



Board of Directors Teleconference
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A teleconference meeting of the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. Board of Directors was held on July 19, 2007. Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Roger Frey, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands and AKC Delegate, Mary W. Price, *ex officio*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the minutes of June 21, 2007 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Sue Marino moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded to approve for publication the minutes of the May 1, 2007 Annual Membership Meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Roger Frey)

No report.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Sandee Lovett)

Sandy reported on the July meeting of the Charitable Trust Management Board, and indicated that CTMB was working on its revised operating principles and organizational change structure. Mary L. Price stated that the CTMB is also working on a grant application proposal for the Petco Foundation.

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

Discussion was deferred to specific committee reports.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Jacqueline Bellochs)

Jacqueline received a letter from the Bernese Mountain Dog Club regarding required DNA on all dogs.

She also received a letter from California Senator Dave Cox in reply to the NCA's letter opposing Bill 1634. He also opposes the bill.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Cathy L. Sands)

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Mary L. Price)

Mary presented the Treasurer's report. It was accepted unanimously. She reported the following balances: checking account: \$16,071.18; savings account: \$ 7,978.28; invested in CDs: \$255,010.77; and the NCA operations balance total of \$279,060.23 with \$4,517.20 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund balance is \$11,845.58 for a grand total of \$290,905.81. Membership renewals are being processed.

Mary asked for direction regarding the funds received from the now defunct Ohio Newfoundland Club in the amount of \$1,974.80. Pam Rubio moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to put the money into the NCA rescue fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary submitted the proposed 2008 Budget. Aura Dean joined the meeting at 9:25 p.m. in order to give input on the *Newf Tide* and *Annual of Titlists* portions of the budget. Aura left the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Pam Rubio moved and Kathy Mclver seconded to approve the 2008 Budget as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Mclver moved and Cathy Sands seconded to approve the Sheridan Gateway Suites at Chicago O'Hare as the site for the Board's fall face-to-face meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT (Mary W. Price)

Mary presented a recap of the AKC Delegates meetings held in Las Vegas on June 10th and 11th.

Mary attended the Parent Clubs Committee meeting, at which time Chair Patricia Laurens read aloud the NCA's letter to James Crowley, AKC Executive Secretary, regarding the NCA's proposed change in the litter registration application process to require the signatures of all co-owners of a stud dog. There was no reaction, pro or con, from any member of the Parent Club Committee, although an attending member of the By-Laws Committee spoke up to say that her committee was giving consideration to our recommended change.

Also in attendance was Charles Kneifel, AKC Vice President and Chief Information Officer, who declared that any changes in the litter registration process are totally

unnecessary since all co-owners of the sire and/or the dam of a new litter are automatically advised via e-mail, if e-mail addresses have been provided, on online litter registration applications. This does not address our club's concerns when paper applications are submitted requiring signature of only one owner of a stud dog.

The NCA Board agreed that a copy of our letter to Mr. Crowley should be published in its entirety in the next issue of *Newf Tide*, accompanied by a brief article urging support from NCA members who may belong to other AKC affiliated organizations.

While at the Parent Club Committee meeting, Mary also learned that the upcoming conference is fully booked. Attendees are encouraged to bring materials for the Print Resource Display – copies of Standards, magazines, general education and judges' education literature, etc. The Pedigree offer of \$2,000 for a parent club's rescue organization is again available – no strings attached this time. Contact at Pedigree: Geoffrey Browne, 770/339-2944.

Delegates voted to uphold the decision of the AKC Board in its ruling that Cindy Cooke, Delegate of the Kalamazoo Kennel Club, is ineligible to continue to serve. Ms. Cooke is employed as a legislative consultant by the United Kennel Club, an organization deemed to be in competition with the AKC. The Kalamazoo Kennel Club had appealed the ruling of the Board.

The Delegate body unanimously approved a resolution opposing California Assembly Bill 1634. The resolution was to be forwarded to California's governor and members of the state legislature.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Mary Lou Roberts)

- Breeders Education Committee: Kathy McIver submitted a list of books that the BEC will have available for loan to NCA regional clubs and individual members.
- Kathy McIver presented a request from a regional club to use the Judges Education Committee's (JEC) power point presentation at a regional club event. The request was denied because the power point has not yet been approved by the Board.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy McIver seconded to have the Judges Education Committee (JEC) send to the Board the revised educational packet and the new CD, minus the video clips which will not run on CD, for the Board's review. The motion passed 10 yes (Jacqueline Brellocks, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Roger Frey); 2 abstain: Barbara Finch, Cathy L. Sands.

