

NCA Board of Directors  
Teleconference Meeting  
October 15, 2009  
(Approved November 6, 2009)

Roger Frey, President, called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. Eastern time. The following directors were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), Jacqueline Brellochs (JB), Roger Frey (RF), Sue Marino (SM), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Mary Lou Roberts (MLR), Pam Rubio (PSR) and Pam Saunders (PS). Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC) and Meredith Reggie (MR) were absent. Mary W. Price (MWP), AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was absent. Barbara Finch and Marylou Zimmerman were present as member guests.

### **Report of the President**

Roger Frey, President, stated that he had no report at this time.

### **Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Mary Lou Roberts, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, reported that the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) did not hold their meeting. She informed the Board that Clyde Dunphy, CTMB Chair, will not be attending the November 6-8, 2009 face-to-face meeting of the Board, but he will send a report.

### **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Kathy McIver, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, reported that Jenny Zablony, Health and Longevity Chair, requested that in the event that the Board would like her to represent the NCA at any future conference that she be given six months notice to arrange time off from work.

### **Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

Pat Randall, Corresponding Secretary, reported that he had a discussion with an NCA member about the audiotape recordings of Board meetings being posted on the *NCA Website*. There had been a mistake in the posting and the index was not there. It was reported that the Electronics Publication Policy Committee had decided that the audiotapes should be in the proposed members-only area of the website. Pat stated that he would like to get the audiotapes out as soon as possible, even before the members-only area is functional.

Pat reported that the Mastiff Club of America has asked our permission to use the format of the NCA's "Isn't She Pretty" poster. By unanimous consent, the Board gave its approval. He also reported that the Golden Retriever Club has given the NCA permission to use their paragraph on dog owner responsibility in the proposed NCA's *Ethics Guide*.

A letter was received from the Western Dog Judges Association regarding a Judges Education event that they were hosting and asked about using parent club dogs. The letter was forwarded to Denise Castonguay, Judges Education Committee Chair, and she said she would make the necessary arrangements.

Pat reported that the OFA has sent the DNA profile health records and he had forwarded them to Jenny Zablony, Health & Longevity Committee Chair. He informed the Board that OFA is not set up for automatic reporting of those records so the NCA will have to request this report when another is needed. Pat reported that Karen Clancy is now on the list of recipients for new AKC titles since she is editing the *Annual of Titlists*. He also had sent Karen the previous reports that he had received and Barbara Finch, Technical Resources Committee Chair, has filled in the data prior to the time he started to receive the files.

There was a request from the Evansville Obedience club for information on donating to the NCA Health Challenge in honor of Anna Lorenz. Pat said that he had sent them the URL for the appropriate forms.

Pat informed the Board that the Military Working Dogs Partners Association had sent several thank-you notes in response to the NCA's donation.

Pat also reported that he had forwarded several breeder complaints to the Arbitration Committee and that a request for water work photographs for a book had been handled by Mary Lou Cuddy. He had also received notice of a new frozen semen registry. There was also an announcement from the AKC regarding a discount on collecting DNA profiles at the upcoming AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show.

### **Report of the Treasurer**

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances: checking account: \$6,047.65; savings account: \$26,241.47; invested in CDs: \$210,788.66; and the NCA operations balance total of \$243,077.78 with \$4,208.23 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$7,572.43 for a total of \$250,650.21.

### **Report of the AKC Delegate**

Roger Frey reported that Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, had sent information that was included in the agenda packet.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Judges Education Committee**

The Judges Education Committee (JEC) had received a request from the AKC to allow the AKC to place a link for the NCA's *Illustrated Guide* in the AKC's Judges Section.

Kathy McIver moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the Board approve allowing the AKC to link to the *Illustrated Guide* located on the *NCA Website*. The motion passed unanimously. 2 Absent (MLC, MR)

### **Rescue Education and Awareness Committee**

It was reported that the committee had sent a report on the use of search terms when the public is looking for information online about Newfoundlands. That report was included in the agenda packet.

### **Specialty Show Coordinating Committee**

The Specialty Show Coordinating Committee requested that the Board approve the purchase of an additional supply of the Best of Breed medallions used at regional specialties as the supply is running low.

Pam Saunders moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board approve the expenditure of up to \$3,000.00 for the purchase of Best of Breed medallions for use at regional specialties. The motion passed unanimously. 2 Absent (MLC, MR)

At 8:45 p.m., Mary Lou Cuddy joined the teleconference.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Response Letter**

The Board reviewed a proposed response letter written by several members of the Board to the Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee report which may be published in *Newf Tide*. There was some discussion about an introductory paragraph to sum up why this letter was being published in *Newf Tide*. It was suggested that this paragraph also include the *Newf Tide* rebuttal policy.

Sue Marino moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the amended wording to the Board's response to the *Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee's* report. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)

Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Pat Randall seconded that the Board approve the publication of the response from the Board to *Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee's* report. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)

The Board discussed the inclusion of other related material with the response letter.

Kathy McIver moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the inclusion of the Board-approved *Ethics Guide, Best Breeding Practices* and the Health & Longevity Committee report in 4th Quarter issue of *Newf Tide*. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)

### **Appointment of Committee Members**

The Board reviewed Article V, Section 1 of the *Constitution and Bylaws* regarding the appointment of committee members. It was stated there was a discrepancy between the *Constitution and Bylaws* and the *NCA Policy Manual*.

