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3 **NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

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5 **Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors**
6 **Teleconference Meeting**
7 **March 22, 2012**
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9 Pat Randall, President, called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. Eastern time. The
10 following directors were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), Steve Britton (SB), John
11 Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Roger Frey (RF), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L.
12 Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Meredith Reggie (MR,) Pam Rubio (PR), Pam
13 Saunders (PS). Donna Thibault (DT) was absent. Mary W. Price (MWP), AKC delegate,
14 *ex-officio* was present. Board-elect member Sandy Gabel was present.
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16 The Board held a minute of silence in memory of Honorary Members Barbara Frey and
17 Megan Nutbeem and other NCA members who have passed recently.
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19 **Approval of Minutes**

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21 The Board considered the minutes of February 16, 2012.
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23 Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board approve the minutes of
24 February 16, 2012 as amended. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (DT)
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26 **Report of the President**

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28 Pat Randall, President, thanked the Board members for their quick responses regarding
29 the postponement of the March 15, 2012 teleconference so that Board members could
30 make preparations to attend the services for Barbara Frey. Pat stated that a report on
31 conferencing software would be presented at the face-to-face meeting at the National
32 Specialty. He also informed the Board that some parent clubs are returning their Crufts
33 certificates in response of the new policy of The Kennel Club (England) regarding
34 veterinary exams on some breed winners. It was agreed that this issue would be placed
35 on the next agenda for consideration.
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37 **Report of the 1st Vice President**

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39 Roger Frey, 1st Vice President, reported that the minutes of the Charitable Trust
40 Management Board (CTMB) March 12, 2012 meeting had been forwarded to the Board.
41 He reported that the CTMB discussed the final changes to the Junior Scholarship
42 application process. The CTMB will approve those changes at their April 2, 2012
43 meeting and will present them to the Trustee at the April 29, 2012 meeting of the
44 Charitable Trust.
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46 **Report of the 2nd Vice President**

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48 Pam Saunders, 2nd Vice President, reported to the Board that the changes the Board
49 made to the *Showsight* articles were not conveyed accurately to the Judges Education
50 Committee and apologized. The committee treated the changes as suggestions, not as
51 changes, and declined to incorporate the changes into the articles. Twenty copies of
52 *Showsight* were received by the Recording Secretary and would be distributed to the
53 Board at the National Specialty. Without objection, it was agreed that two copies will be
54 donated to the Health Challenge and Newfoundland Rescue silent auctions.

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56 **Report of the Recording Secretary**

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58 Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, reported that she prepared the March 15, 2012
59 agenda packet and the minutes of February 16, 2012.

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61 **Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

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63 Lynne Anderson-Powell, Corresponding Secretary, reminded the Board of the items in
64 her written report. The AKC titles reports are now being received in a timely manner and
65 have been forwarded to the appropriate committees. The Crufts certificates had been
66 forwarded to Mary Jane Spackman, 2012 National Specialty Show Chair and Robin
67 Seaman, Special Show Coordinating Committee Chair. General interest items had been
68 posted to NCA-I. A sympathy card had been sent to the family of Honorary Member
69 Megan Nutbeem on behalf of the NCA Board and membership.

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71 There had been additional correspondence with the Yates County ASPCA concerning
72 the supposed Newfoundland memorabilia and she had received photographs of the
73 prints which she forwarded to Janice Hight and Mary Jane Spackman for their opinions.
74 Mary Jane replied that it is her opinion that these have been taken from books or
75 magazines.

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77 There was a short discussion regarding a request from a marketing class student
78 inquiring about statistics concerning Newfoundland ownership in the United States for a
79 class assignment to develop a marketing plan as a Newfoundland breeder. He was
80 informed that such statistics are not available, but perhaps checking with AKC would
81 yield some information. It was agreed that it was disconcerting to consider someone
82 developing a marketing plan to breed Newfoundlands and that the NCA should inquire if
83 the student would share his finished report.

