

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2008

Crowne Plaza at the Crossings

Warwick, Rhode Island

(Approved for publication June 19, 2008)

The Annual Membership Meeting convened at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29 at the Crowne Plaza at the Crossings in Warwick, Rhode Island. A quorum of 182 members was needed to conduct business. At the opening of the meeting, a quorum had been reached.

Roger Frey, President, called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

Welcome

Roger Frey, President, welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. Members of the Board were introduced with special recognition and the awarding of plaques to outgoing Board members Sandee Lovett and Cathy Sands. Newly-elected Board members, Mary Lou Cuddy and Patrick Randall, whose terms will commence at the close of this meeting, were introduced.

There was a moment of silence for recently deceased members as well as for beloved Newfoundlands who have passed.

Roger Frey, President, introduced the parliamentarian for the evening, Loretta Santiago. He then recognized the Honorary and International guests.

Approval of Minutes

Upon hearing no objections, the minutes of the May 2, 2007 Annual Membership Meeting minutes were approved.

The following reports were included with the meeting's agenda as hard copies. Board members were invited to update their reports at this time, if needed.

Report of the President: Roger Frey

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as your president this past year. The year started off on a very positive note with another quorum at the 2007 Annual Membership Meeting. The High Country Newfoundland Club hosted the enjoyable and successful 2007 National Specialty.

The newly elected Board took office immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting and the officers were elected. I would like to thank the Board for their cooperation which has enabled us to achieve goals for the common good of our club.

During the past year, there has been an increase in communication from the membership. This is a positive sign that there is an increase in interest in the Club.

Membership involvement seems to be at an all time high. The new Board email address has helped to facilitate the communication of concerns, compliments and complaints, not only to myself, but the entire Board. The monthly email newsletter has been very well-received.

The Newfoundland Club of America continues striving to meet its objectives through the dedication and the generosity of its members.

Roger Frey updated the Report of the President with an announcement from the Purina Pet Partnership Program. It was reported that there are 493 NCA members enrolled in this program with 168 members submitting the required weight circles from Purina products. This raised \$3,085.81, which Purina then matched for a total of \$6,171.62. This money was distributed as follows: one-half will go to the NCA Health Challenge and the other half will go to the Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund. NCA members were encouraged to sign up and utilize this program if they used Purina products.

He also announced that the election ballots were available for viewing.

Report of the 1st Vice- President: Sandee Lovett

In addition to the regular duties of a Vice-President, the NCA 1st Vice-President serves as the liaison between the Board and the Charitable Trust Management Board. In this capacity, I have attended all the monthly teleconferences of the Charitable Trust Management Board and reported to the Board following these meetings. With credit to the diligence of the President, I was not called upon to assume any duties in his absence. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve as 1st Vice-President this year and want to thank everyone for their support.

Report of the 2nd Vice-President: Mary Lou Roberts

NCA's committees have worked hard again this past year and the number of people willing to volunteer their time and energies is impressive. Combined, NCA committees represent the efforts of about 300 people who work diligently on behalf of our club and our dogs. You can read the summaries of their individual activities in the 1st Quarter 2008 issue of *Newf Tide*.

There have been a few policy changes that affect the way our committees operate. Perhaps the most important are the requirements for committees to have, at minimum, a quarterly teleconference and to report quarterly to the Board all activities being worked on and planned. This ability to have simultaneous communication (as opposed to discussion only by email), is having a positive effect on the way in which committee members communicate with each other—and the quarterly reporting is helping to keep the Board up to date on the status of projects.

We hope that use of teleconferences will continue to increase. In a teleconference, it's much easier with simultaneous communication to make motions, have discussions and vote (in short, it's much easier to get things *done*), than it is by email. All you need to do

to hold a teleconference is to set a time (and presumably an agenda), and contact the Second Vice President to confirm the availability of that time slot to avoid "collisions" with other committees. We currently have two lines available and that seems to be enough. But if we need more, we can get them. The important thing is that our committees have the tools and technology they need to get the work of the club done expeditiously.

