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3 **NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

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5 **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

6 April 28, 2009

7 Bavarian Inn Lodge

8 Frankenmuth, Michigan

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10 The Annual Membership Meeting convened at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at
11 the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth, Michigan. A quorum of 180 members was
12 needed to conduct business. At the opening of the meeting, a quorum had been
13 reached for the fifth year in a row.

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

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17 **Welcome**

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19 Roger Frey, President, welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. Members of
20 the Board were introduced with special recognition given to outgoing Board members
21 Barbara Finch and Kevin Gallagher. Newly-elected Board members, Lynne Anderson-
22 Powell and Pam Saunders, whose terms will commence at the close of this meeting,
23 were introduced. Also introduced were new Honorary Members Tom and Diane
24 Broderick and Mike and Sandee Lovett.

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

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29 Roger Frey, President, introduced the parliamentarian for the evening, Connie DeFord
30 of Bay City, Michigan, the President of the National Association of Parliamentarians. He
31 then recognized the Honorary and International guests.

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33 **Approval of Minutes**

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35 Hearing no objections, the minutes of the April 29, 2008 Annual Membership Meeting
36 were approved as presented in the 3rd Quarter 2008 issue of *Newf Tide*.

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38 **Annual Report of the President – Roger Frey**

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40 2008 started on a positive note with another well-attended Annual Meeting that was held
41 in Warwick, Rhode Island. The Newfoundland Club of New England did an outstanding
42 job hosting the Specialty. The newly-elected Board took office immediately following the

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43Annual Meeting to elect the officers of the Board. I thank the Board for all of its hard
44work on behalf of the breed and our membership.

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46During the past year much progress on the elusive NCA Database has been made
47thanks to the efforts of the Technical Resources Committee. Other positive highlights of
48the past year include, but are not limited to, the 2008 Annual Meeting convened with a
49quorum. The membership renewal rate was nearly 100%. All donations were up over
50the previous year in spite of the economy. Over 200 dogs' DNA was collected at the
51National Specialty. The Newfoundland booth at the Meet the Breeds competition at the
52AKC/Eukanuba show won Group I for the third year in a row and went on to win the
53Best in Show award.

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55*NCA E-notes*, our electronic newsletter, continue to keep the membership updated on
56the latest news for and about our club. *Newf Tide* is still the premier parent club
57publication. Our website is outstanding. Our Charitable Trust works to ensure the
58health and welfare of our beloved dogs.

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60All of this success is due to the membership's generosity of spirit.

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62**Annual Report of the 1st Vice President – Mary Lou Roberts**

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64As First Vice President, my primary responsibility is to serve on the Charitable Trust
65Management Board (CTMB) and act as liaison between the CTMB and the NCA Board.
66It has been my pleasure to do so during the past year as the Charitable Trust has
67moved aggressively to review promising research studies and expand its methods and
68strategies of fund raising. You can read more about these activities in the CTMB report
69and in the minutes.

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71**Annual Report of the 2nd Vice President – Kathy McIver**

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73The main responsibility of the 2nd Vice President is to serve as the liaison between the
74Board and the NCA's 39 committees. With the bulk of the NCA's work being carried out
75by committee volunteers, it is impossible to overestimate the depth and scope of their
76contributions.

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78As Henry David Thoreau once said, "One is not born into the world to do everything but
79to do something." Since the last annual meeting, over 210 NCA committee members
80have contributed their time, energy, and talents "doing something" for the NCA and the
81Newfoundland breed. All have contributed countless hours to advancing the work of
82their committees. The diligence and dedication demonstrated by these members has
83contributed significantly to protecting and promoting our beloved breed.

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85Tonight we'd like to acknowledge the following committee members who are moving on
86to other endeavors. All have exemplified the spirit of volunteerism and all have been
87devoted to our breed and our club.

