

NCA Board of Directors  
Teleconference Meeting  
Minutes of July 15, 2010  
(Approved August 19, 2010)

Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. Eastern time. The following directors were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Roger Frey (RF), Sue Marino (SM) Kathy Mclver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Meredith Reggie (MR), Pam Rubio (PR), Pam Saunders (PS) and Donna Thibault (DT). Jacqueline Brellochs (JB) was absent. Mary W. Price (MWP), AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was present.

### **Executive Session**

At 8:03 p.m., Kathy Mclver moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

At 8:39 p.m., Pam Saunders moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

While in executive session, the Board voted that the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club from July 3, 2010 to August 3, 2010, shall be suspended from the privileges of the NCA from July 3, 2010 to August 3, 2010.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board considered the minutes of the June 17, 2010 meeting.

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that the Board approve the June 17, 2010 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

### **Report of the President**

Roger Frey, President, reported that he had received a request from the Newfoundland Dog Club of the Netherlands to reprint the President's column from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2010 issue of *Newf Tide*. The Board had no objection to the column being reprinted as long as appropriate credit is given.

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

In the absence of Jacqueline Brellochs, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Mary Lou Cuddy read the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) report that Jacqueline had submitted.

The CTMB held a teleconference on June 30, 2010. Chairman Clyde Dunphy reported on OFA health surveys that are available at no charge. It was noted there are 10-12

breed surveys posted. These surveys will be studied to see which questions would best elicit the information needed.

At the CTMB meeting, Mary L. Price, Charitable Trust Treasurer, reported that CD rates are still low and that Anchor Bank currently has the best rates.

Jacqueline reported that Mary Jane Spackman, Secretary, said that the North Central Newfoundland Club will cover the Newfoundland Health Challenge silent auction one day at the 2011 National Specialty. Mary Jane also said that she had sent to the *NCA Website* the research report entitled *Phase I Trial-Development of Bone-Seeking Nanoparticles Encapsulating Doxorubicin for Canine Appendicular Osteosarcoma*.

Mary L. Price is looking into the establishment of an endowment fund for the Charitable Trust. The CTMB agreed that there should be two funds, one for Newf Rescue and another for health research. Clyde Dunphy and Andy Zinsmeyer will work on a proposal.

The CTMB discussed the possibility of providing rebates for Newfoundlands screened by echo-Doppler for cardiac testing.

Mary Jane will check with artist Alana Shirley, designer of the Newfoundland Health Challenge logo, regarding the possibility of selling pins with that logo.

The next meeting of the CTMB is scheduled for August 11, 2010.

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

Kathy McIver, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, reported that the Board may want to confer with the Recognition Committee regarding the recognition of the new Grand Champion title. Kathy informed the Board that the Chair of the Nominating Committee had donated all associated snail mail costs to the NCA. She also stated that Sue Putt is updating the *NCA Policy Manual*.

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

Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, reported that she had prepared the June 17, 2010 minutes and the July 15, 2010 agenda packet. She also reported that Connections to Quality, Inc., the company which previously received and counted the NCA election ballots, will not be able to accommodate the NCA next year due to an increase in larger projects. There was a brief discussion regarding alternatives. The Recording Secretary was instructed to research options.

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

Lynne Anderson-Powell, Corresponding Secretary, reported on a letter received from an NCA member regarding the welcome reception for the international members. There was discussion regarding that welcome reception.

Kathy McIver moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board refer the letter from an NCA member to the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Lynne reported that the first Newfoundland Grand Champion was Gr CH Pawsinn Threeponds Lancelot. It was suggested that the NCA contact AKC to arrange for updates of new Grand Champions, such as is done for new Champions. This will facilitate the addition of the information to the NCA Database.

Lynne reported that she had received the nominees for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards. The Board will consider the nominees at its August meeting.

Lynne requested direction from the Board concerning inquiries she receives from vendors. It was agreed that she should forward those to the appropriate committees.

Lynn reported that she responded to the remainder of the correspondence that did not require Board action.

### **Report of the Treasurer**

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances: checking account: \$5,253.25; checking account for 2010 National Specialty: \$8,987.23; savings account: \$65,256.28; invested in CDs: \$102,338.01; and the NCA operations balance total of \$181,834.77 with \$4,310.08 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$1,457.98 for a total of \$183,292.75.

Mary reported that the 2010 National Specialty final report was not yet complete. There are still outstanding checks that have not been cashed. She informed the Board that the preliminary figures show that the National Specialty will just about break even.

In response to a Board member's question, Mary explained how the loans between the Uniform Trophy Fund and NCA were set up. These loans cover the expense of the uniform trophies until the funds from the limited edition plates is received.

### **Fall Face-to-Face Meeting**

Mary reported on the preparations for the Board's fall face-to-face meeting to be held November 19-21, 2010 in Chicago, Illinois. The O'Hare Sheraton has hosted the Board previously and the facility is suitable for the Board's needs. The rooms are \$99 per night but Mary needed input from the Board on meals to complete the reservations. The Board considered different meal options.

