

NCA Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting
Minutes of June 18 – July 2, 2009
(Approved July 30, 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), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Roger Frey (RF), Sue Marino (SM), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Meredith Reggie (MR), Mary Lou Roberts (MLR), Pam Rubio (PSR) and Pam Saunders (PS). Mary W. Price (MWP), AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was present. Clyde Dunphy, Beverly Eichel, Barbara Finch, Joan Gunn, Sandee Lovett and Jennifer Zablotty were present as members guests.

The Board held a minute of silence in memory of Roy Esiason, other NCA members who had passed and Dorothy Nickles.

Approval of Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the April 26-27, 2009 face-to-face meeting. There was a brief discussion concerning some wording referring to puppy buyers.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the Board remove the word “appropriate” from line 102 of the April 26-27, 2009 minutes. The motion failed. 6 Yes (JB, SM, MR, MLR, PSR, PS); 5 No (LA, RF, KM, MLP, PKR); 1 Abstention (MLC)

At 8:50 p.m., Sandee Lovett joined the teleconference.

2010 National Specialty

Sandee Lovett, 2010 National Specialty Chair, reported that the show committee had recently met and discussed three concerns. The committee considered the results of the National Specialty survey that had just concluded. There were 211 responses to the survey of which 86% were NCA members. Sandee reported to the Board the results of the survey. She stated that the results would be very helpful to the committee. Many of the suggestions made by the people taking the survey will be implemented at next year’s National Specialty.

The committee considered the popularity of the reserved grooming spaces. Sandee reported that there will be additional spaces available next year.

The committee also considered the schedule of events for next year. The Breeders Class may be moved to Friday with some of the bitch judging to be held on Thursday. The Welcome Reception and the Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday.

Sandee reported that the information packet will be finished within the next two months. The budget packet will go to Jack Witt soon and the financial systems will be in place.

Sandee reported that since Robin Seaman, Specialty Show Coordinating Committee Chair, could not attend this teleconference, Sandee will report on the committee's work. The committee is working on a list of judges for the 2010 National Specialty to present to the Board. Some Board members reiterated that the Board would like to have significant input into the choice of the judges. The committee was to discuss the list of judges at its July 8, 2009 meeting.

Sandee also reported that the New-Pen-Del Newfoundland Club has not yet finalized their anticipated plans for possibly hosting the 2012 National Specialty.

At 9:10 p.m., Sandee Lovett left the teleconference. Barbara Finch joined the teleconference.

Technical Resources Committee

Barbara Finch, Technical Resources Chair, reported on the progress with the NCA Database. She reported that she had sent three invoices from Ascent Systems, Inc. to Mary L. Price, NCA Treasurer. These invoices covered the work done from the first half of April 2009 and all of May 2009.

Pam Rubio moved and Pat Randall seconded that the Board approve the payment of three invoices from Ascent Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$15,672.50. The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara informed the Board that she had not yet submitted a proposed budget for the committee as she needed input from the Board on future plans for the database. There was a discussion concerning the screen pages which were being improved. She reported that the first three screen pages are finished and the changes to the fourth screen are almost completed.

There was some discussion about the health information that members had sent to Mary Jane Spackman. Barbara reported that if the information had been sent to the former Database Chair, then it is hoped that it is in the database. Once the fourth screen is completed, then the data can be checked to see if it is there.

Barbara reported that the pedigrees generated by the database will be in two forms. One will be a 4-generation colored pedigree and the other form will be one that is easier to download.

Barbara informed the Board that, in her opinion, once the database goes live that the Board and the committee stop and for two to six months just work on filling in the blanks and correcting any incorrect data. Then the Board and the committee can resume discussion concerning Phase II of the database which could include such areas as membership information, litter information, vertical pedigrees and a report writer.

There was some discussion about the costs associated with Phase II. There will still be some costs associated with Phase I, such as removing any bugs and general maintenance. Barbara stated that she hoped that some of the new committee members may have the needed expertise and the time so that more of the work may be done in-house.

At 9:30 p.m., Barbara Finch and Mary W. Price left the teleconference. Jennifer Zablonty joined the teleconference.