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89Jacqueline Brellochs – NCA Policy Manual

90Jill Britton – Junior Committee, chair

91Amy Chiu – Health and Longevity

92Amy Davis - International Liaison

93Raymond Gunn – Health and Longevity

94Lou Ann Lenner – Health and Longevity

95Lori Littleford – Specialty Show

96Linda Maggy – Breeders List, chair

97Linda Roderick – Health and Longevity

98Mary Lou Roberts – Technical Resources Committee

99Elaine Perkins - Legislative Committee

100Mary L. Price - REACT

101Mary W. Price - Judges Education Committee

102Cathy Sands - Research Advisory Committee

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104Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the 2nd Vice President. Working with so many
105enthusiastic and creative club members makes the 2nd Vice President job one of the
106best jobs on the Board!

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108If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact any Board member or
109committee chair for additional information.

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111Best wishes for a wonderful National!

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113**Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Pat Randall**

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115Much of the work of the Corresponding Secretary is receiving correspondence from the
116membership, the AKC, and other interested parties and bringing it to the attention of the
117Board of Directors. It has taken some time to get all aspects of AKC and OFA
118correspondence redirected. Although some of the correspondence is routine, we have
119received several that have led to substantive discussions among the Directors. For
120example, the Board's adoption of a policy on breeding cystinuria carriers originated from
121a member's inquiry. As a first time Board member, I've learned a great deal and made a
122few mistakes in this position. I look forward to continue serving the NCA in this or other
123capacities.

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125**Annual Report of the Recording Secretary – Mary Lou Cuddy**

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127Since the last annual meeting at the 2008 National Specialty held in Warwick, Rhode
128Island, the Board has held a total of 15 meetings using 16 teleconferences.

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130The Board held a face-to-face meeting on October 30 - November 2, 2008 in St. Louis,
131Missouri and also just concluded a face-to-face meeting this week. The minutes of all
132the meetings have been or will be published in *Newf Tide*.

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134The other major responsibility of the Recording Secretary is the NCA election. There
135were approximately 833 ballots cast out of 1773 possible for an approximate voting
136turnout of 47%. The election results have been published in *Newf Tide*.

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138I would like to thank the Board for the honor of serving as Recording Secretary and for
139their support. I would also like to thank the membership for allowing me the honor of
140representing them for this past year.

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142**Annual Report of the Treasurer – Mary L. Price**

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NCA Operations

Checking Account					15,201.35
Savings Account					16,268.23
	Associated	due			
CD 18 mos.	Bank	5/ 2/09	5.05%	24,829.30	
	Associated	due			
CD 24 mos.	Bank	9/30/09	5.05%	44,085.38	
		due			
CD 12 mos.	M & I Bank	1/14/10	3.50%	43,321.19	
		due			
CD 13 mos.	Anchor Bank	2/15/10	3.63%	13,378.66	
		due			
CD 13 mos.	Anchor Bank	2/15/10	3.63%	33,266.35	
		due			
CD 13 mos.	Anchor Bank	2/16/10	3.60%	12,096.06	
		due			
CD 13 mos.	Anchor Bank	2/16/10	3.60%	12,096.06	
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CD 13 mos.	Anchor Bank	2/16/10	3.60%	12,096.06	
		due			
CD 12 mos.	Anchor Bank	2/25/10	3.60%	15,265.22	
		due			
CD 12 mos.	M & I Bank	2/23/10	3.60%	<u>28,867.63</u>	
				239,301.91	
					<u>239,301.91</u>
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Uniform Trophy Fund

