

Board of Directors Teleconference
January 17- January 24, 2008
Approved February 21, 2008

President Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands. Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, *ex officio*, was absent due to travel.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Roger Frey)

Tentative meeting schedule for the face-to-face meeting of the Board of Directors will be as follows (all times are Eastern Daylight Time) :

Monday (April 28): 9-12 a.m., 1-4:30 p.m. 8-11 p.m.

Tuesday (April 29): Annual Membership Meeting to be followed by Annual Board meeting for the Election of Officers

Thursday (April 30): 9-11 p.m., Committee Appointments.

Roger reported that he met with Pat Lauren, Chair of the AKC Parent Club Committee, Gretchen Bernardi, the delegate of the Irish Wolfhound Club, and Beverly Eichel regarding the AKC's response to the request to require signatures of all stud dog owners on AKC registration applications. Also discussed was the request that Limited Registration be the default AKC Registration. It was suggested that NCA letters be re-submitted on these subjects that would also request a vote of the Parent Club Committee. It might also be advisable to have a Delegate take the subject to the AKC Delegate body.

1st VICE PRESIDENT (Sandee Lovett) - No report.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT (Mary Lou Roberts) - No report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Jacqueline Brellochs)

1) Jacqueline reported that she forwards all AKC show records received to Robin Seaman
2) The Newfoundland information insert that the AKC includes with AKC registrations needs to be updated.

3) The Board received a copy of a letter from Ron Sell regarding National Specialty room reservations, a copy of which was also sent to Robin Seaman, Chair of the NCA Specialty Committee. Robin is the proper person to respond to the letter.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Mary L. Price)

Mary presented the Treasurer's report. It was accepted unanimously. She reported the following balances: checking account: \$965.58; savings account: \$33,105.52; invested in CDs: \$262,181.10; and the NCA operations balance total of \$296,252.20 with \$4,106.97 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund money market account balance is \$13,294.53 with a grand total of \$309,546.73.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Cathy L. Sands)

I received a correction to the minutes from the September 20, 2007 minutes regarding the Internet Committee from Mary Lou Zimmerman. The current minutes read: "NCA website frequently turns up so slow in Google searches" and it should read LOW not slow, both mean very different things when doing searches.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Mary Lou Roberts):

Judges Education Committee (JEC) – JEC has sent a letter to Mary Lou regarding their NCA letter for the AKC Judges newsletter. The JEC would like the Board to rescind its motion asking the JEC to add the following statement to the JEC letter: "The dog should not be so groomed that it impairs the ability to judge the proper coat texture or that an open coat is created."

MOTION: Pam Rubio moved and Barbara Finch seconded to rescind the directive. The motion failed: 6 yes (Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio), 6 no (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey).

Beverly Eichel, Chair of the NCA's Constitution and By-Laws Committee (CBL), joined the meeting at 9 p.m. to discuss the CBL Committee report for *Newf Tide*. Their report contains the items which both the past and present CBL Committees have reviewed and states the opinions of the current committee. Beverly left the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Regional Club Liaison (Kathy McIver)

MOTION: Kevin Gallagher moved and Pam Rubio seconded to extend the deadline of January 2, 2008 given to the Niagara Frontier Newfoundland Club (NFNC) to February 15, 2008 to comply with the December 2007 directive of the NCA Board of Directors. NFNC is directed to send membership renewal notices to those who were listed as members on the NFNC 2004 membership roster but who are not listed on the NFNC 2007 membership roster. These notices must be postmarked by February 15, 2008 and have a deadline for renewal of May 1, 2008.

The NCA Board of Directors directs the Regional Club Liaison (Kathy McIver) to send a letter to the NFNC President regarding the extension of time for compliance. Failure to comply may result in a motion for suspension of all rights and privileges of NFNC as an NCA recognized regional club at the February 21, 2008 teleconference.