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85 The Board considered an offer from *Canine Review* for a free club listing on its web site.
86 It was suggested that the Publicity Committee be invited to develop appropriate
87 wording.

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89 Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board request the
90 Publicity Committee to develop wording for the free Canine Review website listing and

91 to submit the wording to the Board for review. Without objection, the motion passed. 1
92 Absent (DT)

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94 The AKC has requested nominees for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award. It was
95 suggested that Board members gather some names for consideration at the next
96 meeting.

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98 **Report of the Treasurer**

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100 Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances: checking account:
101 \$27,825.29; checking account for 2013 National Specialty: \$14,192.00; savings
102 account: \$45,306.24; invested in CDs: \$105,625.94; and the NCA operations balance
103 total of \$192,949.47. The Juniors Fund account balance is \$1,000.00. The Uniform
104 Trophy Fund account balance is \$904.41 for a total of \$194,853.88.

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106 Mary reported that she is working on bids for the financial audit/review but since it is tax
107 season, it is not a good time to be requesting bids. She also informed the Board that
108 Edmund Sledzik, NCA's tax preparer, presently has some personal health-related
109 issues and the Board may need to start considering alternative services regarding its
110 tax returns.

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112 **Report of the AKC Delegate**

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114 Mary W. Price reported the results of the election of AKC Board members, which took
115 place at the organization's annual meeting in Newark, New Jersey, on March 13, 2012.
116 Elected to serve 4-year terms in the Class of 2016 are Patricia Cruz, a former AKC field
117 representative, and attorneys Thomas Powers and William Feeney. Board members
118 elected Alan Kalter as the new Chairman and Robert D. Smith as Vice Chairman.

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120 Ron Meneker, Tom Davies, and Walter Goodman were honored for their long tenure as
121 AKC Board members. They were ineligible to seek reelection due to term limits. Robin
122 Stansell, Vice President of Event Operations, and Curt Curtis, Assistant Vice President
123 of Companion Events, were recognized for their years of service, as both men are
124 retiring.

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126 The Delegates approved the request of the Progressive Dog Club to withdraw the
127 motion to award a 3-point "major" to Reserve Winners at national specialty shows. The
128 motion will be presented again after some modifications. The group realignment
129 proposal was only 30-plus votes short of passage as it needed a 2/3 majority vote for
130 approval.

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132 Mary reported that Lisa Gonzales, AKC's new Vice President of Marketing and
133 Communications, has many new and exciting marketing plans including an enhanced
134 AKC website which will debut soon.

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136 The Parent Club Committee meeting featured a discussion of the development of a
137 “Club of Excellence” designation. Mary stated that NCA should be the model and the
138 first to be so awarded.

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140 **Committee Reports**

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142 **Regional Clubs Committee**

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144 The Board reviewed the committee’s report on marketing and recruiting new NCA
145 members from within the regional clubs. The report also contained the percentages of
146 NCA members in each regional club which ranged from 24%-98%. It was stated that the
147 Steering Committee had originally requested the information gathered by the Regional
148 Clubs Committee.

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150 **Newf Tide Policy Committee**

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152 The Board considered the request of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee to add AKC’s new
153 Therapy Dog (THD) title to the list of titles approved for publication in the *Annual of*
154 *Titlists*.

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156 Kathy McIver moved and Steve Britton seconded that the Board approve the request
157 from the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee to include the new AKC Therapy Dog title (THD)
158 in the *Annual of Titlists*. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (DT)

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160 **Rescue Prevention Committee**

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162 The Board considered a proposal from the Rescue Prevention Committee to develop an
163 information card that NCA members could distribute in response to questions about the
164 breed and the club. The card would be the size of an index card and would have
165 information and artwork on both sides. There was some discussion that the Publicity
166 Committee could help with the artwork and formatting.

