

NCA Board of Directors
Teleconference Meeting
Minutes of October 20, 2011
(Approved November 4, 2011)

Pat Randall, President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Eastern time. The following directors were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), Steve Britton (SB), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Meredith Reggie (MR), Pam Rubio (PR) and Pam Saunders (PS) and Donna Thibault (DT). John Cornell (JC) and Roger Frey (RF) were absent. Mary W. Price (MWP), AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was present.

Approval of Minutes

Pam Saunders moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the approval of the September 15, 2011 be postponed to the November 4-6, 2011 face-to-face meeting. The motion passed unanimously. 2 Absent (JC, RF)

At 8:09 p.m., Roger Frey joined the meeting.

Report of the President

Pat Randall, President, suggested a tentative meeting schedule for the Board's November 4-6, 2011 face-to-face meeting. It was agreed that the Board would start the meeting on Friday, November 4, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The Board would resume the meeting at 8:30 a.m. the following two days with the meeting ending approximately 1:00 p.m. Sunday.

Pat reported on a letter he received from Dr. Joseph Manda, a nephew of Geraldine Irwin of Irwindyl Newfoundlands. Dr. Manda has a very sizeable collection of Newfoundland history and memorabilia. He is interested in loaning the collection or parts thereof for viewing and is asking for information and assistance. He also inquired about the \$2,500.00 donation from his aunt's estate and its disposition.

Mary L. Price reported that according to her records the bequests from Geraldine Irwin's and Nell Ayer's estates were used as the start-up funding for the Newfoundland Health Challenge in 1996. There was some discussion about the collection being displayed at the 2012 National Specialty. It was also suggested that Dr. Manda be given the contact information for the AKC Museum of the Dog as well as the ideas brought forward during the discussion.

Pat informed the Board that the contract with Dogfish Software has been signed and he has the original. A copy of the signed contract will be sent to the Technical Resources Committee. Pat also suggested that the Board develop a way to thank Brian Hodges for the donation of his professional expertise in reviewing the contract for the Board. It was agreed that the Board would discuss ideas at the November 4-6, 2011 meeting.

Report of the 1st Vice President

Roger Frey, 1st Vice President, reported that he received a phone call from a member of the Newfoundland Club of Florida asking if the Board would be inviting that club to host the Meet the Breeds booth at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show. Lynne Anderson-Powell, Corresponding Secretary, stated that she had made contact just recently with the president of that club and the club is willing to host the booth.

Roger reported that he had been unable to attend the last meeting of the Charitable Trust Management Board and asked Mary L. Price to give a report to the Board. She reported that Clyde Dunphy, Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) Chair, will attend the Board's November face-to-face meeting and he has asked that the Charitable Trust meeting be held either that Saturday or Sunday morning. The CTMB is discussing various investment options to optimize returns on the CTMB's investments. The CTMB will also publicize matching gift donations as this is an excellent way to double a donation. Rollover IRA donations will also be considered as a source of funding.

The NCA/OFA Health Survey has gone live and it was reported that over 1,100 Newfoundlands were entered in the survey in only a week's time. The Health Challenge and the OFA will once again support the \$10 fee for the DNA clinic at the 2012 National Specialty. This will make the program free to NCA participants as was done at the 2011 National Specialty. A sub-aortic stenosis study, headed by Dr. Meurs of North Carolina State College of Veterinary Medicine, was approved for funding by the CTMB. Three more grants will be considered as soon as additional information is available. A program to encourage regional clubs to do more to support the CTMB is being developed.

Report of the 2nd Vice President

Pam Saunders, 2nd Vice President, informed the Board that the Legislation Liaison Committee will be sending Joan Fenwick to the National Animal Interest Alliance Conference.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, reported that she had prepared the October 20, 2011 agenda. She apologized that the minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting were presented to the Board late. She reminded Board members to send in their membership applicants ballots as the response had been slow from the last meeting.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Lynne Anderson-Powell, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she had distributed correspondence as needed and had replied to the general inquiries. She had received a budget request for the AKC Meet the Breeds booth from the Bear Mountain

Newfoundland Club. She reported on correspondence with the Newfoundland Club of Florida and with a non-member who was making repeated complaints against an NCA member.

Executive Session

At 8:34 p.m., Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion was adopted. 1 Absent (JC)

At 8:49 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion was adopted. 1 Absent (JC)

While in executive session, the Board discussed protocols for answering certain items of communications from non-members. There was no action reported out of the session.

Report of the Treasurer

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances: checking account: \$70,370.17; checking account for 2011 National Specialty: \$13,664.53; savings account: \$45,298.60; invested in CDs: \$104,455.86; and the NCA operations balance total of \$233,789.16 with \$4,550.22 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$1,818.91 for a total of \$235,608.07.

Mary informed the Board that she had received the 2011 National Specialty report. There were several small things not included but that she will be able to present the complete report to the Board at the November 4-6, 2011 meeting. She reported that the New-Pen-Del Newfoundland Club is doing an excellent job collecting donations for the 2012 National Specialty.