The motion passed: 7 yes (Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio); 1 no (Meredith Reggie); 4 abstain (Jacqueline Brellochs, Kathy McIver, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey).

Breeders Education Committee (Kathy McIver)

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to direct each educational committee (General Education, Judges Education, Breeders Education, Health & Longevity) to review Claudia Orlandi's template breed education program ([HYPERLINK "http://bhca-bhu.org/"](http://bhca-bhu.org/) \t "_blank" bhca-bhu.org). Each committee interested in developing this program for NCA usage must notify the Board by 3-1-08. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to go into Executive Session to

discuss personnel issues. The motion passed unanimously. The Board went into Executive Session at 11:16 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

While in Executive Session the Board approved the applicants list of January 17, 2008 for publication.

While in Executive Session the Board welcomed Nicki Gunderson back from her leave of absence from *Newf Tide* Policy Committee and the General Education Committee.

While in Executive Session Cathy Sands offered the Technical Resources Committee the use of her personal database for use and/or testing of the online database.

Newf Tide Policy Committee (Maredith Reggie)

Maredith reported that the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee recommends that pricing for additional photos in an advertisement be changed from \$20 each to \$10 each. The \$20 charge reflected the cost of having the printer scan in the photos. The current *Newf Tide* Editor now does the scans, thereby reducing the cost.

MOTION: Cathy Sands moved and Sue Marino seconded to accept the recommendation of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee regarding the change in pricing for additional photos in *Newf Tide* from \$20 each to \$10 each regardless of the number of photos. The motion passed unanimously.

On-Line Whelping Box

Discussion & History

History: The issue had been discussed at the Board's face-to-face at the 2007 National and had been referred to the membership at the Annual Meeting. The membership asked that the Whelping Box be removed from the NCA website at that time. The issue was referred to the *ad hoc* Ethics Committee, the Breeders Education Committee (BEC), and the Breeders List Committee (BL) for recommendations.

No recommendations were received from the *ad hoc* Ethics Committee.

Recommendations were received from the BEC as a result of their June 7, 2007 teleconference as follows:

Present were: Kathy Mclver, Chairman; Janice Anderson, Secretary; Sue Jones, John Cornell, Deb Wigal, Karin Bock, Pam Rubio, Pat Randall, Jean McAdams

Initial consensus was to get rid of Whelping box completely. After much discussion, the following motion was made by Randall, second by Bock, all agreed. – In order for Whelping Box to continue, it should be available to Breeders List members only. The member will be allowed to list older dogs or bitches, puppies and litters where the breeding has been performed. The following criteria must be listed:

- AKC Registered Name of Dog (when applicable)
- Date of Birth or Due Date
- AKC Sire and Dam
- Titles
- Health Clearances for Dog

Health Clearances for Sire and Dam of breeding or litter
Additional information on dogs if applicable

Further discussion determined no additional fee should be charged since members have already paid for Breeders List. "This may increase members on Breeders List" (McIver). Additionally, Breeders List members that have not renewed due to controversy should be allowed to sign up past deadline.

Recommendations were received from the Breeders List Committee as a result of their December 1, 2007 teleconference as follows:

Present were Jill Britton, Linda Maggy, Cathy L. Sands. Candace McMahon was absent. It was agreed upon by all members present that many people now look to the internet to find puppies. We felt that by listing puppies available potential buyers would more likely buy from an NCA member than a pet mill.

The three of us felt that NCA Breeders List members should not pay a fee for the Whelping Box. We also felt that the members who met the Breeders List requirements, with the exception of having bred two litters and owned a titled dog be allowed on the Whelping Box. These people would pay a fee of \$75-\$100 per listing and would be allowed a maximum of two litters per year. We also felt that it was necessary for these people to be members of their local Regional club. Members who bred more than two litters a year would need to join the Breeders List. We also felt that any litters should be on the ground at the time of the listing.