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168 Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board approve the concept of a
169 handout card as presented by the Rescue Prevention Committee and to submit a mock-
170 up of the card to the Board for review. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent
171 (DT)

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173 The Board reviewed a proposal from the Rescue Prevention Committee to develop a
174 rescue data award in which regional club rescue groups would be eligible for a cash
175 award for being the first to submit their rescue data to the committee via the Rescue
176 Sharepoint site. Some Board members were uncomfortable with the precedent being
177 set of paying clubs to submit requested information. Others felt that it was “recycling”
178 rescue money as the money would be used for the regional club’s rescue program. It
179 was stated that some clubs may have no dogs in rescue during a year while other clubs
180 have had over 90. It was emphasized that this data is important and needs to be

181 reported. There was an extended discussion on various ideas to increase participation.
182 Some Board members requested additional information before voting.

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184 Roger Frey moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve a
185 recommendation from the Rescue Prevention Committee that \$100 and \$50 be
186 awarded respectively to the regional club(s) whose name(s) are drawn first and second
187 from those Rescue groups who submit their data using the Rescue Sharepoint site. The
188 first award would not preclude the possibility of the second award, so that one regional
189 Rescue group could win \$150. The motion passed. 6 Yes (LA, SB, JC, MLC, RF, MLP);
190 5 No (KM, PKR, MR, PSR, PS); 1 Absent (DT)

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192 **Regional Club Liaison**

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194 The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the
195 Newfoundland Club of New England. The club requested that the Board approve the
196 changes as presented.

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198 Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board approve the revisions to
199 the Constitution and Bylaws of the Newfoundland Club of New England as presented.

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201 The Board discussed some internal ambiguities found within the submitted document.

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203 Steve Britton moved and Roger Frey seconded that the Board refer questions regarding
204 the revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Newfoundland Club of New England
205 to the Newfoundland Club of New England for its input. Without objection, the motion
206 passed. 1 Absent (DT)

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208 **Health and Longevity Committee**

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210 The Board reviewed the proposed update to the NCA Health Testing Statement as
211 developed by the committee.

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213 Steve Britton moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board approve the Health &
214 Longevity Committee's proposed health testing statement as amended:

215 The Newfoundland Club of America encourages health testing and release of all
216 health testing results.

217 The Newfoundland Club of America considers it necessary to screen all breeding
218 stock for the following diseases: hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, subaortic
219 stenosis and cystinuria. The NCA also recommends testing, where indicated, for
220 autoimmune thyroiditis, inherited eye diseases, luxating patellas and shoulder
221 OCD. All results of such health tests on any Newfoundland should be recorded in
222 an open, searchable database. Open registries are information sources for
223 current and prospective Newfoundland owners and breeders seeking health data
224 on specific dogs. If results are not publicly available, documentation should be
225 available for test results of the sire and dam of a litter. Please be sure to discuss

226 the status of these tests with your responsible breeder. All prospective buyers
227 are encouraged to utilize this information in their inquiries.

228 **DNA submission to DNA repository/DNA bank**

229 The NCA strongly encourages sample submission to the CHIC DNA repository
230 for DNA banking in support of future research studies.

231 **Open Registries**

232 The [Canine Health Information Center](#), also known as CHIC, is a centralized
233 canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation
234 (AKC/CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA).

235 [Orthopedic Foundation for Animals](#) While the OFA continues to focus on hip
236 dysplasia, and other orthopedic disorders, today's OFA Mission, "To improve the
237 health and well being of companion animals through a reduction in the incidence
238 of genetic disease," reflects the organization's expansion into other inherited
239 diseases.

240 The [Canine Eye Registration Foundation \(CERF\)](#) is an organization that was
241 founded by a group of concerned, purebred owner/breeders who recognized that
242 the quality of their dogs' lives were being affected by heritable eye disease.
243 CERF was established in conjunction with cooperating, board certified, veterinary
244 ophthalmologists, as a means to accomplish the goal of elimination of heritable
245 eye disease in all purebred dogs by forming a centralized, national registry.