A second noteworthy development is the availability of the NCA's e-newsletter, **NCA e-Notes**. This tool now gives committees the ability to get information out to NCA members and the public in a very timely way. For example, the Health & Longevity Committee has publicized information in several issues about the DNA collection here at the National. The Membership Committee has published reminders about sending in changes of address and phone number throughout the year. (The last mention resulted in several changes that probably would not otherwise have been noted until dues renewal time.) And the **Breeders List** Committee has been able to post a link to the **Breeders List** application form and communicate that the deadline for submission of that form was extended to mid-May. Finally, we've communicated reminders all along of the various deadlines for the National. So, all of you who work on committees, please remember to use this resource and to contact Marylou Zimmerman or me if you have something you'd like to publicize in the newsletter.

I am personally very grateful to have had the opportunity to work with and get to know so many of you. You are all owed a debt of thanks for dedicating your time and talents to work for the NCA. We are all volunteers, and we are all human. Sometimes we make mistakes. Sometimes the pressures of our "other lives" keep us from making the goals we optimistically set for ourselves. And we don't always agree. But no one can doubt the commitment of the people who work on behalf of the NCA and make tremendous sacrifices of both time and money to further the goals of the NCA and better the lives of one thing that always unites us: Our Newfs.

Report of the Treasurer: Mary L. Price

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, provided members with the following financial statements.

NCA Operations

Checking Account					3,725.77
Savings Account					12,229.19
CD 12 mos.	M & I Bank	due 5/17/08	4.55%	42,412.97	
CD 12 mos.	M & I Bank	due 6/22/08	4.55%	28,238.16	
CD 8 mos.	Associated Bank	due 8/15/08	4.19%	44,696.50	
CD 13 mos.	Anchor Bank	due 9/13/08	5.20%	11,536.15	
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CD 13 mos.	Anchor Bank	due 1/ 9/09	4.65%	12,784.55	
CD 13 mos.	Anchor Bank	due 1/10/09	4.65%	32,377.53	
CD 19 mos.	Associated Bank	due 5/ 2/09	5.05%	24,217.81	
CD 26 mos.	Associated Bank	due 9/30/09	5.05%	<u>42,999.64</u>	
				262,335.61	<u>262,335.61</u>
					278,290.57

Reserve for "Distinguished Member"
Restoration 4,063.01
Funds available for NCA Operations 274,227.56
\$278,290.57

Uniform Trophy
Fund

1,344.23

\$279,634.80

NCA Health Challenge

Checking Account					\$10,121.24
Money Market Account					33.25
CD 7 mos.	Anchor Bank	due 5/17/08	5.10%	10,085.00	
CD 7 mos.	Anchor Bank	due 7/10/08	4.65%	13,694.79	
CD 7 mos.	Associated Bank	due 7/31/08	4.26%	10,456.86	
CD 13 mos.	Anchor Bank	due 8/13/08	5.20%	31,245.37	
CD 13 mos.	Anchor Bank	due 9/18/08	5.20%	42,446.59	
CD 24 mos.	M & I Bank	due 3/28/09	4.55%	15,769.21	
CD 22 mos.	Associated Bank	due 5/ 2/09	5.05%	<u>16,306.67</u>	
				140,004.49	<u>140,004.49</u>
					\$150,158.98

Reserve for DNA rebates 6,540.00
Funds available 143,618.98

NCA Health Challenge \$150,158.98

NCA Rescue Fund

Checking Account					9,320.06	
CD 12 mos. due	Associated					
8/28/08	Bank		4.00%	<u>10,140.34</u>		
				19,460.40		\$19,460.40

NCA Scholarship Fund

Trust Checking					1,000.00	
	Associated					
CD 7 mos. Due 9/28/08	Bank		2.75%	<u>6,525.48</u>		
				7,525.48		\$7,525.48
Reserve for Approved Scholarships		2,000.00				
Funds available		<u>5,525.48</u>				
NCA Scholarship Fund		\$7,525.48				

Report of the Corresponding Secretary: Jacqueline Brellochs

All communication from AKC comes via the Corresponding Secretary who reports on it and/or re-routes it. For instance, the numerous mailings for each specialty show (regionals as well as the National) come first to me and then are mailed on to the chair of our Specialties Committee. There were two regionals this past year who were fined by AKC (late submission and missing reports); those letters were mailed on to the host clubs for payment.

