



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors
Face-to-Face Meeting
April 28, 2008
Crowne Plaza at the Crossings
Warwick, Rhode Island

Roger Frey, President, called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

The following Directors were present: Jacqueline K. Brellochs (JB) (via teleconference), Barbara Finch (BF), Roger Frey (RF), Kevin Gallagher (KG), Sandee Lovett (SL), Sue Marino (SM), Kathy McIver (KM), Meredith Reggie (MR), Mary Lou Roberts (MLR), and Pam Rubio (PR). Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, *ex-officio*, was present. Board-elect members Mary Lou Cuddy and Patrick Randall were present. Board members Mary L. Price (MLP) and Cathy Sands (CS) were absent.

Member guests in attendance were: Denise Castonguay, Clyde Dunphy, Barbara Frey, Cindi Goodwin, Barbara Hearn, Bethany Karger, Bruce Karger, Diane Lavin, Ingrid Lyden, Chris Lyden, Tamzin Rosenwasser, Robin Seaman, Beth Sell, Ronald Sell, Jeannette Voss and Marylou Zimmerman.

Approval of Minutes

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to approve the March 27, 2008 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously. 2 Absent (MLP, CS)

Report of the President

Roger Frey, President, thanked Kevin Gallagher for making the arrangements for the polycom to facilitate the participation of Board members who could not be in attendance at this meeting. He also thanked Mary Lou Cuddy for agreeing to act as Recording Secretary for this meeting in the absence of Cathy Sands. An announcement was made that Clyde Dunphy, Chair of the Charitable Trust Management Board, will address the Board in the evening session.

Report of the 1st Vice-President

Sandee Lovett, 1st Vice-President, reminded the Board that she had forwarded to them a summary of the April 2, 2008 teleconference of the Charitable Trust Management Board.

Report of the 2nd Vice-President

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18 Mary Lou Roberts, 2nd Vice-President, stated that she will present her reports later under
19 committee reports.

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21 **Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

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23 Jacqueline Brellochs, Corresponding Secretary, reported on correspondence she had
24 received. A letter requesting nominations for the AKC Award for Canine Excellence (ACE
25 Award) was to be sent for inclusion in the e-newsletter. It will be included in the next issue.

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27 The Board discussed a letter received from the Take the Lead organization requesting
28 donations. It was the consensus of the Board to address this at the next teleconference.

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30 A letter from AKC regarding the late submissions of regional specialty premium list/judges
31 panels and subsequent fines was discussed. The fines imposed by the AKC for the late
32 submissions were paid by the show superintendent as these were his mistakes and not those
33 of the regional club.

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35 A letter from the Newfoundland Club of Hawaii reporting the election of their new Board was
36 referred to the Regional Club Liaison.

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38 A letter from a veterinary cardiology resident requesting help for a project on canine heart
39 disease was discussed. It was said that this project duplicates an earlier study done by Dr.
40 Michael O'Grady. The letter was referred to the Research Advisory Committee (RAC).

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42 The Board discussed a letter from AKC regarding clubs hosting learning matches for novice
43 exhibitors. It was the consensus of the Board that this is more appropriate for regional clubs
44 and all-breed clubs.

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46 **Report of the Recording Secretary**

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48 Cathy Sands, Recording Secretary, was absent but will join the meeting via teleconference
49 later in the evening. Roger Frey reported that he had received the election ballots from Cathy
50 Sands. The ballots will be available for the members' review.

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52 **Report of the Treasurer**

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54 Mary L. Price, Treasurer, was absent due to airline difficulties. Roger Frey reported that she
55 will try to call into the meeting between flights as she is able.

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57 **Report of the AKC Delegate**

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59 Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, reported that she did not have any significant additions to her
60 officer's report that was submitted earlier. She will be attending the June delegates' meeting
61 which will be in Boston, Massachusetts. She expects that the meeting will generally be
62 housekeeping business and amendments dealing with fees.

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Report of the Committees

AKC Legislative Liaison

Mary Lou Roberts, NCA Committee Liaison, reported that Debbie Dennison, AKC Legislative Liaison had received a letter from the AKC with ideas to influence legislators at various levels of government. The Board decided to refer this back to the AKC Legislative Liaison for more information and possible implementation. The Board stated that it is very interested in promoting appropriate and responsible legislation.