1,805.25

\$272,576.74

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	Nine months ended March 31, 2009	2009 Budget	Difference
Revenue Producing Activities			
Members' Renewal Dues	89,231.00	85,000.00	4,231.00
Applicants' Dues and Fees	<u>4,394.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>-1,606.00</u>
	93,625.00	91,000.00	2,625.00
Less: Expenses	<u>5,846.54</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>-1,653.46</u>
Net Membership Revenue	87,778.46	83,500.00	4,278.46
<i>Newf Tide</i>			
Advertising	6,204.00	9,000.00	-2,796.00
Subscriptions	9,326.50	13,200.00	-3,873.50
Less: Expenses	20,354.90	52,200.00	-31,845.10
Contingency	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net <i>Newf Tide</i> Revenue	-4,824.40	-30,000.00	25,175.60
<i>Annual of Titlist</i> Revenue	140.00	9,700.00	-9,560.00
Less: Expenses	<u>450.63</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>-7,549.37</u>
Net <i>TITLIST</i> Revenue	-310.63	1,700.00	-2,010.63
Breeders List Revenues		4,410.00	-4,410.00
Less: Expenses		<u>3,200.00</u>	<u>-3,200.00</u>
Net Breeders List Revenues		1,210.00	-1,210.00
General Education Revenues	105.00	150.00	-45.00
Less: Expenses	<u>5,199.24</u>	<u>10,667.00</u>	<u>-5,467.76</u>
Net General Education Revenues	-5,094.24	-10,517.00	5,422.76
Working Dog - Draft	1,049.00	560.00	489.00
Less: Expenses	<u>73.25</u>	<u>135.00</u>	<u>-61.75</u>
Net Working Dog - Draft	975.75	425.00	550.75
Working Dog - Water	709.00	1,295.00	-586.00
Less: Expenses	<u>185.82</u>	<u>390.00</u>	<u>-204.18</u>
Net Working Dog - Water	523.18	905.00	-381.82
Disciplinary		100.00	-100.00

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"Distinguished Member" Fund	-370.94	200.00	-570.94
Donations		0.00	0.00
Interest	<u>2,613.36</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>-3,386.64</u>
Revenues, Net of Related Expenses	81,290.54	53,523.00	-27,767.54
Expenses			
Board	12,932.32	10,000.00	2,932.32
President		700.00	-700.00
Vice Presidents		500.00	-500.00
Recording Secretary	7,907.90	13,500.00	-5,592.10
Corresponding Secretary		200.00	-200.00
Treasurer	1,155.13	1,300.00	-144.87
AKC Delegate	765.00	5,000.00	-4,235.00
Annual Membership Meeting		2,000.00	-2,000.00
Arbitration	14.00	500.00	-486.00
Associations	60.00	1,500.00	-1,440.00
Awards	546.64	565.00	-18.36
Breeders Education	1,274.30	7,500.00	-6,225.70
Breeders Referral	276.13	393.00	-116.87
Companion Dog	-130.00	150.00	-280.00
Grants	2,250.00	5,000.00	-2,750.00
Health and Longevity	436.48	23,700.00	-23,263.52
Historian	52.79	230.00	-177.21
International Liaison		50.00	-50.00
Judges Education	3,547.07	5,775.00	-2,227.93
Juniors		2,000.00	-2,000.00
Legal Services	500.00	2,500.00	-2,000.00
Legislative Liaison	8.28	175.00	-166.72
Liability Insurance	2,055.00	2,500.00	-445.00
<i>Newf Tide</i> Policy	255.92	550.00	-294.08
Nominating		150.00	-150.00
Obedience		887.00	-887.00
Policies		2,150.00	-2,150.00
Publicity		150.00	-150.00
Recognition	2,301.58	2,800.00	-498.42
Regional Clubs Committee		200.00	-200.00
Regional Clubs Liaison	50.58	1,500.00	-1,449.42
Regional Specialties Coordinator	35.00	100.00	-65.00
Rescue Education and Awareness	-827.59	3,600.00	-4,427.59
<i>Register Of Merit</i>		3,800.00	-3,800.00

