

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Minutes of Minutes of May 3, 2011  
(Approved for publication on July 21, 2011)  
Bavarian Inn Lodge  
Frankenmuth, Michigan

The Annual Membership Meeting convened at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2011 at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth, Michigan. A quorum of 176 members was needed to conduct business. At the opening of the meeting, a quorum had been reached for the seventh year in a row.

At 8:08 p.m., Roger Frey, President, called the meeting to order.

### **Welcome**

Roger Frey welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. NCA Honorary Members and international guests were recognized. Roger introduced the parliamentarian for the evening, Connie DeFord of Bay City, Michigan, the past-President of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Officers and members of the Board were introduced with special recognition given to outgoing Board members Jacqueline Brellochs and Sue Marino. Newly-elected Board members, Steve Britton and Pat Randall, whose terms will commence at the close of the meeting, were introduced.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Hearing no objections, the minutes of the May 4, 2010 Annual Membership Meeting were approved as presented in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2010 issue of *Newf Tide*.

Following are the Board Officers' annual reports which were previously published in the agenda distributed at the Annual Membership Meeting.

### **Annual Report of the President: Roger Frey**

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as president this past year. 2010 started on a positive note with a quorum at our Annual Meeting in Frankenmuth, Michigan. The National Specialty, which followed, was a great success and I thank Sandee Lovett and her committee for a great show.

The NCA Board and its committees continue to strive to achieve the goals as outlined in our constitution. NCA Regional clubs hosted numerous events on the local levels on our behalf for the betterment of the breed. We are in excellent financial shape. *Newf Tide* continues to be the premier parent club publication. *NCA E-Notes*, our innovative electronic newsletter, provides timely communication with the membership. Our outstanding website sets the example

for not only AKC parent clubs but for all dog oriented websites. The Charitable Trust works diligently to ensure the health and welfare of our beloved breed.

I am very proud of our organization and all of you should be too. Remember that our success is due entirely to your dedication and generosity of spirit.

**Annual Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Jacqueline Brellochs

The 1st Vice-President acts as liaison with our Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB). In that capacity, I attended teleconferences (at least one per month) and reported back to the Board of Directors about the CTMB's work to revise and update its Policy and Procedures Manual, the establishment of the Newfoundland Endowment Fund, doppler rebate program, cost of OFA submission for this year's DNA collection at the National, and particulars for a health survey in coordination with OFA.

As we hear questions as to what the money raised by our Newfoundland Health Challenge at Nationals and elsewhere has been going for, this is a reminder that currently funded studies and funding history for health studies appear on our website under Charitable Trust. Three of the studies approved for our funding support deal with a new surgical approach for fragmented coronoid process, osteosarcoma metabolism, and discovery of a chromosomal region for ruptured cruciate ligament(s).

**Annual Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:** Kathy McIver

The main responsibility of the Second Vice President is to serve as the liaison between the Board and the NCA's committees. With the bulk of the NCA's work being carried out by volunteers, it is impossible to overestimate how much the NCA's committees contribute to having a vibrant and innovative club! Since the last annual meeting, 173 NCA committee members have contributed their time, energy, and talents to the NCA and the Newfoundland breed. The diligence and dedication demonstrated by these members has contributed significantly to protecting and promoting our beloved breed.

Tonight we'd like to acknowledge the following committee members who are moving on to other endeavors. The following club members have exemplified the spirit of volunteerism and have been an asset to our breed and the NCA!

Brian Hodges - Legislative Committee

Adrienne Hill - Juniors Committee

Lori Littleford - Health and Longevity and REACT

Kevin Gallagher - Newf Ambassador Committee

Jean Mc Adams - REACT

Scott Wiggington - REACT

Jane Richter - REACT

## Clyde Dunphy - Steering Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Second Vice President. Working with so many enthusiastic and creative club members makes the Second VP job one of the best jobs on the Board! If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact the Second Vice President for additional information.

Best wishes for a wonderful National!