Ad Hoc AKC Task Force Committee

Mary Lou Roberts, NCA Committee Liaison, reported that the original "Letter to the Editor" which was written by the Ad Hoc AKC Task Force Committee and that the Board approved at an earlier teleconference was sent to the *Dog News* magazine.

Breeders List Committee

Discussion on the *Breeders List* was tabled until later in the meeting.

Ad hoc Constitution and By-Laws Review Committee

Mary Lou Roberts, NCA Committee Liaison, reported that the committee did not receive any comments or suggestions following the publication of the proposed changes in *Newf Tide*. The Board asked that a hard copy of the proposed changes be included in the next agenda packet.

Newf Tide Policy Committee

The Board discussed this committee's report which had been submitted earlier. The *Newf Tide* Policy Committee (NTPC) expressed concerns about the Rescue Education and Awareness Committee's (REACT) request for 300 copies of one *Newf Tide* issue. REACT has proposed including a coupon redeemable for a free issue of *Newf Tide* with the Newfoundland information sheet mailed in conjunction with the AKC registration certificate. The concept is to introduce new puppy owners to the NCA. There was discussion concerning the cost of this project. NTPC wants to ascertain that costs will come from REACT's and not NTPC's budget. It was stated that it will cost \$4.80 to send each copy after the postal price increase later in May on top of the cost of production, which was estimated to be in the vicinity of \$5.00. The Board stated its interest in the project and sent the proposal back to REACT for review of prices, postage and the committee's budget.

The Board discussed a letter from the Companion Newf Committee regarding the amount of space allotted to it in *Newf Tide*. *Newf Tide* policy gives the editor discretion for layout and length of articles. It was stated that the committee was looking for direction as to length of

38 articles and what to tell contributors. It was the consensus of the Board to leave the policy as
39 is.

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41 Maredith Reggie, **Newf Tide** editor, requested the Board consider revising the policy
42 governing when awards are published in **Newf Tide**. Current policy has Top Sire, Top Dam,
43 Top Twenty and Top Obedience Twenty split between the Second and Third Quarter issues.
44 She would like the Board to consider keeping all the awards in the Second Quarter issue as
45 this is the “awards” issue. By consensus, the Board approved the change in policy.

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47 **Rescue Education and Awareness Committee**

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49 There was a brief discussion about the REACT page on the NCA Website. An NCA member
50 took exception to some wording about the sources of rescue Newfoundlands. It was felt that
51 the wording implied that the NCA would buy puppies from pet stores when the store could not
52 sell the puppies. This information will be passed back to REACT.

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54 **Regional Clubs**

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56 In reference to previous letters sent to the Board and the Working Dog Committee (WDC), an
57 NCA member asked for explanations for the lack of response to his inquiries. This member
58 also had questions about the Board’s authority over regional clubs. In the ensuing
59 discussion, it was pointed out that committees must now meet regularly, either by email or by
60 teleconference, but some committees have been lax in doing so. It was said that the WDC
61 had not had a meeting since the letters were written. Reminders are being sent to these
62 committees.

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64 In reference to the question about the Board’s authority over regional clubs, some
65 background information was given concerning a regional club’s current dispute with the
66 Board. There was some discussion of policy versus the Constitution and By-Laws and
67 regional clubs.

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69 Maredith Reggie moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the Ad Hoc Constitution &
70 By-Laws Review Committee further clarify the relationship between the Newfoundland Club
71 of America, Inc. (NCA) and the regional clubs. The motion passed. 10 Yes (JB, BF, RF, SL,
72 SM, KM, MLP, MR, MLR, PR); 1 No (KG); 1 Absent (CS)

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74 **Specialty Show Committee**

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76 It was reported that the revised **Specialty Show Guide** would not be ready for approval at
77 this meeting.

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79 There was a short discussion about the fines occurred by a regional club from AKC for late
80 submission of the judging panels and premium lists. The show superintendent has taken
81 responsibility for the fines and has paid them. It was stated that regional clubs should be
82 familiar with AKC deadlines and that the Specialty Show Committee was available to answer
83 questions.

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Steering Committee

The Board was reminded that the Steering Committee was to have had a report on long-range plans by this meeting. That report will not be available for this meeting.

Technical Resources Committee

Mary Lou Roberts, NCA Committee Liaison, reported that Dan Carr, Technical Resources Chair, stated that the pending new NCA Database would not be ready for a demonstration at this National. The committee still has to input more data. The database will be ready soon for its debut.