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Scholarship grant	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Specialty Show Coordinator	297.36	1,500.00	-1,202.64
Specialty subsidy	14,925.38	6,000.00	8,925.38
Steering	226.34	1,948.00	-1,721.66
Sunshine		0.00	0.00
Technical Resources	29,455.83	16,993.00	12,462.83
Trust Management Board	2,650.00	2,650.00	0.00
Versatility	-10.00	200.00	-210.00
Working Dog	40.23	610.00	-569.77
Other ad hoc committees	1,140.79	9,000.00	-7,859.21
Contingency		6,000.00	-6,000.00
Miscellaneous - other fiscal years	<u>1,708.16</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>708.16</u>
Total Operating Expenses	86,900.62	148,526.00	-61,625.38
Revenues, Net of Related Expenses	<u>81,290.54</u>	<u>53,523.00</u>	<u>27,767.54</u>
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	-5,610.08	-95,003.00	89,392.92
Balance as of July 1, 2008	<u>276,381.57</u>	<u>269,253.00</u>	<u>7,128.57</u>
Balance as of March 31, 2009	270,771.49	174,250.00	96,521.49
	Cash Reserve	152,500.00	
	Operating Fund	<u>118,271.49</u>	
	Balance as of March 31, 2009	\$270,771.49	

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NCA Health Challenge

Checking Account				2,008.25
Money Market Account				15,363.00
CD 24 mos. due 4/4/09	M & I Bank	4.55%	16,494.86	
CD 22 mos. due 5/2/09	Associated Bank	5.05%	<u>17,140.54</u>	
			33,635.40	<u>33,635.40</u>
				51,006.65
	Reserve for DNA rebates	5,660.00		
	Funds available	<u>45,346.65</u>		
	NCA Health Challenge	51,006.65		
	AKC Canine Health Foundation*	<u>101,990.74</u>		
		152,997.39		

NCA Rescue Fund

Checking Account				12,598.50
CD 22 mos. due 7/10/10	Associated Bank	3.75%	<u>10,545.06</u>	

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NCA Scholarship Fund

Trust Checking					1,000.00	
CD	12 mos.	due 9-29-09	Associated Bank	2.05%	<u>6,664.16</u>	
					7,664.16	7,664.16
Reserve for Approved Scholarships					1,000.00	
Funds available					<u>6,664.16</u>	
NCA Scholarship Fund					7,664.16	

Trust Management Fund

847.64

NCA Charitable Trust \$82,662.01

*AKC Canine Health Foundation - Newfoundland Advised Fund
\$101,990.74

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148Annual Report of the AKC Delegate – Mary W. Price

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150Please consider this as a supplement to my 2008 year-end report published on page
151105 of the 1st quarter, 2009, issue of *Newf Tide*.

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153Delegates met in Newark, New Jersey, on March 10th of this year to attend the annual
154meeting of the American Kennel Club. At this time, four persons from the delegate body
155were elected to serve four-year terms as members of the American Kennel Club Board
156of Directors. From a slate of eight candidates, the following received sufficient votes for
157election: Lee Arnold, Carl Ashby, Alan Kalter, and Dr. Robert Smith. (Two of these men
158represent parent clubs.) At the Board meeting immediately after the general meeting,
159Ronald Meneker was re-elected as Chairman of the Board and Dr. Thomas Davies was
160elected as the new Vice-Chairman.

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162As reported previously, the Group Realignment Committee has proposed the division of
163the Sporting and Hound groups and the creation of a Northern group. The committee's
164recommendations have been approved by the AKC Board of Directors, and the specific
165details will be read at the Delegate meeting in June. (The June meeting will be held in
166Raleigh, North Carolina, providing a good opportunity to tour the new AKC headquarters
167building.) Delegates expect to vote in September on the increase in the number of
168groups. If approved, the effective date is likely to be January 1, 2012.

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170The American Kennel Club has announced that the first stand-alone Meet The Breeds
171will be held at the Javits Center in New York City on Saturday and Sunday, October 17th

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172and 18th of this year. Pet Partners, the pet insurance company, will be the anchor
173sponsor. The Cat Fanciers Association will also participate. All AKC registered dog
174breeds and 41 breeds of cats will be presented for the public to view. The event will
175stress the responsibilities of dog and cat ownership. It is hoped that Newfoundland
176fanciers in the NYC area will be able to join in this opportunity to showcase our
177wonderful dogs.

