

NCA Board of Directors
Special Meeting of the Board
Teleconference Meeting
Minutes of March 12, 2009
(Approved March 19, 2009)

Roger Frey, President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Eastern time. The following directors were present: Jacqueline Brellochs (JB), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Barbara Finch (BF), Roger Frey (RF), Kevin Gallagher (KG), Sue Marino (SM), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Meredith Reggie (MR), Mary Lou Roberts (MLR) and Pam Rubio (PSR). Mary W. Price (MWP), AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was absent. Board-elect members Lynne Anderson-Powell and Pam Saunders were present. Robin Seaman was present as a member guest.

Bulletin Board

By unanimous consent, the Board agreed to briefly discuss the February 26, 2009 Bulletin Board. Upon hearing no objections, the Board approved the February 26, 2009 Bulletin Board as amended.

At 8:07 p.m., Robin Seaman, Specialty Show Coordinating Committee Chair, joined the meeting.

Specialty Show Guide

The Board considered the revised *Specialty Show Guide*. The Board expressed its gratitude to the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee, Meredith Reggie and Sandee Lovett for their efforts in accomplishing this revision.

Barbara Finch moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board approve the *Specialty Show Guide* as amended with the exception of spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Some Board members were concerned with the room reservation procedures that were included in the document. Other Board members stated that the *Specialty Show Guide* includes all policies that are currently in effect and at some point, the document has to be approved before making additional changes. It was stated that the document is a living one and that it will be updated as policies change.

There was some discussion concerning the use of the official NCA logo on the front cover of the National Specialty catalog. Robin Seaman stated that the committee would accept a statement regarding the use of the official logo added to this document.

There was a discussion whether the *Specialty Show Guide* should have a statement added about using adjacent grounds for draft or tracking tests. It was pointed out that the *Specialty Show Guide* does not prohibit the use of adjacent grounds.

There was some discussion regarding information when the NCA is hosting a National Specialty and not a regional club. It was agreed that an addendum or a separate document addressing the NCA's hosting a National Specialty would be a good idea for the future consideration.

Some questions were raised concerning information regarding the show budget and the Budget Chair. Those concerns were addressed by Robin Seaman. There was further discussion about the financial concerns expressed by hosting regional clubs. It was stated that the hosting clubs of the last couple of National Specialties either made money or broke even. There was a discussion about making more upfront money available to the clubs. There was agreement that this needs more discussion by the committee and the Board at a later date.

There was some concern expressed about the Table of Contents and the lack of an index. It was explained that the Table of Contents covered general areas and the index would be more detailed. The index could not be finished until the document was approved and the page numbers finalized, but there will be an index included.

It was suggested that a short paragraph be added concerning the donation of additional trophies. It was agreed that Meredith Reggie would write a short paragraph and send it to Board members for approval.

The Board discussed the wording concerning health clinics and the role of the Health & Longevity Committee. It was agreed that the wording was confusing. It was agreed that Meredith Reggie would edit that section for clarity and send it to Board members for approval.

The motion that the Board approve the *Specialty Show Guide* as amended with the exception of spelling, grammar and punctuation passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion about the letter of intent to host a National Specialty that was sent to each regional club. No responses were received from any regional club wishing to host the 2011 National Specialty. There is a regional club doing the preliminary work for a bid for the 2012 National Specialty. Robin Seaman reported that the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee will have some ideas for the 2011 National Specialty at the face-to-face meeting in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

At 9:00 p.m., Robin Seaman left the meeting.

Executive Session

At 9:01 p.m., Barbara Finch moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 11:25 p.m., Kathy Mclver moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the Board appointed Steve Britton as Regional Club Committee Chair.

While in executive session, the Board reviewed the performances of NCA Committees and committee members.

While in executive session, the Board agreed that vacancies on the following committees be posted: AKC Legislative Liaison, *Breeders List*, Electronic Publication Policy, Juniors, *NCA Policy Manual* and the Technical Resources Committees.

Based on a discussion held during executive session, the Board agreed that Kathy Mclver would edit the job description of the TOD/TODD Awards Committee.

At 11:31p.m., Kathy Mclver moved and Sue Marino seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,
Mary Lou Cuddy
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