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

Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, informed the Board the AKC Parent Club Conference Committee had received the Rescue survey from Mary L. Price. Mary W. Price reminded the Board of the enclosures that were included in the agenda packet. She reported that she really had nothing else to report at this time. It was agreed that the information concerning the brick paver fund-raiser for the Canine Health Foundation and the new Purina Event Center at Purina Farms would be included in *Newf Tide* and *NCA e-notes*.

## **2011 Budget**

Mary L. Price presented the 2011 proposed budget. The Board considered various projected expenditures and ways to trim the expenses. The areas receiving the most scrutiny were the General Education Committee and its advertising expenses and the Technical Resources Committee, the NCA Database and grants for Breeders Education Committee forums and Health & Longevity Committee clinics. The proposed budget was amended to preserve the reserve fund.

Kathy McIver moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board adopt the 2011 budget as amended. The motion passed unanimously. 2 Absent (JB, PR)

The Board thanked Mary for her excellent work in preparing the budget and her clear explanations.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Electronic Publications Policy Committee**

The Board considered the proposed application for NCA Committee Email Discussion Lists. There was a brief discussion as to whether this had been approved previously and why it had been submitted for the agenda.

### **General Education Committee**

The Board considered the amended "Benefits of Grooming" article that the General Education Committee would like to place in the *NCA Website*.

Meredith Reggie moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board approve the posting of the "Benefits of Grooming" on the *NCA Website*. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

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

The Board was informed that the report from the committee was for informational purposes only and no action was needed.

### ***NCA Website***

It was reported that Marylou Zimmerman, NCA Webmaster, would like to develop an article to inform puppy buyers on how to read breeder websites, but would like permission from the Board and any committees that could be charged with developing such an article before she proceeds. Donna Thibault, General Education Committee Chair, stated that she had no problem with Marylou developing an article, but she will take it back to the General Education Committee for the committee's input.

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board, pending the approval of the General Education Committee, approve the request of the NCA Webmaster to develop an article on how to read breeder websites for the *NCA Website*. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

### **Executive Session**

At 10:48 p.m., Sue Marino moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

At 11:06 p.m., Kathy McIver moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

While in executive session, the Board considered the July 15, 2010 Applicants List.

While in executive session, the Recording Secretary reported to the Board that the May 20, 2010 and June 17, 2010 Applicants Lists had been approved.

While in executive session, the Board reviewed information concerning the Nominating Committee. The Board thanked the Nominating Committee for their diligence and hard work.

### **Recognition Committee**

The Board agreed to place the recognition of the new Grand Champion title on the Board's next agenda.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### ***Newf & You***

It was reported that Meredith Reggie and Mary Lou Cuddy had reconciled their notes on the editing of the revised *Newf & You*. The document should be ready for final approval at the Board's next meeting.

### **Unclaimed Rosettes**

The Board considered the proposal to extend the policy regarding delivery of Register of Merit certificates and rosettes to include similar recognitions, such as Versatile Newfoundland and Working Achievement awards after the National Specialty.

Meredith Reggie moved and Sue Marino seconded that the policy for unclaimed rosettes and certificates for the Register of Merit awards that was enacted at the June 17, 2010 meeting should apply to any similar recognitions at the Annual Meeting, i.e., Versatile Newfoundland and Working Achievement awards. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

### **AKC Parent Club Conference**

In response to an inquiry from Sue Marino who will be attending the AKC Parent Club Conference, the Board instructed Sue to take copies of all appropriate NCA materials to the conference.

### **Judging Program at National Specialties**

The Board briefly discussed the omission of the required breakdowns in the judging schedule at the 2010 National Specialty.

Donna Thibault moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board request the Specialty Show Committee to adhere to the procedure in the *Specialty Show Guide*, page 28, which states "It is important for the Show Chair to inform the secretary or superintendent that beginning times for conformation classes at our National Specialties will be published in groups of 50--60 entries. Any excess times between published times may be used for taking photos of class placements at the judge's discretion." The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

### **Regional Club Rescue Fundraising at National Specialties**

It was reported the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee considered the issue of regional clubs and rescue fundraising booths at the National Specialties. The Specialty Show Coordinating Committee feels that the current guidelines are sufficient and that the Board may expand the guidelines if the Board feels it is warranted.

### ***Dogs USA* Advertising**

The General Education Committee requested the Board's input as to the advertising that appears in the *Dogs USA* magazine. The Board was informed that a full page display in the *Dogs USA* annual issue would be \$2085.00 for one year and would be on newsstands all year. A text ad that would appear in all 12 issues would be \$440.00 for one year.

Donna Thibault moved and Sue Marino seconded that the General Education Committee place a text ad in *Dogs USA* at \$440 per year. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

### **Adjournment**

At 11:23 p.m., Donna Thibault moved and John Cornell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Submitted by,  
Mary Lou Cuddy  
NCA Recording Secretary