Our current website has a great deal of wonderful information and has, thereby, greatly reduced the innumerable letters previously directed to the holder of this position. There was only one request for a hard copy of our Breeders' List, but some email inquiries from those who had not navigated our website to arrive at the Breeders' List there. About four emails requested help for problems with breeders and those were given contact information for our Arbitration Committee.

Report of the Recording Secretary: Cathy Sands

Good Evening,

I am sorry to be unable to attend the National this year. It is one of only 3 that I have missed since 1972.

Since the last annual meeting at the 2007 National Specialty held in Denver, Colorado, the Board has held a total of 14 meetings using 13 teleconferences.

The Board held a face-to-face meeting on November 2-4, 2007 in Rosemont, Illinois and also just concluded a face-to-face meeting this week. The minutes of all the meetings have been or will be published in ***Newf Tide***.

The other major responsibility of the Recording Secretary is the NCA election. There were 839 ballots cast out of 1744 possible for an approximate voting turnout of 48%. The election results have been published in ***Newf Tide***.

I would like to thank the Board for the honor of serving as Recording Secretary and for their support. I would also like to thank the membership for allowing me the honor of representing them for this past year.

Report of the American Kennel Club Delegate: Mary W. Price

Please consider this as a supplement to the 2007 year-end report which was published on page 87 of the 1st Quarter 2008 ***Newf Tide***.

The annual meeting of the American Kennel Club was held in New York City on March 11, 2008, at which time Delegates were elected to serve on the AKC Board of Directors. The three incumbent candidates for the Class of 2012 were unopposed. Therefore, the presiding officer declared that no balloting was needed to re-elect Ronald Meneker, Thomas Davies, and Walter Goodman. Carmen Battaglia, defeated for re-election to the Board in 2007, was elected to fill a vacant seat in the Class of 2010. Dr. Battaglia narrowly defeated NCA member Fred Bock. Ballot totals were very close. Dr. Bock is being urged to run again next year when four Board positions must be filled for the Class of 2013.

Also, at the March meeting, Delegates voted in favor of a change to the Rules Applying to Registration, providing the opportunity to alter the name of an AKC registered dog whelped in the USA. Certain restrictions apply – for instance, no change in the name is allowed after the dog has received an award at an AKC event or after the dog has produced or sired an AKC registered litter.

In recent months, the American Kennel Club has announced the formation of a Political Action Committee to assist in expanding revenue for the Canine Legislative Support Fund, whose efforts are to promote legislation important to the AKC and consistent with AKC's missions and goals.

Additionally, in mid-February, AKC announced the creation of The AKC Humane Fund, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is "to unite a broad spectrum of animal lovers in promoting the joy and value of responsible and productive pet ownership through education, outreach, and grant-making." Clubs and individual donors of \$1,000 pledges are currently being encouraged to become Founding Members. Following a recommendation of the CTMB, NCA's Board has approved a \$1,000 donation to this fund.

Again, I thank you for the honor of serving as our club's Delegate to the American Kennel Club.

Report of the Committees

Charitable Trust Management Board

Mary Lou Roberts, 2nd Vice-President and Committee Liaison, introduced Clyde Dunphy, Chair, David Helming Vice-Chair, and Mary Jane Spackman, Health Challenge Chair.

Clyde Dunphy informed the members that in the coming year, the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) will introduce and explain the workings of the CTMB. He gave a brief outline of the Trust and the Trustee, which is NCA, Inc. The Charitable Trust Management Board officers were introduced. They are: Clyde Dunphy, Chair, David Helming, Vice-Chair, Mary L. Price, Treasurer and Mary Jane Spackman, Secretary. Board members are Janice Hight, Roger Powell, Mary W. Price, Sandee Lovett and Andy Zinsmeyer.

The duties of the CTMB include managing the Junior Scholarship, Research Advisory Committee, Rescue and Referral and Health Challenge funds. He reported that \$146,000.00 has been used to fund various research projects and to support the Newfoundlands in rescue that have needed medical help. The CTMB is considering funding a cruciate ligament study that will deplete the approximately \$143,618.00 that remains.

