

**Newfoundland Club of America  
Board of Directors Teleconference  
August 16, 2007, Approved September 20, 2007**

Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:09 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time. 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*.

**President's Report**

No report at this time.

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

Sandee will report on the Charitable Trust at the Meeting of the Trustee for the Charitable Trust which will be held immediately after tonight's NCA Board meeting.

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

Defer reports to Committee Reports

**Corresponding Secretary Report (Jacqueline Brellochs)**

Jacqueline requested direction regarding materials received from AKC regarding Responsible Dog Ownership Day. There was discussion that events for RDOD were more appropriate for all breed clubs or on the regional level than on the national breed club level. Jacqueline will forward the information to Kathy McIver for distribution to the regional clubs and to Mary Lou Roberts for her use at the presentation she will be giving.

Jacqueline received a letter of complaint from a non-NCA member regarding an NCA breeder. The letter writer was referred by Jacqueline to Ken Price (Arbitration Committee). There was discussion regarding whether or not NCA has any jurisdiction over this sort of complaint.

AKC has sent out a breed personality survey. A link for this will be placed on the NCA Webpage.

**Recording Secretary (Cathy L. Sands)**

No report.

Cathy requested permission to destroy the ballots of the last NCA Board of Directors Election. The Board agreed that they could be destroyed.

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

Mary presented the Treasurer's report. It was accepted unanimously. She reported the following balances: checking account: \$5,181.38; savings account: \$ 47,978.28; invested in CDs: \$255,208.39; and the NCA operations balance total of \$308,368.05 with \$4,567.20 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund money market account balance is \$11,845.58 and a grand total of \$320,213.63.

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### **Report of the AKC Delegate (Mary W. Price)**

Mary stated that the AKC has not acknowledged the NCA's letter regarding requiring the signatures of all owners of a stud dog on a litter registration. *Newf Tide* will publish Mary and Roger's letter about this issue.

Mary will not be able to attend the September 2007 AKC Delegates Meeting.

Mary reported that Susan Brown has written an article on Sir Edwin Landseer and his paintings. The article did not mention the NCA's efforts in restoring the Landseer painting, "A Distinguished Member of the Humane Society," and bringing it to the U.S. for display. Pam Rubio moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that the NCA send a letter to the Editor of the *AKC Gazette* regarding the NCA's efforts. The motion passed unanimously. Mary Lou Roberts and Mary W. Price will write and send the letter.

### **Committee Reports**

Benita Edds and Chuck Fisher of the South Eastern Newfoundland Club joined the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

- **Regional Club Liaison (Kathy Mclver)**

Proposed revisions to the South Eastern Newfoundland Club (SENC) Constitution and By-Laws were presented by Benita and Chuck.

There was discussion about the requested revisions to the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of SENC. Benita and Chuck will take the suggestions back to the SENC membership. The Board members agreed to send any notes they made during the discussion to Benita. Benita and Chuck left the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

- **Versatile Newfoundland - The VN chair (Jacqueline Brellochs)** has received requests from past award recipients who would like to know if working titles earned after their VN qualification can be added for publishing in National Specialty catalogs and *Newf Tide*. Theresa Mahon, who has been maintaining and updating the list on CD since the 2006 National Specialty in Maryland has volunteered to make these additions. The Board agreed to her request.
- **Health & Longevity Committee** – Pam Rubio submitted a proposal that the NCA support CERF evaluations for all Newfoundlands between 12 and 24 months of age. There was discussion as to the need to better information regarding the status of cataracts and other eye problems in our breed. The Board agreed by consensus that the recommendation should be changed to "12 months of age and older" and not be limited dog less than 24 months.

The Board of Directors commends the Health and Longevity Committee for its proposal regarding CERF evaluations for all Newfoundland over 12 months of age. The Board wholeheartedly supports this proposal and encourages all members follow this recommendation.

- *Newf Tide* - Meredith Reggie gave a short update on the status of the *Annual of Titlists*.
- Working Dog Committee – The proposed revision of judge’s qualifications-will be held over to the September 2007 Board teleconference.

Mary Lou Roberts left the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

### **Unfinished Business**

The Board needs to assign the task of naming the new NCA health-testing award for dogs owned by NCA members. To be eligible for the award, the dog must have, at minimum, results of tests for hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, Cystinuria, and heart status (checked by cardiologist) listed in an open database. Owners of the dogs must apply for the award and submit proof of such listings. Kevin Gallagher moved and Barbara Finch seconded to assign the task to the Health and Longevity Committee. The motion passed; 9 yes (Jacqueline Brellocks, Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Pam Rubio, Roger Frey), 2 no (Meredith Reggie, Cathy L. Sands), 1 absent (Mary Lou Roberts).

### **Executive Session**

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:00 p.m. to review membership applications. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:30 p.m. While in Executive Session the Board approved for publication five of the submitted applications. One was returned to the Membership Chair.

### **Adjournment**

Barbara Finch moved for adjournment at 11:40 p.m. EDT. The motion passed unanimously.

The next teleconference meeting of the Board will be on September 20, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Sands  
NCA Recording Secretary