There was some discussion about the payment made to the former Database Chair and not to the person she contracted with to extract the NCA's data.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to cancel the check issued to the former Database Chair for the extraction of data for the new NCA database and re-issue a check in the same amount to the former Database Chair's designee. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (CS)

National Specialty Chair

Cindi Goodwin, 2008 National Specialty Chair, welcomed the Board to the Crowne Plaza and the 2008 National Specialty. She reported that, due to the inclement weather forecasted for the next day, that Hospitality Room may move indoors and she is talking with the Draft Test committee about alternatives in case of thunderstorms tomorrow. She also encouraged Board members to talk up the outside café where lunch and a limited dinner menu will be available. The use of the outside café will relieve stress on the hotel's main dining room.

Working Dog Committee

The Board discussed the response of the WDC to a member's concerns about double entry fee, closing dates and interpretation of the "retrieve off the boat" exercise. The Board redirected the WDC to respond to these concerns.

Sue Marino stated that she has the written guidelines that were developed by the Newfoundland Club of New England for their water and draft tests. These guidelines address closing dates, alternates, etc. and she will be presenting these guidelines to the WDC for possible implementation by all regional clubs.

At 11:50 a.m., the Board recessed for lunch.

At 1:30 p.m., the Board reconvened.

General Education Committee

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The Board discussed the proposed revisions to the **Newf and You**. There were comments that more information about Newfoundland health and health testing should have been included. It was asked if the Breed University concept (based on the Basset University program) currently being discussed by the Breeders Education Committee could be utilized here. It was said that the Breed University concept will take some time to develop specifically for the Newfoundland. The **Newf and You** revision could be considered a short-term fix until the Breed University was up and running.

Kathy Mclver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the **Newf & You** as amended for short-term use. The motion failed. 3 Yes (BF, RF, KM); 4 No (SL, SM, MR, MLR); 1 Abstain (PR); 4 Absent (JB, KG, MLP, CS)

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board table further discussion on the approval of the **Newf and You** until the next teleconference and invite the General Education Committee (GenEd) to attend. The motion passed unanimously. 4 Absent (JB, KG, MLP, CS)

New Business

Donation to the AKC Museum of the Dog

Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, passed out information and pictures about the Newfoundland art and collectibles that are in the AKC Museum of the Dog's possession. The Museum is running a fund raising campaign.

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that the NCA make a \$1,000.00 donation on an annual basis to the AKC Museum of the Dog. The motion passed unanimously. 4 Absent (JB, KG, MLP, CS)

Submission of Committee Reports

The Board discussed the problem of committee reports being submitted just days before the Board's meeting, leaving little time for Board members to be able to study and consider the reports before taking action on them. In response to a concern that committees may not meet on a schedule compatible with the Board's, it was stated that the committees could revise their schedules or plan their work accordingly.

Kathy Mclver moved and Pam Rubio seconded that committee reports are due to the 2nd Vice-President at the same time as the Board's agenda items. Deadlines will be announced as soon as they are set. The motion passed. 6 Yes (JB, BF, RF, SM, KM, PR); 1 No (MR); 3 Abstentions (KG, SL, MLR); 2 Absent (MLP, CS)

Water Test Judge Application

75 The Board discussed a water test judge application where an applicant was requesting an
76 exemption to the stated requirements. The fact that making an exemption for one case could
77 be opening the floodgates for other such requests was discussed. It was suggested that,
78 perhaps, the WDC would consider setting up a system of equivalents to address these
79 situations. By consensus, the Board tabled this matter until the WDC gives its input.

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31 **Breed Steward Program**

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33 Upon receipt of a letter from an NCA member detailing concerns with the Breed Steward
34 Program, the Board re-visited this matter. There was discussion that this program needs to
35 go to GenEd and other committees as well; namely REACT, Rescue, Breeders Education,
36 Regional Club Committee and the Regional Club Liaison. Rescinding the motion made at the
37 February 28, 2008 teleconference would allow for committee input. There was some
38 discussion regarding guidelines and what should be said, but not meaning a script, as some
39 felt that being a Breed Steward could be construed as having an "official" NCA designation.