An explanation of the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the Donor Advised Fund was presented. A plea for donations was made to help fund studies and research projects in the future. A banner was unveiled to publicize the need for donations. Members were encouraged to visit the CTMB page on the **NCA Website** for information about different ways that they could contribute.

Mary Jane Spackman, Health Challenge Chair, reported that co-chair Jan Boggio was resigning from the committee and Jan was thanked for her years of service. The Dannyquest limited edition statue program was explained; this year's statue will be available for purchase at the National and will be available until the 2009 National Specialty.

She announced that the Southeastern and Great Lakes regional clubs were hosting the silent auctions on Thursday and Friday. She thanked Consie Powell for again contributing artwork and the soft goods featuring her artwork will be available Thursday and Friday. She also announced that Tracy Carton and Tony DeVoe donated \$5,600.00, which was the proceeds from the "Newfs Gone Bad" calendar, to Health Challenge.

Newf Tide Policy Committee

Aura Dean, **Newf Tide** Policy Committee Chair, thanked the membership for their cooperation in recognizing **Newf Tide** deadlines and working with the **Newf Tide** editor. She thanked Meredith Reggie, **Newf Tide** Editor, for all her efforts and hard work. The membership was reminded to please send address changes to Beth Sell or the Membership Chair in a timely manner. The NCA must pay additional postage each time a **Newf Tide** is returned or forwarded.

Technical Resources Committee

Mary Lou Roberts, a member of the Technical Resources Committee, publicly thanked Marylou Zimmerman for her hard work on the new electronic newsletter, **NCA e-notes**. The winner of the "Name the Newsletter" contest was Hope Taylor, who was given a framed print of Landseer's "A Distinguished Member of the Humane Society". The framing was done by Sue Miller, who then reminded members that prints of this painting are still available.

Marylou Zimmerman, a member of the Technical Resources Committee, updated the members on the **NCA Website**. She reported that every committee is represented on the website and all the working test regulations are listed. She reported on the means that will boost the number of hits on the site which will move the **NCA Website** higher in the search engines. She encouraged members to use the Amazon.com link from the NCA Website as purchases made from Amazon.com through this link will enable Amazon to donate 6% of the purchase price to the NCA Charitable Trust. Past issues of **Newf Tide** are now on the **NCA Website** and more are being added. All photographs now have imbedded watermarks to protect them from being used without permission.

Dan Carr, Technical Resources Chair, updated the membership on the progress of the new NCA database. His committee is busy collecting and entering data and developing ways that the membership will be able to utilize the information that the database will contain. Unfortunately, the database was not quite ready for the hoped-for demonstration at the National Specialty. He thanked Dawn Fretts, the former Database Chair, for her many years of compiling data.

Steve Britton moved and Julie Siefert seconded to suspend the order of business to address new business. A standing vote was taken and the motion failed.

DNA COLLECTIONS

It was the consensus of the membership to allow Pam Rubio to speak about the DNA collections taking place at the National Specialty. She announced that 61 Newfoundlands had their DNA collected that day. She encouraged all the members to have their dogs collected, either at the National Specialty or at clinics which the regional clubs are starting to sponsor. She reminded members that there is a rebate program available through NCA to reduce members' costs. A round of applause followed the announcement that Newfoundlands are second in DNA collections only to the Golden Retrievers.

Members who fed Purina products were also encouraged to send in the weight circles as that generates funds for the NCA Health Challenge and the Canine Health Foundation Donor-Advised Fund.

Awards

Juniors

Jill Britton, Juniors Chair, reported the following. This year in Junior Showmanship, there were 30 juniors competing with Newfoundlands. They competed in 26 states. Fifteen times this year, a Newf and Junior team were awarded Best Junior. Two of these individuals earned qualifying wins for both the AKC Classic and Westminster. Four Individuals earned qualifying wins to move from the Novice to Open classes.

The following juniors were recognized: Daniel Anderson, Devin Anderson, Amanda Dasho, Hayden R Denman, Heidi Dowell, William Travis Ewert, Chalen Hartfeld, Lindsey Hartman, Frances Heiss, Aimee Hood, Roman Kane, Natasha Kramlich, Christopher Mellen, Samantha Miceli, Sarah R Miller, Shannon Myers, Barek Zick Reep, Joshua Neal Taylor, Joanne E. Thibault, Alliya Weber, Rachael Werner, McKenna Wood, and Emma Zaenglein.