### **Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary: Lynne Anderson-Powell**

Over the last year as Corresponding Secretary I have received correspondence from NCA members, non-member Newfoundland owners, other breed or dog related clubs, various organizations such as the AKC and OFA and others. The majority of these go to the Board for their information, review and, in some cases, their action. Where appropriate these are referred to an NCA Committee for their input or action. All, with the exception of routine distributions, get a response from the NCA Corresponding Secretary and or through another NCA Officer or Committee.

In this age of “social media”, communications to the Corresponding Secretary are most frequently received via email and often through the use of the “contact” links on NCA Web site. Some have been received via the NCA Facebook page. These electronic tools allow anyone to get their message to the Corresponding Secretary without having to know the correct email address, phone number or mailing address. I want to assure you that this does work, so if you need to get a message to the Corresponding Secretary or the Board please use these links. I also can be reached by phone or US mail.

But the most important thing is not how you contact the NCA but that you **do** contact us and share your thoughts, concerns and ideas. The Board values all communications, especially from our members, and encourages you to contact us through any channel. This is your club and we want and need your input.

### **Annual Report of the Recording Secretary: Mary Lou Cuddy**

Since the last annual meeting at the 2010 National Specialty held in Frankenmuth, MI, the Board has held a total of twelve meetings, including two face-to-face meetings. Ten of these meetings were conducted using teleconferences.

The Board held a face-to-face meeting on November 19-21, 2010 in Chicago, IL and also just concluded a face-to-face meeting this week. The minutes of all the meetings have been or will be published in *Newf Tide* and are available on the *NCA Website* as are the agendas for those meetings.

The other major responsibility of the Recording Secretary is the NCA election. There were 830 ballots cast out of 1738 possible for an approximate voting turnout of 47%. The election results have been published in *Newf Tide*.

I would like to thank the Board for their support and for the honor of serving as Recording Secretary. I would also like to thank the membership for allowing me the honor of representing them for this past year.

**Annual Report of the Treasurer:** Mary L. Price

As of March 31, 2011 the following balances are: checking account: \$21,025.83; checking account for 2011 National Specialty: \$42,494.93; savings account: \$65,284.62; invested in CDs: \$103,421.69; and the NCA operations balance total of \$232,227.07 with \$4,550.82 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$407.75 for a total of \$232,634.82. A complete report is included in your agenda for tonight's meeting. The report is also available for viewing on the *NCA Website* or by contacting me for a copy.

**Annual Report of the AKC Delegate:** Mary W. Price

My 2010 annual report as American Kennel Club Delegate appears on page 74 of the first quarter 2011 *Newf Tide*. Consider this as an addendum, primarily to address AKC happenings in the first few months of this year.

The American Kennel Club's annual meeting was held on March 8th in Newark, New Jersey. The principle agenda item was the election of persons to serve a four-year term on the AKC Board of Directors. From a slate of seven Delegate candidates, Robert Amen, Carmen Battaglia, and Steven Gladstone were elected. Mr. Amen is the lone newcomer, as the other two had served on previous AKC Boards.

Ronald Menaker and Thomas Davies were chosen by fellow Board members to continue as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively. Mr. Menaker and Dr. Davies will be ineligible to seek re-election as directors in 2012 since the current By-Laws limit directors to two consecutive four-year terms, plus a one-year hiatus before a return to the Board. A vote to abolish the one-year interval was defeated by Delegates last September. Now, at the upcoming June meeting, Delegates expect to vote on an amendment which would increase to four years the time between Board service.

I hope you are aware of the increase in the number of AKC companion and performance events with the addition of several Obedience classes and more and more available titles in Rally and Agility competitions. Mixed-breed dogs are among the most eager participants in these events. As a matter of fact, Chairman Menaker recently announced that Prince Doggie, a five-year-old dog enrolled in

the AKC Canine Partners program, is the first mixed-breed dog to achieve the Master Agility Champion (MACH) title.