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179So-called reliable sources have told me that the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship
180Show will be moving back to Florida in 2011 for a four-year stretch.

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182**Annual Report of the Charitable Trust**

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184Clyde Dunphy, Charitable Trust Management Board Chair, welcomed the membership
185to the meeting. He introduced the following members of the Charitable Trust
186Management Board: David Helming, Vice-Chair, Mary Jane Spackman, Secretary,
187Mary L. Price, Treasurer and Board members Janice Hight, Roger Powell, Mary W.
188Price, Mary Lou Roberts and Andy Zinsmeyer.

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190Clyde thanked the NCA membership for their generous support and donations. Even in
191the worsening economy, donations were up 64% for the Health Challenge and 22% for
192Rescue. He reported that the financial health of the Charitable Trust is good but the
193Research Advisory Committee is currently considering some thirty studies from the AKC
194Canine Health Foundation. The Charitable Trust will need a lot more money to fund
195upcoming projects.

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197In this last year, the Charitable Trust has supported such studies as a cruciate ligament
198study and a canine gene-mapping study from the Morris Animal Foundation and a
199metastatic cancer drug study from the AKC Canine Health Foundation, among others.

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201Clyde reported that he and Tamzin Rosenwasser, the Research Advisory Committee
202Chair, attended the 4th annual Cancer Genetics Conference where they made many
203excellent contacts with researchers. Clyde informed the membership that within two to
204five years, we will have more genetic tests available to us.

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206He encouraged the membership to go either to www.ncacharities.org or
207www.ncanewfs.org to find information about making online donations and estate
208planning.

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210Clyde reiterated that none of this would be possible without the support of the
211membership and the Charitable Trust Management Board appreciates the support.

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213Mary Jane Spackman, Health Challenge Chair, reported that out of the 99 Dannyquest
214statues available, 45 were already sold, leaving 54 available. The Health Challenge

215realizes a donation of \$100 on each statue sold. The statues will be available for
216purchase during the National Specialty.

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218Mary Jane thanked Tracy Carton and Tony DeVoe for their “Newfs Gone Bad” calendar
219which raised \$3,713.92 for the Health Challenge. She also thanked Susan Aspeotes
220who has held a number of fund-raisers and donated the profits to the Health Challenge.
221She directed the membership’s attention to a one-of-a-kind desk that had been donated
222to the Fine Arts Auction with the proceeds to benefit the Health Challenge.

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224Mary Jane concluded by thanking the membership for its support.

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226**Committee Reports**

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228Nancy Duggan, 2009 National Specialty Chair, welcomed everyone to the National
229Specialty. The host club was very happy to see the turnout for this year’s National
230Specialty in light of the economy. She reminded the membership to purchase tickets for
231the basket raffles being held over the next several days.

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233**Committee Appreciation**

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235Kathy McIver recognized the outgoing committee members and chairs that were listed
236in the report above with a certificate of appreciation.

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238**Newf Tide Policy Committee**

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240Aura Dean, *Newf Tide* Policy Committee Chair could not attend the meeting. On her
241behalf, Roger Frey thanked all the members and subscribers who send in all their
242articles, artwork and photographs in a timely manner. Appreciation was also extended
243to the members of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee for their hard work.

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245**Technical Resources Committee**

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247Barbara Finch, Technical Resources Chair, presented the NCA Database to the
248membership. Images of the pedigrees generated by the database, along with images of
249the different pages, were projected on two large screens for the membership to view.
250Barbara informed the membership that the database should be ready by June and
251totally operational by July 2009.

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253She acknowledged rumors about the database’s accuracy and that some of the
254information may not be correct. The Technical Resource Committee will be available
255the next three evenings for membership to check their dogs’ pedigrees and titles. The
256committee will note any changes or corrections that need to be made and, after
257verification by the AKC or the Working Dog Committee, the changes will be made.