There were 4 Juniors that moved from Novice to Open this year and they are: Billie Bock, Hana Deluri Maragon, Jessica Lynn Schell and Shelby Sterley.

Juniors who have “aged out” were recognized. They were Kaitlyn Anderson, Natasha Kramlich, Christopher Mellen, and Sarah Miller.

It was announced that Jessica Thibault had been awarded the \$400 stipend for qualifying and attending Westminster with a Newfoundland.

Jessica Cobban was named this year’s Top Obedience Junior.

Kaitlyn Anderson was named this year’s Top Conformation and Junior Showmanship Junior.

Kaitlyn Anderson and Alexis Ditlow were each awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

TOP AWARDS

Ingrid Lyden, Awards Committee Chair, thanked the dedicated committee members who do the actual counting for these awards. They are: Karen Clancy, Mary Lou Cuddy, Dawn Fretts, Joan Locker-Thuring, Helen Mancuso, Dejah Petsch, Pam Saunders and Lanelle Warrick.

She then awarded the following:

Top Show Dog: Ch. Egebaek’s After Eight (Nancy Ochse)

Top Show Bitch: Ch. Nakiska's Tempest In A Teapot WRD DD (Dejah & Steve Petsch & Ingrid Lyden)

Top Obedience Dog: VN Ch. ThreePonds Grand Finale UDX3 TDD WRDX (Carol Giffhorn)

Top Producing Sire: Ch. Pouch Cove's Goliath ROM (Peggy Helming & Carol Bergmann)

Top Producing Dam: Ch. Mollybrook's Absolut Kilyka ROM (Dejah & Steve Petsch & Betty McDonnell)

REGISTER OF MERIT

Ch. And I'm Great To Be Back, ROM (Adolfo Salina-Borello)

Ch. Haytee's Lookin at a Crystal Ball, ROM, HG/L/P/HrC/CN (Wendy & Mike Hayman)

Ch. Kloofbear's Midnight Sun, ROM, HG/HrC/T/CN (Evelyn Odjfell de Reus)

Ch. Kloofbear's Victory at Amorosa, ROM, HF/L/HrC/T/CN (Ana Maria Ayala Hubbard)

Ch. Mollybrook's Absolut Kilyka, ROM, WD, DD, HG/L/P/HrC/CN (Dejah & Steven Petsch and Betty McDonnell)

Midnight Lady's Runnin' With the Devil, ROM, HF/L (Debra J. Sylvester)

VN Am/Can Ch. Nakiska's Take It to the Limit, ROM, CD, WRD, DD, CGC, HG/L (Eric & Jo Nussle and Ingrid Lyden)

Ch. Onyxbay's Winter Warlock, ROM, HG/L (Scott & Theresa Weber)

Ch. Pouch Cove's Head of State, ROM, HG/L (Nancy Bosley & David Helming)

Ch. Pouch Cove's Politican, ROM, HF/L/HrC/T/CN (Dr. Mary K. & Jimmy Summers)

Am/Can Ch. Pouch Cove's Northern Spirit, ROM, HG/L (Mylène Turbide & Peggy Helming)

Ch. Seadog's Traces of Heaven, ROM, L (Cynthia Wingfield)

VERSATILE NEWFOUNDLAND AWARDS

In the absence of Jacqueline Brellocks, Versatile Newfoundland Chair, Sandee Lovett presented the Versatile Newfoundland awards to the following:

VN Ch. Castanewf's Due North, CD, WRD, DD, HG/L (Laura & Kevin Gallagher)

VN Am/Can Ch. Castanewf's Obsession, Am/Can CD, WRD, Can WRD, DD, Can DD, HG/L/HrC/CN (Marge & Gary Behnke and Denise Castonguay)

VN Am/Can Ch. Darbydale's Somebody Pouchcove, Am/Can CD, WRD, DD (Melanie Reynnells & Carol Bergmann)

