary Lou Roberts).

Mary L. Price moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that the NCA, Inc. provide a one time grant up to a \$500 limit to regional clubs, on an as-needed basis for liability insurance

premium costs for regional club rescue work. The motion passed 11 yes, 1 no (Mary Lou Roberts).

Mary L. Price moved and Kathy McIver seconded that NCA, Inc. accept the CTMB offer of its services to distribute these grant options and the liability insurance and incorporation information to the regional clubs and to administer this NCA grant program.

There was lengthy discussion regarding how this would work and the need to develop an application process. One member stressed her belief that it was not the proper function of the CTMB to be administering an NCA, Inc. program and making decisions about the disbursement of NCA, Inc. funds.

The motion passed 9 yes (Jacqueline Brelloch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey), 1 no (Mary Lou Roberts), 2 abstain (Jan Boggio, Aura Dean).

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:21 a.m. Kevin Gallagher moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded to adjourn the special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the NCA Board of Directors will be a face-to-face meeting on April 30, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Savings Time. The meeting will be held at the 2007 National Specialty Show at the Millennium Hotel, Boulder, Colorado. All agenda items are to be submitted to the Recording Secretary by April 16, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Sands
NCA Recording Secretary