Health & Longevity Committee

Jennifer Zablonty, Health & Longevity (H&L) Committee Chair, reported that the DNA clinic guidelines document being developed by the committee will be ready for the Board's review soon. She reported that 141 Newfoundlands were collected at the National Specialty.

She informed the Board that the committee had reviewed the OFA health surveys as requested by the Board. The committee felt that the surveys were adequate but the breed might be better served by using a different survey company. The committee recommends using Survey Monkey, which, for \$200.00, would allow a survey to be developed in a format compatible with the NCA database. The committee feels that the Board could still approve the OFA health survey but it was felt that the OFA survey leaned towards only OFA certifications and may not give the NCA all the information it desires.

Jennifer reported that the revisions on the Health & Longevity Committee's webpage are progressing steadily.

There was a discussion about the OFA discount program. The committee recommends extending the program for one more year even though most NCA members are not taking advantage of the program. The Corresponding Secretary will contact OFA to arrange for the discount program to run for one more year. The committee will publicize this program in *Newf Tide* and *NCA e-notes* in the near future.

There was a brief discussion whether H&L or the Corresponding Secretary should be designated as the liaison for the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program. Roger Frey stated that he was also being included in mailings as President.

With further discussion, it was the consensus that H&L will develop a survey using Survey Monkey with the money that had already been set aside in its budget. The Board will review the survey before it is sent out.

At 9:58 p.m., Jennifer Zablonty left the teleconference.

At 10:00 p.m., Beverly Eichel and Joan Gunn joined the teleconference.

Ethics Guide

Beverly Eichel, *Constitution and Bylaws* Review Committee Chair, and Joan Gunn, committee member, informed the Board that the cover letter which accompanied the *Ethics Guide* revision communicated the committee's feelings pretty emphatically. The committee was unanimous concerning the direction of the *Ethics Guide* and that it was now up to the Board to debate the various points.

The committee pointed out that the Board does not have any formal list of suggested health tests. By developing the accompanying *Best Breeding Practices*, the Board outlines in a formal document the suggested health tests and gives the novice and inexperienced breeder a goal. The committee stated that this *Ethics Guide* was not developed to punish but to set an ideal. The committee felt that with the current legislative climate and in watching The Kennel Club (England) that the NCA needs to step forward and be proactive.

The committee explained the two options that they had presented. The committee also expressed their preference that this be a "Code of Ethics" and not an "Ethics Guide". The first option was the *Ethics Guide* without the *Best Breeding Practices* document included in it. The second option included the *Best Breeding Practices* as a part of the *Ethics Guide*. The committee would prefer the Board to choose the first option as it would force the Board to develop the *Best Breeding Practices* document.

At 10:10 p.m., Clyde Dunphy, committee member, joined the teleconference.

Clyde reiterated that this document was not developed to punish breeders but to set forth expected behavior for the novice and inexperienced breeder. He stated that the committee worked long and hard on this document and they do not want it returned for another re-write. The committee thanked Mary Lou Roberts for her help in the editing of the document prior to the Board's receipt of it.

Board members took turns commenting on the proposed document. Many felt that the emphasis on testing and disclosure was appropriate and needed but were uncomfortable with the tone of the document. It was felt that the tone was harsh and punitive. The committee responded that if a breeder tested and did not report then they were not being responsible breeders.

There was an extended discussion about *prima facie*, its definition and how to handle those items. The committee felt that the Board could make the requirements for *prima facie* stricter, if it so desired. Some felt that a broader definition would be more appropriate as not every type of incident could be anticipated. AKC takes the view that if the *Constitution and Bylaws* mentions an *Ethics Guide*, then the *Ethics Guide* becomes a governing document. The Board discussed taking out the *Ethics Guide* from the governing document and adding a statement to the membership application that the applicant agrees to abide by the *Ethics Guide*.

The Board continued the discussion over the tone of the document. The committee pointed out that clearances are not the point but that the testing and reporting are. Some Board members wished to eliminate the punishments and emphasize breeding healthy dogs. There was some agreement on developing the *Best Breeding Practices*.

A Board member invited the Board to look at the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog club which has no Code of Ethics but has a Best Breeding Practices with health testing. The Board was reminded that only 16% of litters are produced by NCA breeders and that an *Ethics Guide* with a harsh or punitive tone could scare away NCA members and potential members.