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31 Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to rescind the previous motion on the Breed
32 Steward program, which was made at the February 28, 2008 teleconference. The motion
33 passed. 6 Yes (BF, RF, KG, SL, KM, PR); 3 No (SM, MR, MLR); 1 Abstention (JB); 2 Absent
34 (MLP, CS)

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36 Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to refer the Breed Steward program to the
37 General Education Committee (GenEd) and any other appropriate committees, including
38 Rescue Education and Awareness Committee (REACT), Rescue, Breeders Education
39 Committee, Regional Club Liaison and the Regional Club Committee. Responses are due by
40 October 1, 2008. The motion passed. 7 Yes (JB, BF, RF, SM, KM, MR, PR); 2 No (SL,
41 MLR); 3 Absent (KG, MLP, CS)

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33 **Breeders List Disclaimer**

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35 Jacqueline Brellochs presented a disclaimer that is used on the AKC Online Breeders
36 Classified for possible use on the Breeders List and possibly the Online Whelping Box.

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38 Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board adopt the disclaimer
39 used on the AKC Online Breeders Classified, inserting NCA in place of AKC, for use on the
40 **Breeders List**. By consensus, the Board referred this motion to the Breeders List
41 Committee.

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13 **Executive Session**

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15 At 3:00 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Barbara Finch seconded to go into executive session.
16 The motion passed unanimously. 3 Absent (KG, MLP, CS)

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18 At 3:35 p.m., Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy McIver seconded to come out of executive
19 session. The motion passed unanimously. 3 Absent (KG, MLP, CS)

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21 While in executive session, the Board approved the membership applicants list dated April
22 28, 2008.

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24 While in executive session, the Board voted to award the NCA Member of the Year to Clyde
25 Dunphy. He will be given the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship medallion.

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27 At 3:35 p.m., the Board recessed for a short break.

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29 At 4:05 p.m., the Board reconvened.

30 31 **Specialty Show Committee**

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33 Robin Seaman, Specialty Show Chair, introduced Chris & Ingrid Lyden, Jeannette Voss and
34 Marylou Zimmerman, who represented the Pacific Northwest Newfoundland Club and the
35 Newfoundland Club of Seattle. A presentation was given on the Salishan Spa & Golf Resort
36 in Gleneden Beach, Oregon, at which the two clubs may co-host the 2010 National Specialty
37 Show. The clubs were looking for the Board's input on the site. This was the only site found
38 which would allow for the rings to be outside. The clubs will come back to the Board at a later
39 date with a bid. Discussion ensued whether the site needed to be visited by a member of the
40 Specialty Show Committee or a designee, as per policy. Other details about the property
41 were discussed.

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43 Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board approve the Salishan Spa &
44 Golf Resort in Gleneden Beach, Oregon as the site for the 2010 National Specialty to be
45 hosted by the Pacific Northwest Newfoundland Club and the Newfoundland Club of Seattle
46 and to thank the Specialty Show Committee for their presentation. The motion passed. 6
47 Yes (BF, KG, SL, SM, KM, PR); 4 No (JB, RF, MR, MLR); 2 Absent (MLP, CS)

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49 Robin Seaman reported that the revised **Specialty Show Guide** will be ready for the
50 committee's review by their May 19, 2008 teleconference. Once it is formatted, it should be
51 ready for the Board's approval by early summer.

52 53 **Charitable Trust Management Board**

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55 Jacqueline Brellocks, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she had just received a packet
56 of information from the AKC and the Canine Health Foundation (CHF) which requested a
57 response by May 15, 2008. It was stated that the Charitable Trust Management Board
58 (CTMB) was meeting soon and would discuss those matters.

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60 At 5:00 p.m., the Board recessed for dinner.

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62 At 8:06 p.m., the Board reconvened.

63 64 **Judges Education Committee**

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Denise Castonguay, Judges Education Committee (JEC) Chair, reported to the Board on the letter to the AKC Judges newsletter on the over-grooming of Newfoundlands in the show ring.

A discussion of the history of the letter ensued. The original letter was approved in 2001 but was never submitted to the AKC Judges newsletter. In 2007, the JEC was directed by the Board to find that letter or write a new one. There was a brief discussion about prior notification and whether the 2007 directive needed to have a two-thirds vote. It was determined there was prior notification and the two-thirds vote was not needed.

Also discussed was a sentence that was added to the letter in 2007 about excessive trimming. The JEC expressed its preference for the original letter without the excessive trimming sentence.