Meredith Reggie moved and Barbara Finch seconded to bring Denise Castonguay, Chair of JEC, to the fall face-to-face meeting of the Board to give the new presentation. Barbara Finch will help with the presentation. The motion passed unanimously.

- *Ad hoc* Constitution & By-Laws Revision Committee: Bev Eichel submitted a request for additional committee members.

- Health and Longevity Committee: Pam Rubio reported that the committee has met and would be making recommendations to the Board once the minutes of their teleconference have been approved.
- Mary Lou Roberts stated that the Nominating Committee was to be commended for doing a very professional job. The Board agreed.

Mary Lou presented the revised contract information regarding Ascent Systems. Pam Rubio moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to approve the revised contract that the Technical Resources Committee has submitted for creation of the NCA database development using Ascent Systems. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary W. Price was excused to leave the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Sue Marino reported that the Working Dog Committee will meet next week and will be finalizing the revision of the working judges' qualifications.

At 11:00 p.m. Kathy McIver moved and Sue Marino seconded to go into Executive Session for the purpose of approving membership applications for publication and to discuss committee appointments. The motion passed unanimously. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

While in Executive Session the Board approved for publication the membership applicants list of July 19, 2007 with the exception of one which was held in abeyance and several which were returned to the Membership Chair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mary Lou Roberts discussed the concept of the Electronic Newsletter.

Jacqueline Brellochs: AKC's Life Achievement Awards -- Each member club may vote for one of three nominees in each of three categories conformation, companion events, and performance. Jacqueline will send the biographies of the nominees for the August agenda packet.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Sandee Lovett seconded to establish, beginning in 2008, an additional ROM designation, called the ROM-Open, that will be awarded to any dog/bitch that has met the already-established ROM criteria but which also has all of its test results, regardless of status, for hips, elbows, heart, and cystinuria, posted in a publicly accessible, open database. (This will include the OFA database as well as other databases that might be made publicly available in the future, including an NCA database.) This award, which will be given in the form of a certificate on parchment-like paper and awarded at the Annual Meeting of the Membership, does not in any way change the qualifications for the existing ROM award. Recipients of this award will be listed in *Newf Tide* in a one- to two-page article each year, listing the dogs' information, the breeders/owners, and including text that explains the additional level of the award and highlights the importance of the posting of all test results. Photographs of each dog receiving the award will not be included with this article. Current *Newf Tide* policy regarding the publication of the old ROM award will not change.

Qualification for the ROM-Open award can be grandfathered to dogs already holding the ROM award if the breeder meets the posting criteria at any time in the future. As suggested by the Steering Committee, appropriate dates for the onset of the inclusion of these tests will be established by the Health & Longevity Committee no later than September 1, 2007. (Note: ROMs earned prior to the first appropriate health test date will not be eligible for the ROM-Open award.)

An article announcing the ROM-Open award will be prepared for the 3Q07 issue of *Newf Tide*, allowing owners to submit the appropriate test results prior to December 31, 2007.

The motion failed 5 yes (Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, Roger Frey; 6 no (Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio); 1 abstain (Cathy L. Sands).

Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Pam Rubio seconded to create a new NCA award for dogs owned by NCA members. The dogs must have, at minimum, results of health tests for hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, Cystinuria, and heart status (checked by cardiologist) listed in an open database to be eligible for the award. Owners of the dogs must apply for the award and submit proof of such listings. Details of such an award will be discussed at the August teleconference meeting of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Jacqueline Brellochs spoke about the NCA's official logo which is copyrighted. There was discussion about the variations that have appeared in publications in the past. The original metal die casting for the logo needs to be located.

ADJOURNMENT

Barbara Finch moved and Pam Rubio seconded to adjourn at 12:30 a.m. EDT. The motion passed unanimously.

The next teleconference meeting of the Board of Directors will be August 16, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy L. Sands
NCA Recording Secretary