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258Changes or corrections can also be made, subject to verification, after the database is
259online by filling out an online form.

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261Barbara reported that there are 30,000 dogs in the database with pedigrees on all of
262them. She reported that health clearances will be shown in the pedigrees.

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264She thanked the membership for its support and patience.

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266**Awards**

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268Ingrid Lyden, Awards Committee Chair, recognized those members who served as
269counters on the Awards Committee and thanked them for all their hard work in
270compiling the statistics that determine these awards. Ingrid then announced the
271following awards:

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273Top Show Dog: Ch. Skipper's Eminence King of Helluland (Laura Vande Ven & Peggy
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276Top Show Bitch: Ch. Fairweather's National Treasure (Danielle Nelson & Debra Nelson)

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278Top Obedience Dog: VN OTCH Ch. ThreePonds Grand Finale, UDX4, WRDX2, TDD,
279CGC, TDI (Carol Giffhorn)

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281Top Producing Sire: Ch. Pouch Cove's Head of State, ROM (Peggy & David Helming)

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283Top Producing Dam: Ch. Mollybrook's Absolut Kilyka, ROM (Dejah & Steven Petsch &
284Betty McDonnell)

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286**Register of Merit:**

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288Dogs:

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290Multi Ch. Fairweather's A'Great Pretender, ROM (Giorgio & Loredana Salina)

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292Ch. Halcyon Days Jay Silverheels, ROM, CD (Roberta Jarel)

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294VN Ch. Kilyka's Celtic Raasay, ROM, UD, WRD, DD (Betty McDonnell)

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296VN Ch. Mollybrooks 'Isiah', ROM, CDX, WRD, TDD (Karen & Ken Dunaway)

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298Ch. Sunvalley Petitions Pouch Cove, ROM (Peggy Helming & Kathy Griffin)

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300Bitches:

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302Ch. Bear N Mind's By The Sea, ROM (Christine & Dwight Gorsuch)
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304Ch. Bear N Mind's Lady Liberty, ROM (Christine & Dwight Gorsuch)
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306Ch. Haytee's Once Upon A Time, ROM (Patricia & Mark Pawasarat and Wendy & Mike
307Hayman)
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309VN Ch. Kilyka's Mollybrook, ROM, UD, WRD, DD (Betty McDonnell)
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311Ch. Midnite Bay Cover Your Assets, ROM (Jean & Matt Cobban and Reginia Schneider)
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313Ch. Seabrook On Peachtree Street, ROM (Roberta Jarel & Mary W Price)
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315Ch. Shadrack's Midnite Necessity, ROM, CD, DD (Jean & Steven McAdams)
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317Am/Can Ch. Shadrack's Winter Games, ROM, Am/Can CD, DD, Can DD, CGN (Dawn
318& Greg Fretts)
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320So Fairweather's de L'Iliade et L'Odyssee, ROM (Marie-Pierre Delaunay-Robin)
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322 Ch. Top Shelf's One For The Road, ROM, DD (Debra Wigal)
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324Ch. Top Shelves Wild Night Out, ROM (Debra Wigal, Cindy Flowers & Kathy Hamilton)
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326Junior Awards
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328Jill Britton, Juniors Committee Chair, reported that 26 juniors from all over the country
329participated this year. They were: Kaitlyn Benedict, Matelyn Cobban, Jessica Cobban,
330Juliana Concolino, Megan Decker, Heidi Dowell, Brooke Dunaway, Jasey Eckhart,
331Gavin Davis, Anna Gerber, Ashlyn Hare, Jordan Hare, Avery Hester, Aimee Hood, Hana
332Maragon, Christopher Mellen, Mercedes Messer, Samantha Micelli, Shannon Myers,
333Jessica Schell, Lauren Texter, Jessica Thibault, Joanne Thibault, Rachael Werner,
334McKenna Wood and Emma Zaenglein.
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336Top Junior Showmanship Handler in Points is Jessica Thibault.
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338Top Junior in Conformation is Kaitlyn Benedict.
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340No junior turned in obedience points this year.
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342Jessica Thibault was awarded the \$400 stipend for qualifying for Westminster. Kaitlyn
343Benedict was awarded the \$400 stipend for qualifying for the AKC/Eukanuba National
344Championship show.
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346Jill thanked all the juniors and reported that she will not be staying on as Juniors
347Committee Chair and announced that the new Juniors Committee Chair will be Adrienne
348Hill.