There are a number of changes for 2011 affecting dates and venues for AKC events. Delegates will meet this June in the Raleigh/Durham area. In a break from the usual Monday/Tuesday format, this time standing committees of the Delegate body will meet on Sunday and the forum and general business meeting will take place on Monday. New dates for the fall Meet the Breeds exposition have been announced. The event is scheduled for November 19th and 20th at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City. The December meetings of the Delegate body will be in Orlando on Thursday and Friday, December 15th and 16th. These are the days immediately preceding the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship shows, which are moving from Long Beach, California, back to Florida. The site will be the new Orange County Convention Center.

I wish to remind you that there are TEN Newfoundland Club of America members who serve as AKC Delegates representing all-breed, obedience, or parent clubs. Two new Delegates introduced at the March meeting are NCA honorary member John Adams, representing the Concord (MA) Dog Training Club, and NCA member Joyce Rowland, representing the Australian Cattle Dog Club of America. In last year's report I failed to list long-time NCA member Connie Vanacore as one of my colleagues in the Delegate body. As of this past December, Connie has retired from her role as a club representative for more than twenty-six years. Also, NCA member Barbara Finch has resigned from her Delegate assignment.

### **Annual Report of the Charitable Trust**

Clyde Dunphy, Charitable Trust Management Board Chair, welcomed the membership to the meeting and gave a brief recount of the history and purpose of the NCA Charitable Trust. He thanked the members for their help, support and generous donations, including those made through Amazon.com, Missionfish and other programs. He reminded members that an annual report was available at this meeting. Clyde thanked the NCA Board, who acts as the Trustee for the Charitable Trust, for approving projects and supporting the role of the Charitable Trust.

Clyde acknowledged the members of the Charitable Trust Management Board: David Helming, Vice-Chair; Mary Jane Spackman, Secretary; Mary L. Price, Treasurer; Jacqueline Brellochs, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Trustee, and members Janice Hight, Roger Powell, Mary W. Price, and Andy Zinsmeyer.

As of March 31, 2011, the following Charitable Trust balances are:

Health Challenge: checking account: \$17,270.64, invested in CDs: \$68,556.97; reserve for Doppler rebates: \$4,700.00, for total of \$81,127.61 for the Health

Challenge. AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund, \$82,012.02 for a total \$163,139.63.

NCA Rescue: checking account: \$16,615.71, invested in a CD: \$15,150.00 for a total of \$31,765.71.

NCA Scholarship Fund: checking account: \$0.00, invested in a CD: \$6,833.95 for a total of \$6,833.95.

NCA Endowment Fund: Health Challenge: \$5,000.00, Rescue: \$5,000.00, unrestricted: \$5,000.00 for a total of \$15,000.00.

Trust Management Fund: \$11,942.26 for an NCA Charitable Trust total of \$151,369.53. Clyde reminded members that financial reports are published four times a year in *Newf Tide* and reports are also available on the *NCA Website*.

Clyde thanked Marylou Zimmerman for all her help in compiling and producing the year-end report that the members received at this meeting.

Clyde pointed out some of the highlights of the past year. These included the Doppler heart screening rebate, the regional club grants to hold DNA clinics and the awarding of over \$27,000 in research funding. He reported that over 1,100 Newfoundlands are listed in the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC).

Clyde gave some background on the new scientific health survey that will be rolled out later this summer. The NCA Board had charged the Charitable Trust with designing a survey to develop more specific information which will better direct our research dollars. Clyde stated that the survey will be in a simple format and all Newfoundland owners will be encouraged to participate.

The Newfoundland Endowment Fund is now a reality. Two generous donations, one from an anonymous donor and the other a bequest from the estate of Lorraine Groshans, have gotten the Endowment Fund off to a good start. It is the interest and dividends from these gifts that will enable the Charitable Trust to increase its funding in the future.

Clyde announced the awarding of a \$1,500.00 scholarship each to Angela LePore and Lauren Texter.

Members were reminded that the Health Challenge will be set up at ringside with their dry goods. Clyde thanked the Newfoundland Club of Seattle for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 to the Health & Longevity Committee. This club holds fundraisers each year and makes a yearly donation to the Health Challenge.