VN Am/Can Ch. Jolly Roger's Cherry Danish, CD, WRD, DD, CGC, TDI, L/HrC/T/CN (Eileen Bergal & Roger Frey)

VN Ch. Jolly Roger's Danish Maid, CD, WRD, DD, CGC, TDI, HrC/T/CN (Eileen Bergal & Roger Frey)

VN Ch. Karableu's Ocean Breeze, CD, RN, WRD, DD, CGC, TDI, HG/L/HrC/CN (Rodney & Karrie Cook)

VN Ch. Kendians Juneau What I Know, CD, RN, WRD, DD (Laura & Kevin Gallagher)

VN Ch. Kilyka's Rising Star, CD, WRD, DD, HF/CN (Mary Ann Barnhill & Gayle Littlefield)

VN Ch. Makepeace Bell's Stowaway, CD, WRD, DD, CGC, TDI, HE/L/HrC/CN (Tammy A. Hensley & Chris Ellen Rakyta)

VN Ch. Makepeace Dream Weaver, CD, WRD, DD, CGC (Chris Ellen & Ivan Rakyta)

VN Ch. Makepeace Logo By Mack, CD, WRD, DD, CGC, HG/HrC/CN (Chris Ellen & Ivan Rakyta)

VN Ch. Midnite Bay's Bear Necessity, CD, RN, WRD, DD, HG/L (Stephen & Peggy Pack)

VN Ch. Nakiska Shines at Aukai, CD, RE, TD, WRD, DD, HG/L/HrC/CN (Cherrie Brown)

VN Ch. Nashau-Auke's Big Country, CDX, WRD, DD (Paul & Carole Katinas)

VN Ch. Osa's Sulis Minerva, CD, WRD, DD, HG/L/HrC (Karen M. Turnquist)

VN Ch. Pouch Cove's Cambriol, CD, WRD, TDD, CGC, TDI, CN (Rick H. Hartke)

VN Ch. Rowens With the Big Dogs, CDX, RAE, WRD, DD (Mark & Cassandra Iken)

VN Ch. Seadog's Heaven Scent, CD, WRDX, TDD, Delta Dog, HG/L/HrC/CN (Eric & Jo Nussle and Cynthia Wingfield)

VN Ch. Shadrack's Made of Honor, CD, WRD, TDD, ROM, HE/L/HrC/CN (Jean &

Steven McAdams)

VN Ch. Sugarland's She's The One, CD, WRDX, DD, CGC (Cara Perry, Nan Martin & Pat Woodfin)

VN Ch. Tempest's Firebird of Kilyka, CD, RN, WRD, DD, CGC (Donna Marie Smith)

VN Ch. Ultra Cool Paw Luke du Pas de Mer, CD, WRDX, DD, CGC, HG/L/P/HrC (Heidi Forrest)

WORKING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Joyce Arivella, Obedience Committee Chair, presented the following:

VN Am/Can Ch Kilyka's Lagniappe Pro Zack, UD, WRDX, TDD, CGC, TDI (Ann Lapeyre)

SaltyDog's Xana, UD, TD, RAE, TDD, WRD (7 WRD requalifications) (Lori Littleford and John Pearson)

Top Shelf's Drambuie Nightcap, UD, OAP, WRD, TDD (Christie Smith)

Sweetbay's Benson, CDX, RAE, WRDX, TDD (5 WRD requalifications) (3 WRDX requalifications) (Patti Pigeon)

VN/Ch Three Pond's Grand Finale, UDX3, WRDX, TDD (Carol Giffhorn)

VN Am/Can Ch Pouch Cove's Guilty As Sin, UDX, Can CDX, TD, OAP, NJP, VCD1, WRDX, Can WRDX, DD, Can DD, CGC (Janet Elliott)

Sweetbay's Gusto, UD, OA, OAJ, TD, VCD2, WRDX, TDD (Ann Dunnigan)

Topmast's Belle of St Lois, UD, WRDX, TDD (8 WRD requalifications) (5 DD requalifications) (1 TDD requalification) (Russell Kroeger)

VN Ch. Saltydog's Miss Mischief, CDX, RE, WRDX, TDD, CGC (Alexandra Hoops)

Oldest Living Newfoundland: VN Ch. Bluemoon's Katie Lou Bugum CD WRD TDD DOB 7/29/1992 (Christine Brigham)

HEALTH TESTED OPEN DATABASE AWARDS

To earn the TOD (Health Tested Open Database) award, the dog must have had the health tests that the NCA deems necessary for all breeding stock (hips, elbows, heart (Board-certified cardiologist), and cystinuria, and the results of these tests, regardless of the results, must be posted in an openly accessible database (OFA and/or NCA).