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350**Versatile Newfoundland Awards**

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352Bethany Karger, Versatile Newfoundland Committee Chair, thanked Jacqueline
353Brellocks for all her hard work since the beginning of the Versatile Newfoundland
354awards. Bethany then presented the Versatile Newfoundland certificates to:

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356VN Am/Can Ch. Allegiance's Bright Prospect, Am/Can CD, RAE, WRD, TDD, CGC
357(Lawren Coulam Kinney)

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359VN Ch. Bruin's Katie Kandeaux, CD, WRD, DD (Marcia Espander)

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361VN Am/Can Ch. CastaNewf's Shaken Not Stirred, Am/Can CD, DD, WRD, RN, CGC,
362TDI, Can WRDX (Denise Castonguay)

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364VN Am/Can Ch. Darbydale's State Of The Art, Am/Can CD, WRD, DD, CGC (Melanie
365Reynnells)

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367VN Ch. Misty Mtns U Lite Up My Life, CD, WRD, DD (Patricia Drew)

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369VN Ch. NimiAmi Bust My Buttons, CD, DD3, WRD2, CGC, TDI (Dawn Staffen)

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371VN Am/Can Ch. Pouch Cove's All You Can Be, CD, WRD, DD (Nancy McKee)

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373VN Ch. Saltydog's Heavens to Betsy, ROM, CD, RN, WRD, DD (Gabrielle Cohen)

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375VN Ch. Shadrack's Jubilee, CD, WRD, DD (Sue Zientara)

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377VN Ch. Top Shelf's Fireisland Annie, CD, WRD, TDD (Rose Miller)

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379VN Ch. Top Shelf's Hit And Run, CD, RN, WRD, DD, CGC (Melanie Reynnells)

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381**Isabel Kurth Award**

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383The Isabel Kurth Award was presented to: Sandy Lovett

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385**NCA Member of the Year Award**

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387The NCA Member of the Year was presented to: Barbara Finch

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389**NCA Good Sportsmanship Award**

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391The NCA Good Sportsmanship Award was presented to: Cheryl Dondino

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393**Working Achievement Awards**

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395Jacqueline Brellochs, standing in for Brian Hodges, presented the Working Achievement

396Award to:

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398VN/WA Ch. Fairseas Good Day Sunshine, CDX, WRD8, WRDX, DD1, TDD1 (Kathleen

399Mitchell)

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401VN/WA Am/Can Ch. Looking Forward Del Castelbarco, Am/Can CDX, RAE, NAP, NAJ,

402WRD, Can WRDX, DD2, TDD1, Can DD2, Can TDD1, CGC, TDI (Lawren Coulam

403Kinney & Robert Kinney)

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405Multi HIT, VN/WA Ch. Whisperbay's Twenty is China, CDX, WD2, WRD, DD3, TDD, RE,

406CGC, Delta Dog (Ken & Marty Swindell)

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408**Oldest Living Newfoundland**

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410VN Am/Can Ch. Nakiska's Spellbound, CDX, WRD, TDD, CGC, Can CD, Can WRDX,

411Can DD; DOB 9/16/1993 (Owned by Lanelle Warrick & Ingrid Lyden)

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413**Heroic Newfoundland Award**

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415Cissy Sullivan presented the Heroic Newfoundland Award to:

416Laila, (Wendy Warden & David McArtin)

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418**New Business**

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420**Donations to BestJunior.com**

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422Donna Thibault spoke to her discussion item listed on the agenda asking for the Board's

423approval of an annual donation to BestJunior.com. This would cover the cost of a

424Newfoundland breed rosette (currently \$15.00) and an additional contribution to provide

425discounted tickets for juniors to the awards banquet – current discount of \$25 per junior

426ticket.