Clyde introduced Susan Kohut from the Morris Animal Foundation. Ms. Kohut expressed her appreciation saying the NCA was a wonderful group of people who cared deeply about their Newfoundlands. She quickly reviewed the history of the Morris Animal Foundation and its relationship with the NCA. The Morris Animal Foundation has funded over 1,700 research projects, thanks to clubs like the NCA.

Some of the results from those research projects include the parvovirus vaccine, the identification of many genetic diseases and subsequent tests and the management of kidney disease with nutrition. Morris Animal Foundation has now started a Canine Cancer Campaign which is a global effort to find the cure for cancer.

Susan asked for NCA members to support the Charitable Trust with their donations, fund-raising and bequests and thanked the members for allowing her to speak.

Clyde invited members to look at the Charitable Trust report and review the pie-charts that show where the donations are spent. He thanked the members again for their support.

Roger Frey thanked Clyde for his report and reminded members that in the early 1990's, Clyde came to the Board and asked for \$34.50 in funding to start the Charitable Trust and now look at where it is!

### **Proclamation**

Roger read a proclamation from the State of Michigan recognizing the NCA's 44<sup>th</sup> National Specialty.

Roger announced that a quorum had been reached with approximately 350 members present.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Awards**

Ingrid Lyden, Awards Committee Chair, recognized those members who served as counters on the Awards Committee and thanked them for all their hard work in compiling the statistics that determine these awards. They are: Debbie Bridge, Karen Clancy, Mary Lou Cuddy, Dawn Fretts, Joan Locker-Thuring, Dejah Petsch, Pam Saunders and Certificate Preparation: Lanelle Warwick.

Ingrid then presented the following awards:

Top Show Dog: GCh. Skipper's Eminence King of Helluland, ROM (Laura Vande Ven & Peggy Helming).

Top Show Bitch: GCh. Top Shelf Spiced With Old Bay (Cindy & John Flowers).

Top Obedience Dog: Freedom's Victory At Princeton 1776 (Dave Parison, Tamzin Rosenwasser, & Meredith Reggie).

Top Producing Sire: GCh. Skipper's Emience King of Helluland, ROM (Laura Vande Ven & Peggy Helming).

Top Producing Dam: Ch. Tempest's Bella Donna, CD, WD, DD (Brenda Miele Soares & Steve & Dejah Petsch).

### **Oldest Living Newfoundland**

Ch. Halirock's My Tyche: 15 years, 4 months (Dr. Roger S. Foster, Jr.).

### **Others Honored As 14 Years And Older**

Ch. Moonsail's Stormy Weather: 14 years, 8 months (Steve & Kathy Van Wie).

Havenhills Dances With Chief, WRD: 14 years, 7.5 months (Joyce Echon-Butler).

Allison Acres Oh Reo, CD, DD, CGC: 14 years, 3 months (Jan Curtis & Connie Allison).

VN Ch. Littlecreek's Oliver, CD, TD, WRD, DD, CGC: 14 years, 1.5 months (Michelle Morris).

Can. Ch. PattesDouces Angelik Shania: 14 years, 1 month (France Landry & Michel Lavoie).

### **Junior Showmanship Awards**

Donna Thibault, Juniors Committee Chair, reminded members that juniors are the future of the breed and the NCA. She reported that 21 juniors competed in conformation, junior showmanship, obedience or working tests. She awarded certificates to the following:

Top Junior in Junior Showmanship: Jessica Schell

Top Junior in Conformation Events: Joanne Thibault

Junior Showmanship Participation Awards:

Amanda Austin  
Kaitlyn Benedict  
Tyler Carnley  
Jessica Cobban  
Matelyn Cobban  
Ava Dotson  
Mariah Huge  
Dominique Luca  
Hana Deiuri Marangon  
Samantha Miceli  
Barek Reep  
Becker Reep  
Gavin Reep  
Leah Smisloff  
Zachary Smith  
Jessica Thibault  
Joanne Thibault  
Emma Zaenglein

Junior Conformation Participation Award: Jessica Thibault

Junior Obedience & Working Event Participation Awards:

Kassandra Behanna  
Matelyn Cobban  
Mariah Huge  
Sarah Zimmerman

In place of Bethany Karger, Versatile Newfoundland Committee Chair, Bruce Karger presented the Versatile Newfoundland awards:

**Versatile Newfoundlands**

- VN Ch. Blackwatch Blk Diamond Heavenly, CD, RN, WRD, DD (Claudia J. Walters & Joan E. Gunn & Frances P. Heiss).
- VN Ch. Blackwatch Eleanors Eclipses, CD, WRD, DD (Pamela & Jason Bloomfield & Joan E. Gunn).
- VN Ch. Bright Str Macy Mae Of Blkw, CD, DD, WRDX (Dona Baker & Roger Danielsen).
- VN Ch. Castanewf's Believe It Or Not, CD, WRD, Can WRDX, DD (Pamela S. Saunders, Denise Castonguay, And Marc Saunders).
- VN Am/Can Ch. Castanewf's Right On Target, CD, WRD, CAN WRD, TDD (Pamela S. Saunders, Denise Castonguay, & Marc Saunders).
- VN Ch. Coastalseas Light On The Horizon, CD, WRD1, WRDX2, DD1 (Erin Palmer).
- VN Ch. Darbydale's Sink Or Swim, RN, CD, TDD, WRD, CAN WRD, CAN DD (Jennifer A. & James Zabloutny).

VN Ch. Golden Oaks Moon Chaser, CD, RA, WRD, DD1 (Sue Putt).  
VN Ch. Honey Lanes Do Something Great, CD, RN, TDD, WRD1, (Katie & Matt Sidesinger & Kelli J Lepore).  
VN Ch. Jolly Roger's Just A Gigilo, CD, WRD, DD (Roger & Barbara Frey).  
VN Ch. Kevaura's Got Milk, CD, DD, WRD (Kevin Gallagher & James Sponsler & Nancy Sponsler & Laura Gallagher).  
VN Ch. Kevaura's Midnite Wildfire, CD, WRD3, DD1, TDD3 (Kathleen Mitchell).  
VN Ch. Keepsakes Midnite Defender, CD, RN, WRD, DD (Matt, Jean & Mattie Cobban).  
VN Ch. Kilyka's Queen Maya Snowhaven, CD, RN, WRD, TDD1 (Kikuko & Fon Chang).  
VN Ch. Minnemato's Lake Thunder, CDX, RE, WRD1, DD (Jerry Hall & Deni Hall).  
VN Ch. Sweetbay's James, CD, RN, WRD, DD (Maria & Emilio Rizzuto).  
VN Ch. Tempest's Just Do It Kilyka, CD, RE, WRD, DD (Kandy Adams, Steven & Dejah Petsch & Betty McDonnell).  
VN Ch. Timberknoll Steppin Through The Rainbow, CD, WRD3, DD (Benita Edds & Patti Sutherland).

### **Working Achievement Awards**

WA Allison Acres Cappuccino II, UDX, WRD2, TDD1 (Russell Kroeger & Connie Allison)  
WA Allison Acres Music of the Night, UDX, WRD1, TDD1 (Sylvia Steiling & Connie Allison).  
VN WA Ch. Fogbank's King Louie, CDX, RE, WRDX, TDD1, CGC, TDI ( Kikuko & Fon Chang).  
VN WA Ch. Kilyka's Rising Star, CDX, WRD3, WRDX, DD1, TDD (Mary Ann Barnhill & Gayle Littlefield).  
VN WA Ch. SaltyDog's Leapin Lizards, CDX, RE, WRD3, TDD (John Pearson & Lori Littleford).  
WA Top Shelves Eye of the Storm, UD, NAP, NJP, WRD5, TDD (Christie Smith).