Listing would have to go through a Whelping Box Committee or Breeders List Committee with breeder information, AKC registered names of the parents and their AKC numbers, date of birth of the litter, number of puppies available and the sex of the puppies. This would then be forwarded to the appropriate people.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the issue. A member stated that the current Breeders List members would leave the list if this motion passed.

There was discussion regarding not requiring the breeder to have a titled dog. With the addition of Rally classes many felt that this should not be a requirement for either the Breeders List or the electronic Whelping Box.

The listing fee recommended by the BL was reduced from \$100 to \$50 as a result of the discussions.

Two members of the board spoke in favor of stressing the mentoring aspect of the BEC's recommendations. They stated that the BEC Committee did not think the motion was in the best interest of our breed.

MOTION: Jacqueline Brellocks moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that the Electronic Whelping Box to be established on NCA website with the following stipulations:

The whelping box will only list litters that have been born.

Listings would have to go through a Whelping Box Committee or Breeders List Committee with breeder info; i.e., AKC registered names of the parents and their numbers, date of birth of litter, number of puppies available and their sex. This would then be forwarded to the appropriate people.

The list will be open to all NCA members who have belonged to the NCA for a minimum

of three years who meet the Breeders List requirements, with the exception of having breed two litter and a titled dog.

Members of the Breeders List will have their information highlighted.

Members of the Breeders' list will have unlimited listing privileges without charge.

Those not on the Breeders List will be charged \$50.00 for each litter listed with a maximum listing of 2 litters per year.

The motion passed: 8 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price,, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey); 4 no (Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Kathy McIver, Pam Rubio).

MOTION: Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Cathy Sands seconded to allow the listing of older (adult) dogs in the On-Line Whelping Box. The motion failed:5 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Cathy L. Sands); 7 no (Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Roger Frey).

MOTION: Pam Rubio moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded to abolish the NCA Breeders List. A member stated that she felt the breeders on the Breeders List would abandon the list if the Whelping Box was implemented. A member stated that she felt that the Breeders List, as it stands now, is an obsolete tool. The motion failed: 5 yes (Barbara Finch, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands), 5 no (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Mary Lou Roberts, Roger Frey, 2 abstain (Kevin Gallagher, Meredith Reggie).

MOTION: Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Sue Marino seconded to recess at 12:30 A.M. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board will re-convene at 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time on Thursday, January 24, 2008 to complete the Agenda.

RE-CONVENE

President Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands. Also present was Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, *ex officio*

MOTION: Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Sandee Lovett seconded to amend the motion regarding number of years a person must have been an NCA member to use the Whelping Box from 3 to 5 years. That section would then read as follows: "The list will be open to all NCA members who have belonged to the NCA for a minimum of five years who meet the Breeders List requirements, with the exception of having breed two litter and a titled dog." The motion passed; 8 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey), 4 abstain (Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Kathy McIver, Pam Rubio).

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Jacqueline seconded to accept the following recommendations, as revised, of the Health & Longevity Committee:

To use the acronym letters "TOD" as a designation in the NCA database to mean Health Tested Open Database, requiring the same tests currently required for inclusion in the CHIC database (Hips, Elbows, Cystinuria, Heart cleared by a board certified cardiologist).

To use the acronym letter "D: to indicate the Newfoundland's blood has been banked in the OFA DNA Registry, and would be the last designation to the dog's name as published, either D or TODD.

To list dogs with TOD, D and TODD designations in *NewfTide*, and the *Annual of Titlists*.

To distribute a list of those who qualify each year at the Annual Membership Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Cathy Sands seconded to recognize those who have posted the required tests in the open database with a pin (to be mailed) and to be included in the list to be handed out at the Annual Membership Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Cathy Sands seconded to amend the motion regarding the TOD and TODD to allow recognition to be given to all dogs, living and dead, which qualify. The owners must apply to the Awards Committee in order to receive the award. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Barbara Finch seconded to approve the minutes of the December 6/December 10, 2007 teleconference of the Board as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Gallagher left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE (Mary W. Price)

Included in the packet is a portion of the minutes of the December 4, 2007 AKC Delegates meeting. Hopefully you have had an opportunity to read the verbatim comments of each candidate for election to the AKC Board of Directors. I need your direction in voting for the candidate you support in the Class of 2010. The Class of 2012 is an uncontested election; would you like me to abstain from voting?