The Board thanked Beverly Eichel, Clyde Dunphy and Joan Gunn for all their hard work, time and energy spent in developing these documents.

At 11:18 p.m., Beverly Eichel, Clyde Dunphy and Joan Gunn left the teleconference.

Approval of Minutes

The Board returned to considering the minutes of the April 26-27, 2009 face-to-face meeting.

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board approve the April 26-27, 2009 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Sue Marino moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the April 28, 2009 minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board approve for publication the April 28, 2009 minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Saunders moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board approve the May 21, 2009 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

By consensus, the Board set a date of July 2, 2009 at 8:00 p.m., Eastern time to continue the meeting.

It was brought to the Board's attention that John Ashbey is downsizing his photography business and is offering his negatives to breed clubs if they do the sorting. This must be done by the end of July. Lynne Anderson-Powell will contact Mary Jane Spackman for help and input.

At 12:03 p.m., upon hearing no objection, the Board recessed the meeting until July 2, 2009 at 8 p.m. Eastern time.

NCA Teleconference Meeting, reconvened July 2, 2009

At 8:05 p.m., the meeting reconvened. The following directors were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), Jacqueline Brellochs (JB), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), 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. Meredith Reggie (MR) was absent. Mary W. Price (MWP), AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was present. Nicki Dobson and Donna Zink were present as member guests.

Report of the President

Roger Frey, President, reminded the Board of the email sent earlier regarding the *Best Breeding Practices*. This will be addressed later in the meeting along with setting the location for the fall face-to-face.

Report of the 1st Vice President

Mary Lou Roberts, 1st Vice President, reported on the June 3, 2009 Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) meeting. The CTMB received a request from a unaffiliated Newfoundland Rescue group in Colorado concerning two dogs. The CTMB approved granting 50% of the request for the one dog and requested additional information on the second dog.

Mary Lou reported that the Dannyquest sales were doing well.

The CTMB appointed two people to attend the AKC Parent Club Health Conference. There was discussion if, in fact, two people can attend from the same club. It was assumed by the CTMB that the letter they had received plus the letter that had been received by Roger Frey as President of the NCA entitled them to two representatives. This will need to be resolved.

There was discussion about the 2010 National Specialty and any profits that might result from that show. There was a proposal that one-half of any profits be designated as a grant to Health Challenge and Newfoundland Rescue. There was some discussion regarding the possible uses for the other half, including the establishment of a fund to be used to give grants to regional clubs hosting National Specialties. It was agreed to add this discussion to the agenda for the next teleconference.

Report of the 2nd Vice President

Kathy McIver, 2nd Vice President, deferred her report to the committee reports.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, reported that she had prepared the April 26-27, 2009 minutes, the April 28, 2009 Annual Meeting of the Board minutes, the April 28, 2009 Annual Membership Meeting minutes and the May 21, 2009 minutes. She also prepared the June 18, 2009 agenda. Mary Lou reminded Board members of the new procedure giving preliminary approval to NCA applicants.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Pat Randall, Corresponding Secretary, reported on correspondence that he had received. There was an email concerning the Top Obedience Dog recognition held at the Top Twenty event. Since there was a motion on the agenda addressing this concern, the discussion was postponed.

Pat reported on an email received from a puppy buyer who wanted the NCA to stop a breeder from breeding two dogs who had produced a puppy with bad elbows. The Board briefly discussed the real need for public education about the breeding of dogs that have produced a problem and why those dogs just cannot be thrown out of a breeding program.

Pat informed the Board that there have been no additional conditional registrations received from the AKC and that the AKC title distribution was going well.

Pat passed along a request from Susan Aspeotes, Sunshine Committee, asking if she could be notified when the Board becomes aware of any deaths or illnesses in the NCA family. There is no formal policy for notification but it was agreed informally that news will be passed along to the committee.

Pat reported that he had received information about the AKC Achievement Award and that it will be placed on the next agenda.

Report of the Treasurer

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances: checking account: \$1,127.50; savings account: \$6,259.47; invested in CDs: \$230,328.03; and the NCA operations balance total of \$237,715.00 with \$4,208.23 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$7,211.81 for a total of \$244,926.81. Mary reported that this is not the final report for the fiscal year.