### **Register of Merit Newfoundlands**

Ch. Amorada's Rabaldra Til Kloofbear, ROM (Evelyn Oldfjell de Reus & Merete & John Jakobsen).  
Am/Can Ch. Castanewf's In Reality, ROM (Denise L. Castonguay & Marc C. Castonguay).  
Ch. Castanewf's Real Quiet, ROM (Denise L. Castonguay & Marc C. Castonguay).  
VN Am/Can Ch. Castanewf's Shaken Not Stirred, ROM, CD, Can CD, RN, WRD, Can WRDX, DD (Denise Castonguay & Marc Castonguay).  
Ch. Council Cup's Piccolo Grigio, ROM (Carla Kinney & Patti McDowell).  
Ch. Council Cup Where For Art Thou, ROM (Patti McDowell).  
Ch. Egebaek's After Eight, ROM (Nancy Ochse & Meryl Kramerl).

Fine Fellow From Salina, ROM (Giorgio Salina).  
VN Ch. Kilykas-Mis-Rocky Mtn Jubilee, ROM, CD, WRD, DD (Juanita & William Bartlett).  
VN Ch. Kilyka's Outta This World, ROM, CD, RN, WRD, DD (Chuck Forry & Debra T. Forry & Jordan Hare).  
VN WA Am/Can Ch. Misty Mtn's Love At First Sight, ROM, CDX, RAE, TD, WRD1, WRDX, DD1, TDD (Ron Horn & William Bartlett & Scarlett Horn & Juanita Bartlett).  
GCh. Misty Mtn's Lucys Encore, ROM (Juanita Bartlett & Ron Horn & William Bartlett & Scarlett Horn).  
Ch. Nakiska's Takes The Kake, ROM (Kelly Gerrits & Howard Gerrits & Holly Kramer & Amanda Gerrits).  
Ch. Nighthawk-Dryad Vom Trieberg, ROM, WD, DD (Joan E. Gunn).  
Ch. Pouch Cove Nominates Southwind, ROM (Peggy Helming & Robin Seaman).  
Sobaka Riverhouse Raven, ROM (Dallas R. Anderson).  
Ch. Toad Halls Wizard Of Oz, ROM (Mary Milton & Jon Stahley).

### **Heroic Newfoundland Award**

The Heroic Newfoundland Award was presented to: Mississippi-Missouri Daily Life RN CGC TDIA DSRD (Sherry Davis)

### **NCA Good Sportsmanship Award**

The NCA Good Sportsmanship Award was presented to: Cissy Sullivan

### **NCA Member of the Year**

The NCA Member of the Year was presented to: Sue Miller

### **Isabel Kurth Award**

The Isabel Kurth Award was presented to: Aura Dean

### **NCA Honorary Members**

NCA Honorary Memberships were awarded to: Roger and Barbara Frey

### **Purina Parent Club Program**

Roger reported that he had received a letter from the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program regarding the money raised from NCA members' participation in redeeming weight circles from Purina products. The NCA earned \$2,159.12 for 2010. Matching funds of \$2,159.12 were donated to the AKC Canine Health Foundation for use in the NCA's Donor Advised Fund. The

\$2,159.12 was given to the NCA for use in educational projects, the Health Challenge or Rescue.

### **Newf Ambassador Program**

Sandy Gabel, Newf Ambassador Program Committee member, reported the following: The members of the Ad Hoc Newfoundland Ambassador committee are excited to announce that last night, the NCA Board approved the plan for establishment of the Newf Ambassador Program.

The statement of purpose of the program is as follows:

*In our role as guardians of the Newfoundland Breed, it is incumbent on the NCA to make available as many good resources as possible to provide both existing and prospective Newfoundland owners with good information and an accurate understanding of the breed. The Internet has made it extremely easy for people to find information—much of it bad. But information in the vacuum of cyberspace can never replace the knowledge that can be gained from face-to-face contact with a local person and real Newfoundland dogs.*

*The NCA Newf Ambassador Program is designed to ensure to the extent possible that any member of the public who wants to learn more about Newfoundlands has a knowledgeable and local person to talk with. This will include both people who are interested in whether or not a Newfoundland might be the right dog for them, as well as people who currently own Newfoundlands and may be wanting some additional help (for example, training, grooming, becoming involved with water or draft training, or simply having fun with their dogs). Newf Ambassadors will be experienced in and knowledgeable about the breed and the regional and national clubs and must be willing to spend time meeting with people face to face and providing an introduction to their dogs, when appropriate.*

