

NCA Board of Directors
Teleconference Meeting
Minutes of October 21, 2010
(Approved November 19, 2010)

Jacqueline Brellochs called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. Eastern time. The following directors were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), Jacqueline Brellochs (JB), John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Sue Marino (SM), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Meredith Reggie (MR), Pam Rubio (PR), Pam Saunders (PS) and Donna Thibault (DT). Roger Frey (RF) was absent. Mary W. Price (MWP), AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was present.

Approval of Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the September 16, 2010 meeting. In response to a question about the Saint Bernard Club of America survey that was considered at this meeting, it was agreed that Lynne Anderson-Powell would submit an article to *Newf Tide* summarizing the survey and the value of NCA membership as compared to the clubs in the survey.

John Cornell moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the minutes of the September 16, 2010 meeting be approved as amended. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (RF)

Report of the President

It was reported that Roger Frey, President, would be calling into the meeting soon and would present his report later in the meeting.

Report of the 1st Vice President

Jacqueline Brellochs, 1st Vice President, reported on Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) meetings. The CTMB is in the process of finalizing revisions to their policy manual. The CTMB met on October 11, 2010. Roger Powell presented proposals regarding the Research Advisory Committee. Mary L. Price presented proposed Newfoundland Rescue forms. There are six forms: adoption application, transfer agreement, placement agreement, general information sheet, information handout for booths and regional clubs, and the criteria for placement.

At the October 13, 2010 meeting, the CTMB considered additional Newfoundland Rescue proposals. The NCA Newfoundland Rescue Service ("Network" was replaced by "Service") Overview and Operating Procedures were reviewed. According to current operating policy, when the CTMB is called upon to financially support or assist a rescue situation, the CTMB guidelines are followed. If a regional club pays the costs involved, the regional club will follow their own policies.

Jacqueline reported that a teleconference scheduled for the following week will review procedures for the Newfoundland Health Challenge.

Report of the 2nd Vice President

Kathy McIver, 2nd Vice President, informed the Board that her reports would be under the committee reports.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, reported that she had prepared the October 21, 2010 agenda and the September 16, 2010 minutes. She reported that a Board member had requested that she receive the agenda packets via email. Mary Lou asked if other Board members wished to receive their agenda packets electronically, to which eight Board members agreed. Hard copies will continue to be mailed to the other Board members.

At 8:30 p.m., Roger Frey joined the meeting and assumed the chair.

There was discussion concerning the August 19, 2010 minutes.

Executive Session

At 8:34 p.m., Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:51 p.m., Kathy McIver moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the Board approved amending the August 19, 2010 minutes to reflect current NCA policy.

While in executive session, the Board directed the Recording Secretary to write a letter of apology to the Chair of the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Lynne Anderson-Powell, Corresponding Secretary, reported that correspondence has been light with routine items forwarded to the appropriate committees.

Report of the Treasurer

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances: checking account: \$57,531.02; checking account for 2010 National Specialty: \$0.00; savings account: \$65,268.34; invested in CDs: \$102,338.01; and the NCA operations balance total of

\$225,137.37 with \$4,310.08 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$1,280.53 for a total of \$226,417.90.

Mary reported that the membership renewal process was almost completed and that renewal levels were consistent with past years.

Mary informed the Board that the 2010 National Specialty final report will be completed soon and then she can close the books on the last fiscal year.

Report of the AKC Delegate

Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, reported she had attended the AKC/Eukanuba Meet the Breeds at the Javits Center in New York City and was very pleased and proud of the Newfoundland booth. She congratulated the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club for taking the lead with this project and thanked the members of the Northland Newfoundland Club, the Newfoundland Club of New England and the New-Pen-Del Newfoundland Club for their participation. She reported that members had brought Newfoundlands of every color and age to share with the spectators, along with handouts and lifesaver mints. The booth was awarded third place in the Working Group.

Mary informed the Board that there are three openings for the Class of 2015 for the AKC Board. The Nominating Committee has appointed Robert Amen, Steven Gladstone and Kenneth Marden to the slate of candidates. Patti Strand and Patricia Haines will not run for the Board as they have reached their term limits.

Mary reported that AKC Humane Fund will be the beneficiary of the Westminster "Night at the Theater" fundraiser starting in 2011. The Dog Museum had been the previous recipient.

At 9:09 p.m., Mary W. Price left the meeting.

Committee Reports

Publicity Committee

It was reported that the featured breed column in the October *AKC Gazette* was the Newfoundland column, written by Karen Steinrock. The column discussed the importance of mentoring. It was stated that Karen had been so honored in previous issues also. The Board thanked Karen for her excellent contributions.

***Newf Tide* Policy Committee**

The *Newf Tide* Policy Committee considered the publication of the non-regular group placements and reported that the committee felt that it was appropriate to include these placements with the regular group placements. Meredith Reggie, *Newf Tide* editor,

informed the Board that she planned to use slightly different formatting to differentiate the non-regular group placements.

Electronic Publications Policy Committee

The Electronic Publication Policy Committee requested the Board's input for allowing paid advertising on the *NCA e-notes* and other electronic communications. The committee will be developing a policy on paid advertising. Some Board members felt that advertising would be a "put-off" and aggravation to the membership. It was agreed that more information would be needed, such as the type and frequency of the ads along with the possible income, before the Board could formulate an opinion.