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board instruct the Judges Education Committee (JEC) to submit the original letter concerning over-grooming written in 2001 to the AKC Judges Newsletter for publication. The motion passed. 9 Yes (BF, RF, KG, SL, SM, KM, MLP, MR, PR); 1 No (JB); 1 Abstention (MLR); 1 Absent (CS)

At 8:27 p.m., Kevin Gallagher moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board recess for a Charitable Trust meeting. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (CS)

At 9:14 pm, the meeting reconvened.

Report of the Treasurer

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following:

NCA Operations

Checking Account	3,725.77	
Savings Account	12,229.19	
CDs	<u>262,335.61</u>	
	278,290.57	278,290.57

Reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses 4,063.01

Uniform Trophy Fund 1,344.23

\$279,634.80

35 She also reported that membership is up and **Newf Tide** is coming in under budget. In
36 reference to an earlier discussion about the cost of production for an issue of **Newf Tide**, she
37 reported that she did not have that information with her. She also mentioned that IRS
38 reimbursement was up to \$.50.5/mile for committees that needed to figure mileage into their
39 budgets.

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41 An acknowledgment was received from the AKC in regards to the NCA's donation of
42 \$1,000.00 to the AKC Humane Fund.

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44 Kathy McIver moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded that the Board approve the Treasurer's
45 report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

46 47 **Report of the Recording Secretary**

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49 Cathy Sands, Recording Secretary, joined the meeting via teleconference. She reported that
50 she had mailed the box containing the election ballots and other materials for the next
51 Recording Secretary to Roger Frey at the host hotel.

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53 She stated that she had sent a letter regarding a non-payment of a stud fee to the person to
54 whom the money was owed and referred her to the Arbitration Committee. There was some
55 discussion over the fact that the Arbitration Committee has only an email link from the NCA
56 Website and that there is no other contact information for the committee available and that, at
57 times, the mailbox has been full.

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59 The Board thanked Cathy Sands for her efforts as Recording Secretary and as a Board
60 member.

61 62 **Research Advisory Committee**

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64 Tamzin Rosenwasser, Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Chair, updated the Board on
65 two research proposals that RAC would be considering. One proposal was to search for the
66 genes leading to cruciate ligament tears and the other was evaluating the use of a particular
67 antihistamine for atopic dermatitis.

68 69 **National Specialty Concerns**

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71 The Board discussed a letter from the Newfoundland Club of New England regarding
72 specialty costs. It was noted that National Specialty bids are coming in slower and later; i.e.
73 the 2010 National Specialty is not yet set. The National Specialty keeps getting bigger and
74 even the larger regional clubs are having trouble covering the expenses and the smaller
75 clubs are not even considering hosting. It was stated that an estimated \$125,000.00 to
76 \$150,000.00 went through the 2007 National Specialty books.

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78 The Board discussed whether the Specialty Show Committee or a new Ad Hoc committee
79 should consider and address these and related issues. All aspects of the National should be
80 addressed from mandates from the Board to the number of activities being held during the
week to ways to save money by sharing with another club as did the Newfoundland Club of

11 New England. They shared the site and some expenses with the Bernese Mountain Dog
12 parent club who was at this site the week before. The Board discussed whether the Specialty
13 Show Committee should be split into National and Regional Specialty Committees. It was
14 decided to ask the Specialty Show Committee to try to discuss this matter this week and
15 report back to the Board by Thursday night when the Board will appoint committees.
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17 In response to the Newfoundland Club of New England's letter, the Corresponding Secretary
18 will inform them that any potential losses will be addressed when their final Treasurer's report
19 is submitted.
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21 The Board returned to a discussion about the proposed 2010 National Specialty site.
22 Additional information about the site had become available. The Board discussed the
23 feasibility of sending someone from the Specialty Show Committee or a designee, as per
24 policy, to tour the site.
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26 Sue Marino moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that the Board reconsider the previous
27 motion concerning the proposed 2010 National Specialty site. The motion passed
28 unanimously.
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30 Kevin Gallagher moved and Barbara Finch seconded that the Board accept the Salishan Spa
31 & Golf Resort for the 2010 National Specialty, contingent on the positive review of a Specialty
32 Show Committee member or a designee as per policy, excluding members of Pacific
33 Northwest Newfoundland Club and the Newfoundland Club of Seattle. The motion passed
34 unanimously.
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36 At 10:21 pm, Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to adjourn the meeting. The
37 motion passed unanimously.
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39 Submitted by
40 Mary Lou Cuddy
41 Acting Recording Secretary