*The goals of the program are to provide a local resource that can:  
Help more people make a correct assessment about whether or not a Newfoundland is the right dog for them.*

*Encourage existing Newfoundland owners to join their Regional Club, local obedience/training clubs, and the NCA.*

*Direct Newfoundland owners to information (Web site, Newf Tide, e-Notes, and more) that can help them in taking better care of their dogs.*

*Introduce Newfoundland owners to additional ways to have fun with their dogs (water work, parade carting, draft work, therapy dog work, obedience, CGC, and more).*

You will soon be hearing more about the program as implementation begins, and we will soon be looking for people who are willing to share their knowledge of the breed with others.

### **Certificates for Committee Service**

Kathy McIver, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, acknowledged with a certificate the following committee members who are moving on to other endeavors:

Brian Hodges - Legislative Committee  
Adrienne Hill - Juniors Committee  
Lori Littleford - Health and Longevity and REACT  
Kevin Gallagher - Newf Ambassador Committee  
Jean Mc Adams - REACT  
Scott Wiggington - REACT  
Jane Richter - REACT  
Clyde Dunphy - Steering Committee

### **TOD/TODD Awards**

Joan Locker-Thuring, TOD/TODD Chair, announced that certificates will be sent to the following:

TOD:

Blackwatch Otherwise LottaLove (Joan Gunn)  
VN Ch. Dryads Blackwatch Commander, CD, DD, WRD (Joan Gunn)  
VN Ch. Dryads Blackwatch Enforcer, CD, DD, WRD (Joan Gunn)  
Ch. Dryads Blackwatch Ladybird, DD (Joan Gunn)  
Ch. Dryads Blackwatch Ooh-la-la, DD (Joan Gunn)  
Dryads Blackwatch Water Witch (Joan Gunn)  
VN Ch. Dryads Blackwatch Rigels Rescue, CD, DD, WRD (Roger & Jan  
Danielsen & Joan Gunn)  
Ch. Dryads Tailwind of Blackwatch, TDD, WD (Joan Gunn)  
Jalynn's Crafted To Last (Lynda McFadden)  
Jalynn's Hand Crafted (Lynda McFadden)  
Jalynn's Cauldron Queen (Lynda McFadden)  
Pandaga's Addicted To You (Jacqueline Brellochs)  
Pandaga's Bambina (Jacqueline Brellochs)  
Pandaga's Highland Impression (Jacqueline Brellochs)  
Ch. Pandaga's Come Away With Me (Jacqueline Brellochs)  
Pandaga's Meant To Be (Jacqueline Brellochs)  
Ch. Pandaga's The Impossible Dream, CD, DD (Jacqueline Brellochs)  
Ch. Nautika'N Pandaga's Unacalzanera (Jacqueline Brellochs)  
Pandaga's Candyman (Jacqueline Brellochs)  
Can Ch. Berrypoint's Major Maxwell, CHIC CGC, CGN (Barbara Gillen)

TODD:

Emmabay Virgil's For Virginia, CDX, WRD1, DD (Tamzin Rosenwasser)  
Ch. Nighthawk-Dryad vom Trieberg (Joan Gunn)  
Ch. Paladin's Thomas Jefferson (Barbara & Thomas Hearn)  
Ch. Paladins Born On The 4th Of July, CD (Barbara & Thomas Hearn)  
Ch. Avalon Bey's Dante's Rainbow (Laura Rader & Dawn Blaine)  
Ch. Avalon Bey's Park Avenue (Laura Rader)  
Ch. Avalon Bey's Sharp Dressed Man (Laura Rader)  
Avalon Bey's Ray of Light, ROM, CGC (Laura Rader)  
Avalon Bey's Just Untouchable (Laura Rader)  
VN WA Ch. Sweetbays Benson, RE, CDX, WRD10, WRDX3, TDD (Patti Pigeon)  
VN Ch. Sweetbays Liam, CD, RN, WRD, TDD (Patti Pigeon & Joseph Acker)  
Ricky Ricardo's Congaboy (Ted Meeker)  
VN Ch. Cypress Bay's Crazy Eight, CGC, RN, DD, CD, WD, WRD (Sharon Bauman)  
VN Ch. Darbydale's Sink or Swim, CD, RN, TDD, Can DD, WRD, Can WRD (Jennifer Zablorny)  
Ch. Top Shelf's Rob Roy at Pouchcove (Jennifer Zablorny)  
Kilyka's Lagniappe Meant To Be, WRD, DD (Andre and Ann Lapeyre)  
VN Ch. Brio's Life of Riley, CD, RN, WRD, DD, CGC, TDI (Eva Johnson)  
Halycon Days No Doubt (Beverly A. Eichel)  
GCh. Tempest's Forecaster O' Lanikai, RN, DD (Deborah & Todd Bridge)  
Ch. Top Shelf's Bombay Bayou, CD, RN, CGC, TDI (Janet Harriss)  
GCh. CH Bright Str Berrin Charles Jager, CGC (Pam Ruegger & Roger Danielsen)  
Ch. Aukai – 911 Dragon Rider's Saphira (Patti Emmerling)