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247 Pam Saunders moved and Roger Frey seconded to strike-out the words "such as the
248 Orthopedic Foundation for Animals" from the proposed health testing statement from
249 the Health & Longevity Committee. The amendment to strike-out words passed. 10 Yes
250 (LA, JC, MLC, RF, KM, MLP, PKR, ME, PSR, PS); 1 No (SB); 1 Absent (DT)

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252 The motion to approve the Health & Longevity Committee's proposed health testing
253 statement as amended, without objection, passed. 1 Absent (DT)

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255 **Awards Committee**

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257 The Board discussed the AKC's offer to provide custom reports to aid in the
258 determination of NCA awards. It was stated that the members who count and determine
259 the award winners put in a great deal of time and effort throughout the year. This offer
260 could make their work much easier.

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262 Steve Britton moved and Kathy McIver seconded that in response to a request from the
263 Awards Committee, the Board allocate an expenditure of \$840 to obtain the custom
264 awards reports from the AKC.

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266 Pam Saunders moved and Steve Britton seconded that more information be gathered
267 regarding the AKC custom awards reports before any allocation of funds is approved.
268 Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (DT)

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270 Pam Saunders, 2nd Vice President and Committee Liaison, reported that the Technical
271 Resources Committee will have a report on Phase IV of the NCA Database at the next
272 meeting. She also reported that response from committee chairs and members was
273 outstanding as only one member has requested to be relieved because of time
274 constraints. She expressed her thanks to all committee chairs and members for the
275 great work that they accomplish.

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277 **Executive Session**

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279 At 11:01 p.m., Meredith Reggie moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board go
280 into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (DT)

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282 At 11:30 p.m., Pam Saunders moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board come
283 out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (DT)

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285 While in executive session, the Board approved the Applicants List of February 16,
286 2012.

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288 While in executive session, the Board appointed Deb Bridge from alternate to
289 Nominating Committee member.

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291 While on executive session, the Board accepted the resignations of Linda Roderick as
292 Recognition Committee Chair; David Helming and Roger Powell from the Steering
293 Committee and Barbara Grob and Anna Lorenz from the Performance and Companion
294 Events Committee.

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296 While in executive session, the Board appointed Marjorie Odle to the Newfoundland
297 Ambassador Committee.

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299 While in executive session, the Board appointed Starr Willetts to the Rescue Prevention
300 Committee.

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302 **Unfinished Business**

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304 ***Annual of Titlists and NCA Database***

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306 The Board briefly considered a letter from an NCA member regarding some errors in the
307 *Annual of Titlists* that resulted from data received from the NCA Database. The Board
308 was reminded that the Technical Resources Committee will also have an update on the
309 NCA Database at the next meeting. It was agreed to postpone discussion to the face-to-
310 face meeting on April 29, 2012.

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312 **New Business**

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314 **Proposed Finance and Project Advisory Group**

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316 Without objection, the Board agreed to move discussion of a Finance/Project Advisory
317 Committee to the April 29, 2012 face-to-face meeting.

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319 **Recognizing Newfoundland Longevity**

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321 Without objection, the Board agreed to move its discussion of lowering the recognition
322 of Newfoundland longevity from 14 years to 13 years to the April 29, 2012 face-to-face
323 meeting.

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325 **NCA Lapel Pin Proposal**

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327 The Board considered a request that the NCA make available NCA lapel pins for
328 purchase by members and to be given to new NCA members when accepted into
329 membership.

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331 Steve Britton moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board appoint Steve Britton
332 and Rita Van Brandeghen to an *ad hoc* committee to investigate NCA lapel pins and
333 associated costs. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (DT)

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335 **NCA Policy Committee**

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337 Pam Saunders informed the Board that the updated sections of the *NCA Policy Manual*
338 will soon be ready for review by those Board members who had volunteered to review
339 the updates.

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341 At 11:51 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Steve Britton seconded that the meeting be
342 adjourned. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (DT)

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344 Submitted by,

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346 Mary Lou Cuddy
347 NCA Recording Secretary