Mary reported on the most recent invoice received from Ascent Systems, Inc. for the first half of June.

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board approve the payment of the invoice from Ascent Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$4,677.50. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MR)

Mary informed the Board that there was one more invoice each from Ascent Systems, Inc and *Newf Tide* yet to be received and then she can close out this fiscal year.

She has started to process the dues renewals and the number of renewals received is ahead of normal. Appreciation was extended to Marylou Zimmerman and Mary Lou Roberts for their help in getting the renewal reminders in *NCA e-notes*.

The Board discussed the worksheet showing the reserve fund. It was explained that the worksheet shows only the expenses and no revenue as the reserve is meant to carry the club for one year in case of catastrophe or dissolution. The reserve would pay the bills for one year if needed. Given the current level of expenses, the reserve should have \$143,000.00. In response to a question, Mary informed that Board that this figure assumes that the NCA database is paid for and finished. There is also money available for storage of the NCA database to protect the data. There is a contingency fund to cover the final paperwork for the state of Connecticut and the IRS. Any funds left over would be donated to another non-profit organization.

The Board then considered that proposed budget for 2009-2010. Mary reported that the budget shows \$152,500.00 in the reserve and it is her recommendation that amount be left as is and to consider the reserve to be fully funded. The reserve will be considered each year and more can be added later if needed.

At 9:25 p.m., Nicki Dobson joined the teleconference.

General Education Committee

Nicki Dobson, General Education Committee Chair, reported on some of the budget items that the committee had sent to the Treasurer. The Board discussed the advertising in catalogs at all benched shows and the request from the committee to publicize on DogChannel.com. There was additional discussion about the postcard/business card expenses and whether the regional clubs or the committee should absorb the printing expenses. By consensus, it was agreed that the amended budget amount is sufficient and the committee can come back for additional funding for the DogChannel.com if needed.

At 9:40 p.m., Nicki Dobson left the teleconference.

Approval of the Budget

The Board returned to reviewing the proposed budget. Each line item was considered and many amounts were reduced. The Board discussed the ramifications of a deficit budget. Some Board members pointed out that some committees do not use their entire budgeted amount and that is how the reserve grew so quickly.

Report of the AKC Delegate

Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, informed the Board that she attended the June Delegates meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina along with the associated events. The Delegates toured the AKC facilities but there was little time to interact with the staff.

Mary reported that the Delegate Standing Committee meetings were held simultaneously due to the tour of the AKC offices. She opted to attend the Parent Club Committee meeting. She told the Board that many parent clubs are questioning the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) about the clubs' donor-advised funds. Dr. Terry Warren, Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel, addressed the committee and encouraged clubs to maintain yearly activity in their accounts. Materials relevant to the donor-advised funds were distributed and Mary reported that she had passed those materials along to Clyde Dunphy and Mary L. Price. Mary L. Price reported that she is still trying to get answers to some questions about the NCA's donor-advised fund. The delegates were advised that the CHF will be issuing quarterly reports on the donor-advised funds.

In reference to the "Meet the Breeds" that AKC will be hosting in September 2009 in conjunction with the Cat Fanciers Association, Pam Rubio, Regional Club Liaison, reported that the Bear Mountain, New-Pen-Del and New England clubs were discussing a joint booth at this event.

Mary reported that at the Delegates meeting, the NCA did not appear on the list of 107 clubs who are supporting the entry or holding a specialty at the 2009 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show in Long Beach, California which will celebrate the AKC's 125th anniversary. The NCA is supporting the entry at that show and have since been added to that list.

Mary reported on the state of the proposed group re-alignments. There was little comment on this proposal at this meeting. It is expected that the Delegates will vote on this in September.

Mary stated that the AKC reported to the Delegates that only 44% of AKC-registrable puppies are individually registered thus affecting the finances of the AKC. A Board member asked about the mixed-breed program and its status, but Mary did not have any new information to share about that program.

Breeder Education Committee

Kathy McIver, 2nd Vice President and Breeder Education Committee Chair, presented an educational grant request from the Newfoundland Club of New England for a seminar the club was planning.