Pat Randall moved and Kathy McIver seconded that Pat Randall develop a revision to the committee appointment policy in time for the November 5-8, 2009 face-to-face meeting. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)

### **New Business**

#### **NCA Health Testing Statement**

The Board discussed the wording of the Breeding Stock Health Testing statement that appears on the *NCA Website*.

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board approve the amended wording for the Breeding Stock Health Testing statement. The statement would read: "*Breeding Stock Health Testing: The Newfoundland Club of America considers it necessary to test all breeding stock for the following: hips (x-ray), elbows (x-ray), heart (cardiologist) and cystinuria (DNA or parentage). The NCA also strongly recommends testing, where indicated, for thyroid, eyes and patellas. All test results should be available in a publicly accessible database.*" The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)

#### **AKC Meet the Breeds Reimbursement**

The Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club requested reimbursement from the NCA for the costs associated with the printing of materials and the electrical drops for the AKC Meet the Breeds. After some discussion, it was the consensus that this be tabled until after the AKC Meet the Breeds event. The Board will re-consider the request at the November 6-8, 2009 face-to-face meeting.

#### **Report of the Recording Secretary**

Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, reported that she had prepared the October 15, 2009 agenda packet and the September 17, 2009 minutes.

She reminded the Board that election petitions were due to her by November 1, 2009.

## **Distribution of the Judges Education Committee's DVD to New Members**

Mary Lou Cuddy, Membership Chair, informed the Board that she believed that 500 copies of the DVD would last 5-8 years. She also said that if the Judges Education Committee would be updating the DVD in the next several years, then a smaller amount would be more appropriate. It was agreed that Mary Lou would contact Denise Castonguay, JEC Chair, and they would determine a suitable number.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Board considered the minutes of the September 17, 2009 meeting.

Pam Rubio moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board approve the September 17, 2009 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)

## **Executive Session**

At 9:29 p.m., Pam Saunders moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)

At 9:45 p.m., Sue Marino moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)

While in executive session, the Board considered the Applicants List dated October 15, 2009.

## **November 6-8, 2009 Face-to-Face Meeting**

At 9:55 p.m., Marylou Zimmerman joined the meeting.

## **Electronic Publications Policy Committee**

Marylou Zimmerman presented the Electronic Publications Policy Committee (EPPC) recommendations on password protected areas of the *NCA Website*. She reported that there were two options. The first option would assign the same log-in name and password to all NCA members to enter this area. She reported that this option is not very secure. The second option would entail a database of membership information. Each member would enter log-in information and would pick their password. Each page of the password-protected area would then query the database for verification of membership. This would be the more secure option.

There was a discussion as to how much material would be placed in the password-protected area. Such material could eventually include such things as audio recordings of meetings, online renewals, membership applications, breeder discussions and better-quality printed pedigrees.

Pat Randall moved and Sue Marino seconded that the audio recordings of Board meetings will be placed in a password-protected area of the *NCA Website* subsequent to the July 16 & 30, 2009 minutes. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Pat Randall seconded that the Board approve the proposed disclaimer for the audio recordings. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)

There was discussion as to when the password-protected area would be implemented. Marylou stated that she would need to talk to the Technical Resources Committee. It was agreed that the audio recordings of Board meetings would be posted until the password-protected area was implemented.

The Board discussed the posting of the Judges Education Committee's DVD on a member's personal website. The member had not taken notice of the copyright. It was reported that the posting had been removed. There was a discussion concerning the photographers' rights, public domain and the steps that could be taken to prevent similar postings from happening again.

Pam Saunders moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the NCA put the Judges Education Committee's DVD into a copyrighted pdf file and watermark all images for posting on the *NCA Website* and that all future DVDs will have a copyright notice. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)

The Board thanked Marylou Zimmerman for all her hard work on behalf of the NCA.

At 10:25 p.m., Marylou Zimmerman left the meeting and Barbara Finch joined the meeting.

### **Technical Resources Committee**

Barbara Finch, Technical Resources Committee Chair, reported that the NCA Database was ready to be released to the membership. The committee will make the announcement in the *NCA e-notes*.

The Board discussed the most recent invoice from Ascent Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$5,102.50. It was the consensus of the Board that, since Barbara had just received the invoice, that she review the bill, talk to Ascent Systems and report to the Board at November 6-8, 2009 face-to-face meeting.

Barbara informed the Board that the committee feels that it will be able to handle any data problems themselves and that Ascent Systems would, in the future, be used only for breakdowns in the program itself.

There was some discussion about missing data and titles in files that had been received earlier. The committee will need to rely on members to check their data and to help fill in the holes.

Barbara reported that she had talked to Ascent Systems and they have affirmed that the NCA owns the program and the data and that the program cannot be marketed to other breed clubs without the NCA's permission. Barbara felt that Ascent Systems no longer has any interest in marketing the program to other club. It was suggested that Ascent Systems be asked for a release before the last payment is made and that an attorney review the release before signing.

It was reported that starting in August 2007; the NCA had paid Ascent Systems \$108,109.00 before this last invoice was received. It was stated that this was a large amount for the NCA but in the software world it was not an extraordinary expense for this type of programming services.

The Board thanked Barbara and the committee for all their hard work and effort.

At 11:02 p.m., Barbara Finch left the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

At 11:04 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy  
NCA Recording Secretary