To earn the TOD-D, the dog must meet the criteria for the TOD award AND must have its DNA stored in the CHIC DNA database.

These awards must be applied for.

Please note that in addition to the tests listed above, the NCA Health and Longevity Committee also suggests performing the following tests/evaluations: thyroid, patellas, CERF. Although these are not required in order to qualify for these awards, all Newfoundland owners are encouraged to submit the results of these tests to the open databases whenever they are performed.

Mary Lou Roberts awarded to the first Health Tested **Open Database** awards to the following:

HayTee's Unexpected Journey, TOD (Kelly & Virginia Davis)

Ch. HeyTee's Just Taking A Journey, TOD-D (Kelly & Virginia Davis)

VN Ch. Kilyka's His Majesty King Cole, CD, WRD, DD, CGC, TOD-D (Joan Locker-Thuring & Tom Thuring)

Ch. Kilyka's Sugar 'n Spice of Bluwater, CD, WD, CGC, TOD-D (Joan Locker-Thuring & Tom Thuring)

Sandycove Love's Meant to Be, TOD-D (Kimberly Wilcox & Dr. Judith Ziffer)

Ch. Sweetbay's James, RN, WD, DD, TOD-D (Marie Rizzuto)

Ch. Top Shelf's I Am Goliath, CGC, TOD-D (Donna & Richard Mazzenga)

NCA GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Roger Frey, President, awarded the NCA Member of the Year award to Clyde Dunphy. The NCA Member of the Year receives the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship medallion.

NEW BUSINESS

ONLINE WHELPING BOX

Pat Randall made the following motion: Resolved that the NCA membership advise the Board of Directors to rescind the motion establishing the Online Whelping Box and discontinue the development of that program.

A discussion of the Online Whelping Box (OWB) ensued. Among the points made against the proposal were that it was reported that 70 out of the 105 breeders on the **Breeders List** were opposed to the OWB. It was stated that the **Breeders List** was working well and that members listed on it were instrumental in educating puppy buyers. Many members felt that the OWB could have unintended consequences. Breeders

meeting the **Breeders List** requirements should be encouraged to apply to be listed. Breeders listed on the **Breeders List** may and usually do refer buyers to members who are just starting with breeding. Some members were uncomfortable with the idea that the OWB could be construed by buyers that litters listed on the OWB have an “NCA Seal of Approval”.

Discussion favoring the OWB included points such as there are many breeders in the NCA who are not on the **Breeders List** and are just as knowledgeable and the OWB would benefit them. Puppy buyers would have additional NCA breeders to choose from and this would help prevent buyers from going to the puppy mills and indiscriminate breeders. Some members said they would rather see puppy buyers get a puppy from a first-time NCA breeder than a puppy off the Internet as some first-time breeders are more exacting than some breeders who have had several litters. It was stated that most rescues come from non-NCA breeders and one way to counter that would be to make it as easy as possible for buyers to find NCA litters.

Steve Britton moved that the vote be done by secret ballot. The motion failed.

Julie Siefert moved and Jan Curtis seconded to call the question. The motion passed.

The motion to advise the Board of Directors to rescind the motion establishing the Online Whelping Box and discontinue the development of that program passed.

DISCUSSION ITEM – DNA COLLECTION

Theodore Meeker proposed as a discussion item that the NCA sponsor health clinics to support the collection of medical data and DNA on the Newfoundland dog for submission to CERF, OFA and CHIC for the purpose of education and medical research to enhance the breed.

It was the consensus of the membership to refer this discussion item to the appropriate committees.

At 10:40 p.m., by consensus, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Cuddy
Acting Recording Secretary