Maredith Reggie moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the request from the Newfoundland Club of New England for an educational grant in the amount of \$500.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Health Challenge

The Board discussed the use of logo items at the 2010 National Specialty and an email received from Mary Jane Spackman, Health Challenge Chair. Roger Frey will contact Mary Jane to discuss the logo items with her.

Judges Education Committee

Kathy McIver reported for the committee that the DVD developed by the Judges Education Committee has been sent to the *Newf Tide* publisher and will be included in the 3rd Quarter 2009 issue of *Newf Tide*.

Membership Committee

Mary Lou Cuddy, Membership Chair, reported that some of the hard copies of the current *Constitution and Bylaws* are defective with pages missing and out of order. She reported that the problem seemed to be limited to a small number out of the large box that she has available.

She also reported that the dues renewal process is running ahead of normal and attributes that to the use of the *NCA e-notes* to remind members to send in their dues. She reported that she had processed and sent to the NCA Treasurer 500 renewals and she had approximately 350 more waiting to be processed.

Specialty Show Coordinating Committee

Kathy McIver reported that an email had been received from the Newfoundland Club of Southern California and that they would be hosting a supported entry at the next AKC/Eukanuba show. There was a brief discussion of the selection of the 2011 National Specialty judges.

Steering Committee

Mary Lou Roberts, Steering Committee Chair, reminded the Board that they were to consider the direction the committee should be headed and that she has not heard from any Board member. She reported that the committee was working on its next goal statement but would like to know if the Board wishes them to continue this particular work. The committee will continue but would like some direction. Some Board members said that they would like to see more research and background information for the committee's goals. There was some discussion regarding developing broader goals and then working on the specifics. The committee was encouraged by some Board members to do more brainstorming or "blue sky" ideas.

Mary Lou requested permission from the Board to contact several committees (Working Dog Committee, NCA Treasurer and the Membership Committee) to collect necessary data to help with the development of their current project.

Pam Saunders moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board allow the Steering Committee to collect necessary data from the Working Dog Committee, the NCA Treasurer and the Membership Committee to help with the development of their current project. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Steering Committee article that appeared in the 2nd Quarter issue of *Newf Tide*. Some Board members felt that the Board should have had an opportunity to include a rebuttal article as is NCA policy when an article to be published is critical of the Board or an NCA member. Meredith Reggie, *Newf Tide* editor, explained that she did not feel that the article was being critical of the Board but, instead, was merely a committee report. She did not ask the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee to review the article as she felt that it merely reiterated the minutes of that meeting.

At 11:16 p.m., Donna Zink joined the teleconference.

Rescue Education and Awareness Committee

Donna Zink, Rescue Education and Awareness Committee (REACT) Chair, reported on the new puppy buyer project. She explained that many puppy buyers are buying off Internet sites rather than the previous way of going to shows and contacting NCA breeders. The buyers who buy off the Internet could become tomorrow's breed enthusiasts with some exposure to the NCA, thus the *Newf Tide* coupon and the *Lifestages* newsletters which will be included with the AKC registration certificate. Donna asked for the Board's approval to move ahead with the *Newf Tide* coupon while the *Lifestages* newsletters are being finished.

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded to approve the AKC registration insert as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered the proposed *Lifestages* cover letter. There was discussion about the wording in the first two paragraphs. Donna reported that the *Lifestages* newsletters are almost ready and all that is needed is formatting and the Board's approval.

It was the consensus of the Board that the *Lifestages* cover letter be held until the newsletters are finished and the suggested changes are made to the cover letter. The Board asked the committee to bring back the cover letter at the Board's next meeting.

The Board then considered a proposed job description for REACT. There was a discussion of the perceived overlap between REACT and the General Education Committee. Among points discussed were that REACT does not want to develop the large educational projects as that may be more the General Education Committee's responsibility. REACT tries to focus on the "before they buy" and "after they buy" by giving support and options. There was some discussion about combining the two

committees but most Board members felt that the committee would become quite unwieldy. The Board reviewed the history of REACT and its predecessor, the Rescue Prevention Committee. There was some discussion of retaining the current job description.

By consensus, it was agreed to leave the job description of Rescue Education and Awareness Committee as is.