Meredith Reggie moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board not consider the question of paid advertising on *NCA e-notes* and other electronic communications until further information is received from the Electronic Publications Policy Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

General Education Committee

The Board considered an article developed by the General Education Committee for its series of articles on grooming that is posted on the *NCA Website*.

Sue Marino moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board approve the article as amended on cleaning a dog following a bout with diarrhea, written by the General Education Committee, for a series of grooming articles. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislation Liaison Committee

The AKC Legislation Committee requested that more members be appointed to the committee. Kathy Grim, AKC Legislation Committee Chair, is working on criteria for the additional members. Hearing no objection, the Board agreed that two additional members may be appointed to the committee.

The Board discussed the name of the committee since it does not seem to reflect the work the committee is doing.

Pam Saunders moved and Sue Marino seconded that the name of the AKC Legislation Committee be changed to the Legislative Liaison Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Juniors Committee

The Board briefly discussed appointments to the Juniors Committee. It was the consensus of the Board to delay further action until the November 19-21, 2010 meeting.

2011 National Specialty

The Board considered a request from the 2011 National Specialty Show Committee to consider changing the time of the Honors Parade and the awarding of the Versatile Newfoundland, Register of Merit and Working Achievement certificates and rosettes. The change would include moving the Honors Parade to the early evening and awarding the Versatile Newfoundland, Register of Merit and Working Achievement certificates and rosettes during the Honors Parade. The Board recognizes the length of time used during the Annual Membership Meeting to give out these awards. There was discussion of how to lessen the time in order to move the meeting along.

Hearing no objection, the Board agreed the Versatile Newfoundland, Register of Merit and Working Achievement certificates and rosettes will continue to be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting but procedures would be developed to shorten the time of the presentation.

Obedience Committee

The Obedience Committee requested the Board's opinion on the awarding of pins/certificates for the new AKC obedience titles and for requalifications. The Board discussed the new titles that have been added, the requirements for those new titles and noted that AKC continues to add more titles. It was agreed that further discussion be postponed until the November 19-21, 2010 meeting when a full list of titles and a description of the exercises required for each title would be made available.

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee requested the Board's input as to how the new obedience titles should figure into the tabulations of the Top Obedience award and the Register of Merit designations. There was discussion that the Register of Merit requirements had been addressed at a previous meeting of the Board. Discussion on the Register of Merit requirements was postponed until that information could be found in the Board minutes. There was some additional discussion on the Top Obedience award.

Mary Lou Cuddy moved and Pam Saunders seconded that tabulations for the Top Obedience awards will include only the Novice, Open and Utility classes. The motion passed unanimously.

Technical Resources Committee

The Technical Resources Committee requested the Board's permission to add three images from the AKC Legislative Toolbox to the *NCA Website* homepage with links to the Legislative Action Center located on the *NCA Website*.

Hearing no objection, the Board gave its permission to add the three images to the *NCA Website* homepage.

AKC Parent Club Conference

Sue Marino reported on the AKC Parent Club Conference which she and Pat Randall had attended. Sue and Pat will also prepare a report for *Newf Tide* on the conference. Sue stated that she was able to discuss the AKC Parent Club titles program with AKC representatives as they seemed to want to work with the clubs. A BDD, Breed Draft Dog, title was suggested, through which a breed could compete under its own specific parent club rules and then apply to AKC for the BDD title, which would still cost \$50.

Sue reported on the presentations and seminars she attended. She stated that she came away from the conference with the confidence that the NCA is doing many things right, that most clubs respect NCA's operations and program as a model club. She indicated that the AKC is more accessible than most people believe.

Regional Club Rescue Booths

The Board reviewed previous discussions concerning regional club rescue fundraising booths at National Specialties. It was stated that the more money the regional clubs raise for their rescue programs, the fewer requests for assistance will be made to the NCA Rescue Fund. There was a discussion regarding vendor space, tenting and extra open space.

Pam Rubio moved and Pam Saunders seconded that regional club rescue booth space be provided at no charge on a space available basis to sell rescue items at National Specialties. Regional clubs may opt to pay full price to reserve vendor space. Clubs will be responsible for their own tables and tenting and other supplies and equipment, etc. unless other arrangements are made with the host club. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

At 10:45 p.m., Pam Saunders moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 12:40 a.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 reviewed the October 21, 2010 Applicants List.

While in executive session, the Recording Secretary reported that the September 16, 2010 Applicants List had been approved.

While in executive session, the Board accepted the resignation of Steve Barkas from the Working Dog Committee.

While in executive session, the Board appointed Kaitlyn Anderson as Chair of the Juniors Committee.

While in executive session, the Board agreed to submit a rebuttal to a *Newf Tide* Letter to the Editor.

Election Counting

The Board reviewed the cost estimates for counting election ballots presented by the Recording Secretary. Connections to Quality, Inc., which had provided the counting service for the last two years, was not available for the upcoming election. There was discussion concerning counting the election ballots in-house versus the higher costs noted in the estimates. It was noted that the Recording Secretary is not up for re-election this year.

Sue Marino moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the ballot counting for the 2011 Board election will be done in-house. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Fall Face-to-Face Meeting

The Board reviewed plans for the November 19-21, 2010 fall face-to-face meeting. The Board will meet at the Sheraton Gateway Suites near the Chicago O'Hare airport. An invitation to all NCA members to attend was extended.

At 12:45 p.m., John Cornell moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Submitted by
Mary Lou Cuddy
NCA Recording Secretary