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428She reported that the BestJunior.com holds an annual banquet and awards ceremony

429the Sunday evening before Westminster in February. Junior handlers are recognized

430for top achievement in Junior Showmanship, conformation and performance events.

431The event is well-attended and eagerly anticipated by the juniors.

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433 Donna Thibault moved and Barbara Thompson seconded that the Board approve an
434 annual donation to BestJunior.com to cover the cost of the Newfoundland breed rosette
435 (currently \$15.00) and an additional contribution to provide discounted tickets for juniors
436 to the awards banquet – current discount of \$25 per junior ticket. Upon hearing no
437 objections, the motion passed.

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439 **National Specialty Show Sites**

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441 Jacqueline Brellochs spoke to her discussion item listed on the agenda regarding the
442 importance of continued selection of resorts for our national specialties. Most events
443 are on the same site as a major hotel versus consideration of the practice of many
444 breed clubs to utilize fairgrounds or Purina Farms and rooms at nearby motels.

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446 She presented the following information regarding the Purina Farms show site in
447 Missouri. The Activity Center (with no fee for its use) for outdoor shows and events
448 includes amenities such as tenting, chairs, ring gating, RV parking for 80 and 600 motel
449 rooms within 15 minutes. A new Event Center (opening in the fall of 2010) for indoor
450 shows and events with padded floor, dog bathing facilities, grooming area, cafe,
451 conference room and banquet facilities for over 350 people.

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453 She stated that she felt there needed to be a discussion with the membership as to the
454 membership's desires – if the resorts are preferred, that is fine, but if some members
455 want a less expensive experience, then other options should be explored.

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457 Cherrie Brown commented that she feels a resort setting offers a lot although it does
458 narrow down the number of regional clubs that can find suitable sites. She does not
459 want to see the National Specialty become a Midwest event. She understands that
460 costs are a concern so having other hotels near the site is preferable.

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462 Tamzin Rosenwasser commented that a benefit of a resort-type hotel is the
463 camaraderie that develops when it is easy to see and meet members.

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465 Chuck Beck commented that he does not know what will happen when the NCA takes
466 over the National Specialty. He suggested that guidelines be written to help clubs. He
467 also expressed concerns about the RV parking at this National Specialty.

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469 The membership was reminded that the Board and the Specialty Show Coordinating
470 Committee recently revised the *Specialty Show Guide* to help regional clubs with the
471 logistics of hosting a National Specialty. In regards to the RV parking at this National
472 Specialty, that is due to town law and an exemption could not be obtained.

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474 The discussion item submitted by Ron Sell concerning the NCA Board being allowed to
475 continue to ignore and circumvent the Constitution and By-laws and thus allow the Club
476 to be run according to the whims of a majority (7) Board, OR should the Board be

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477required to function according to the Constitution and By-laws as written or revised
478according to Article VII " Amendments" of the By-laws was withdrawn prior to the Annual
479Membership Meeting.

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481**Announcements**

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483Sue Marino, Working Dog Committee Chair, announced the Working Dog Committee
484would be holding an open forum on Friday at 5:00 p.m. The forum will be open to all
485members for discussion of concerns and new ideas. She invited all interested members
486to attend.

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488Summer Poris, representing the Newfoundland Club of Northern California, presented
489the NCA with pins, pendants and patches from the 2005 75th Diamond Anniversary
490National Specialty held in Monterey, California. The NCA may use these items for
491whatever purpose it deems suitable.

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493At 9:30 p.m., Chris Rakyta moved and Laura Gallagher seconded that the meeting be
494adjourned. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

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496Submitted by,

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498Mary Lou Cuddy

499NCA Recording Secretary