She reported that the dues renewal process was going very well and that donations are ahead of last year both in number of donations and in the amount.

The Board considered the request from the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club for funding for the AKC Meet the Breeds booth in the amount of \$943.00. It was reported that in 2009, the request was for \$1,278.00 and \$635.00 in 2010.

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board approve the budget request of \$943.29 from the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club for the Newfoundland booth at the AKC Meet the Breeds in November, 2011. Without objection, the motion was adopted. 1 Absent (JC)

Report of the AKC Delegate

Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, informed the Board of the following: the *AKC Awards* will cease publishing the awards CD and the information will now be available on the AKC website. The AKC Board has approved the 4-6 month beginner puppy class effective sometime in 2012. The AKC Nominating Committee has selected William J. Feeney, Thomas Powers and Lynne Worth Smith. Additional candidates are expected to run by petition. Tom Davies and Ron Menaker will leave the AKC Board due to having reached their term limits. She reported that the AKC registration fee has been increased to \$30.00, plus an additional \$10.00 per each co-owner.

At 9:03 p.m., John Cornell joined the meeting.

Mary requested the Board's input on the proposal to award the Reserve Winners a three-point major at a National Specialty providing the entry was twice the number needed for a five-point major. This idea had been proposed in 2003 and at that time, the NCA Board had instructed Mary to vote against the proposal. It was agreed that Board members would do a quick informal survey of NCA members and would discuss this proposal again at the face-to-face meeting. The proposal will not go to the Delegates for a vote until March 2012 at the earliest.

Committee Reports

Breeders Education Committee

The Board considered the report of the Breeders Education Committee which recommended that the AKC Breeder of Merit designations placed on *NCA Breeders List* be delayed until 2012 pending an NCA policy directive. There was also information given concerning the reasons the designation had been placed on the list. Some Board members believed that since each *Breeders List* member had paid the same amount, each listing should be equal. There was discussion about the list, who owned the list and who would set the rules. It was stated that the Board should have approved this or that the Electronic Publications Policy Committee should have brought it to the Board.

Pam Saunders moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the AKC Breeder of Merit designation be removed from the *Breeders List* and that a link be placed at the bottom of the *Breeders List* to the page listing AKC Breeders of Merit on the AKC website. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Judges Education Committee Seminar

In response to an inquiry from a member, the Board reviewed a previously approved motion which directed the Judges Education Committee (JEC) to list all attendees at JEC's judges' seminars and to make the list available to NCA members. The JEC stated that the list was available to anyone who requested it, but it was not available on the NCA Website.

Roger Frey moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded that the Judges Education Committee publish the list of attendees at the committee's judges seminars in an article developed for *Newf Tide* and also the *NCA Website*.

The Board considered some details of posting the list.

Pam Saunders moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board amend the previous motion that the Judges Education Committee publish an article directing members to the *NCA Website* where the attendees list would be posted. This list will be updated regularly. The motion failed. 6 Yes (LA, JC, KM, PSR, PS, DT); 5 No (SB, MLC, RF, MLP, PKR); 1 Abstention (MR)

Roger Frey moved and Pam Saunders seconded to amend his motion that only attendees at the Judges Education Committee's judges seminar held at National Specialties be listed. Without objection, the motion was adopted. 1 Abstention (MR)

After discussion and amendments, the motion made by Roger Frey and seconded by Mary Lou Cuddy was passed unanimously (1 Abstention: MR) as follows: The Judges Education Committee will publish a list of attendees at Judges Education seminars held at the last four National Specialties. This list will be published in *Newf Tide* and on the *NCA Website* and updated yearly.

New Business

Specialty Show Judges List

Roger Frey moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded that the next Specialty Judges List ballot be distributed to members along with the NCA Board of Directors election ballots, and that these ballots be returned in the same double-envelope mailing. The details for the counting of the judges ballots can be established when this motion is approved, perhaps using the same or similar provisions as outlined in the NCA By-laws (Article IV - Section 3). The rationale being that this would insure an equitable distribution and return of ballots and would provide for a true "secret" ballot. This would provide interested members the opportunity to observe the actual ballot counting, allowing for greater transparency. This should create an opportunity for a greater number of ballots to be cast.

Kathy McIver moved and Roger Frey seconded that the following be referred to the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee with a response to the Board due May 1, 2012: That the next Specialty Judges List ballot be distributed to members along with the NCA Board of Directors election ballots, and that these ballots be returned in the same double-envelope mailing. The details for the counting of the judges ballots can be established when this motion is approved, perhaps using the same or similar provisions as outlined in the *NCA By-laws* (Article IV - Section 3). Without objection, the motion was adopted.

NCA Advertising

The Board considered whether to renew the advertising that had appeared in *Dog World* and in *Puppies USA*.

Pam Saunders moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board approve the following expenditures: \$518.40 for 12 months plus two free issues for an advertisement in *Dog World* and \$178.00 for an advertisement in the annual *Puppies USA* issue. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment

At 10:23 p.m. and without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy
Recording Secretary