The Board then considered the budget line for REACT. Last year's budget had \$4,000.00 in it for the *Lifestages* program which was not used. It was agreed to cut the amount for *Lifestages* but the committee will come to the Board if the *Lifestages* program is successful and they needed more funds. The committee will be tracking the program and studying the responses and will develop a report for the Board.

Approval of the Budget

Mary L. Price stated that the unknowns in the budget are the numbers of the new applicants, the renewals and the amount available at the end of this current fiscal year.

Kathy McIver moved and Pat Randall seconded that the Board approve the budget for the next fiscal year as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Ethics Guide

The Board considered three questions: Does the Best Breeding Practices statement belong in the Ethics Guide? Does the Ethics Guide belong in the Constitution and Bylaws? What do we wish to accomplish with the Best Breeding Practices statement?

Kathy McIver moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the NCA produce a statement of *Best Breeding Practices* as a stand-alone document independent of the *Ethics Guide*. The motion passed unanimously.

It was reported to the Board that the AKC suggests that Ethics Guides not be a part of a club's Constitution and Bylaws or Certificate of Incorporation as the inclusion of an Ethics Guide in either document confuses the governing documents and can destroy the governing hierarchy.

Kathy McIver moved and Pat Randall seconded that the *Ethics Guide* will be a document that is independent of either the *NCA Constitution and Bylaws* or the *Certificate of Incorporation*. The motion passed. 11 Yes (LA, JB, MLC, SM, KM, MLP, PKR, MR, MLR, PSR, PS); 1 No (RF)

The Board discussed the *Best Breeding Practices* statement and whether it should be a governing document, a statement of principle for breeders, an educational resource for inexperienced breeders or a guide for puppy buyers. It was agreed that it should be available to puppy buyers as a resource, but that they are not the target audience.

There was discussion of referring the document to committee. It was agreed that the document should be written in a softer way but with the hard principles and with no ultimatums.

Pam Saunders moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board refer the proposed *Best Breeding Practices* statement to the Breeder Education Committee for the committee's comments and suggestions.

There was discussion about sending the document to the *Breeders List* and to the Health & Longevity Committee. A Board member suggested an *ad hoc* committee be formed with representatives from the Breeders Education and Health & Longevity Committees and the *Breeders List*. The Board considered wishes of the *Constitution and Bylaws* Review Committee as presented earlier in the meeting.

Meredith Reggie moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the previous motion be amended by the addition of the Health & Longevity Committee. The motion passed. 8 Yes (LA, JB, MLC, RF, KM, MLP, MR, PSR); 4 No (SM, PKR, MLR, PS)

The motion that the Board refer the proposed *Best Breeding Practices* statement to the Breeder Education and Health & Longevity Committees for the committees' comments and suggestions passed. 9 Yes (LA, JB, MLC, KM, MLP, PKR, MR, PSR, PS); 3 No (RF, SM, MLR: I would prefer to form an *ad hoc* committee made up of a diverse group of knowledgeable parties including other members of the *Breeders List* and the Newfoundland Health Challenge.)

The Board requested that the reports from the two committees be submitted to the Board by the September 3, 2009 agenda deadline.

Special Meeting of the Board

After discussion, the Board agreed to a special meeting, via teleconference, on July 23, 2009 at 8:00 p.m., Eastern time to address the *Ethics Guide*.

Fall Face-to-Face Meeting

The Board discussed various locations for its fall face-to-face meeting. The Board considered St. Louis, Missouri and Chicago, Illinois. The discussion then turned to the policy that, whenever possible, a new site being proposed for a National Specialty should be visited by the Board.

Sue Marino moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded that the Board hold its November 5-8, 2009 face-to-face meeting at the Honor's Haven Resort in Ellenville, NY, a possible site for the 2013 National Specialty. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board agreed to arrive on Thursday, November 5 and to meet from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. that night.

Executive Session

At 1:12 a.m., Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 1:42 a.m., Pam Rubio moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the Board appointed Janice Anderson to the AKC Legislation Committee.

While in executive session, the Board considered an appointment to the AKC Legislation Committee. The potential appointee will be contacted to determine interest in the position.

While in executive session, the Board confirmed Joan Locker-Thuring as Chair of the TOD/TODD Committee.

At 1:42 a.m., Sue Marino moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy
NCA Recording Secretary