The minutes also covered the information on the newly approved Amateur Owner/Handler Class. The minutes state that the class will follow the Novice Class, if and when both classes are offered. The minutes state that the effective date is January 1, 2009 although I do not think the effective date was clearly stated at the time of voting on the proposal. I have contacted a prominent show superintendent regarding this new class and he stated that AKC has not yet advised the show superintendents about any of this.

Please be thinking about the amendment to the Registration Rules which would permit a dog's name to be changed provided there would be no impact on the stud book or event

records. I'm sure that a fee will be affixed. The vote is expected at the March 2008 meeting.

Plans are being developed to celebrate the AKC's 125th anniversary in 2009. I have no details as yet.

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to request that Technical Resources develop an automated responder system for all communications sent to the Board link on the NCA web page. The motion passed: 7 yes (Barbara Finch, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Roger Frey); 2 no (Santee Lovett, Meredith Reggie) 2 abstain (Jacqueline Brellochs, Cathy L. Sands) 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

MOTION: Cathy Sands moved and Barbara Finch seconded to direct the AKC Delegate to vote for Fred Bock for the AKC Class of 2010. The motion passed unanimously; 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy McIver seconded to direct the AKC Delegate to abstain from voting for any of the nominees for the AKC Class of 2012 because all of the candidates were supportive of the contract between the AKC and Petland. The motion passed unanimously; 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

MOTION: Pam Rubio moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to direct the AKC Delegate to vote against the proposed amendment to the Registration Rules which would permit a dog's name to be changed provided there would be no impact on the stud book or event records. The motion passed unanimously; 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

MOTION: Meredith Reggie moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to give final approval to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Southeastern Newfoundland Club. The motion passed unanimously; 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy McIver seconded that an ad hoc committee involving members of the NCA Steering and Constitution & By-Laws Committees and 2 members of the current Board of Directors to locate firms to provide election balloting services. The Committee shall work out the costs and recommend interface/process with details to be submitted to the Board no later than June 1, 2008. The motion passed unanimously; 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

MOTION: Meredith Reggie moved and Pam Rubio seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The motion passed unanimously; 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

While in Executive Session the Board appointed Lori Littleford, Roger Powell, Joan Gunn, Barbara Finch and Kevin Gallagher to serve on the Election Services Search Committee. Barbara Finch will chair the Committee.

Mary W. Price left the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

There was discussion regarding hosting closed email lists on the NCA website. One member said she had been opposed to such a list from the beginning. Discussion continued regarding email lists that do not have a moderator such as the Newf-L email list. Suggestions were made about developing lists by topic rather than by group; i.e., working interests, showing, whelping.

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to request the Steering Committee provide a preliminary plan on how they will develop a strategic plan and submit it to the Board by October 1, 2008. The motion passed: 7 yes (Barbara Finch, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Pam Rubio, Roger Frey); 4 abstain (Jacqueline Brellochs, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy L. Sands); 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Barbara Finch seconded to ask the Constitution and By-Laws to add the conflict of interest issue to their agenda. The motion passed unanimously; 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to have the Recording Secretary send the agenda packet electronically. Board members may request that they be provided with a hard copy of the agenda if necessary. The motion failed; 3 yes (Barbara Finch, Kathy McIver, Pam Rubio) 8 no (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy L. Sands), 1 absent (Kevin Gallagher).

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Deadline for the February 21 teleconference meeting of the Board will be 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on February 11, 2007.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy L Sands
NCA Recording Secretary

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