## **New Business**

### **AKC Parent Club Title Program**

Roger encouraged members to review the explanation of a proposed AKC Parent Club Title Program that was included in the agenda and to contact any Board member with their thoughts about the program.

### **Membership Discounts**

Donna Zink moved and Annalyn Paz seconded that the Board assemble a committee to review the possibility of negotiating member discounts for NCA members through select suppliers, including the possibility of forming a coalition with other parent clubs.

Donna Zink explained her rationale for the NCA to establish member discounts with select suppliers of pet products and that such a discount would give more value to an NCA membership. Concerns were expressed regarding the logistics of maintaining such a program.

The motion failed.

### **Interstate Travel**

Donna Zink moved and Jill Britton seconded that the Board assemble a committee, or possibly a subcommittee to the Legislative Committee, to evaluate issues that affect travel between states such as requirements for vaccinations and health documentation and requirements regarding leaving dogs in vehicles, and that this information be made available online to members on a per-state basis through a map or chart.

Discussion included comments that this would take a great deal of effort to pull together and the information might be already available on the USDA website. There was also a question raised as to liability if the information would prove to be incorrect.

After discussion, Donna Zink withdrew the motion.

### **International Breeder Judges on NCA Approved Judges List**

Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Carolyn Kuhn seconded that NCA members from other countries who are approved to judge Newfoundlands in their own countries be automatically placed on the NCA approved judges' list as are the American NCA member judges.

Discussion included comments that the Board had previously addressed this at November 1, 2002 meeting and that all NCA members, regardless of residence, are to be included. It was said that verification of judges' credentials could be problematic; a response stated that AKC checks the credentials before approving the judging panel. A member stated that all NCA members are equal, thus international members should be listed.

The motion passed.

### **Parliamentarian Comments**

Connie DeFord, parliamentarian, spoke briefly to the members. She stated that she has served the NCA as parliamentarian the last three years and has presided over many dog club meetings and has seen the problems that some dog clubs have with quorums and members. She complimented the NCA in that each of the last three years has seen an increase of the number of members in attendance at the annual membership meeting. She stated that the NCA has a unity of purpose as evidenced by the standing ovations and support for all members. She stated that the NCA is a wonderful group and she applauds all the members.

## **Announcements**

It was announced that early room reservations would be taken at this National Specialty for the April 30-May 5, 2012 National Specialty in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Reservation forms would be available at the front desk.

Members were reminded that a cardiac clinic will be held during the week with a Doppler exam costing \$130.00 after the \$50.00 rebate.

A quilt made of rosettes was presented by friends to Pam Rubio for her devotion to the Newfoundland breed.

Denise Hatakeyama, Legislation Committee member, had posters from the AKC that were available to all regional clubs for their educational displays.

Donna Thibault, General Education Committee Chair, informed the members that copies of the newly-revised *Newf and You* were on site and that all regional clubs will receive for their use 75 copies. Representatives from each club were encouraged to contact Donna at the National Specialty to arrange pick-up.

At 10:12, hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

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