

NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Hotel Carlisle and Embers Convention Center
Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Minutes of May 1, 2012
(Approved for publication May 24, 2012)

The NCA Annual Membership Meeting convened at 8:29 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at the Hotel Carlisle and Embers Convention Center in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. A quorum of 186 members was needed to conduct business. At the opening of the meeting, a quorum had been reached for the eighth year in a row.

At 8:29 p.m., Pat Randall, President, called the meeting to order.

Welcome

Pat Randall welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. Officers and members of the Board were introduced. NCA Honorary Members were introduced and special acknowledgment given to two Honorary Members, Barbara Frey and Megan Nutbeem, who had recently passed away.

Approval of Minutes

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the May 3, 2011 Annual Membership Meeting were approved as presented in the 3rd Quarter issue of *Newf Tide*.

Annual Report of the President: Pat Randall

It's been an honor to serve as NCA president over the past year. I have to thank a great many members who helped me grow into this job. The talent and generosity of our members are truly remarkable.

It's been exciting to see the Juniors program so active, I'm sure those of you able to attend this year's National specialty will notice the juniors to be very much in evidence. I think many of our lives would have been very different had we known of this world when we were younger.

We have also been the beneficiaries of incredibly organized and smoothly running nationals. There is something to be said for using the same site over a few years. Most of the credit, however, goes to the show committees who for some reason commit themselves to months of difficult and sometimes thankless work. Please remember the dedication and hard work of these volunteers and do whatever you can to make their job as easy as possible and make the whole thing run smoothly again, regardless of the obstacles we might encounter.

Lastly, each year we recognize older dogs with our living legends program. As breeders and exhibitors we have a great perspective on the cycle of generations, sometimes saying goodbye to the last generation while welcoming the new generation of puppies. It is truly haunting to see our past dogs in the look and behavior of their descendents. This has to remind us of our own frailty and the fact that our generations, as well, come and go--with just a slightly longer time span. We have also said good bye to several members and former members who have been great friends of the Newfoundland breed and the club for many years. Please keep them in mind during this national and annual meeting, and beyond. They have a great legacy in the breed they have helped to preserve.

Annual Report of the 1st Vice President – Roger Frey

The 1st Vice President acts as liaison with the Newfoundland Club of America's Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB). In that capacity I attended the monthly CTMB teleconference meetings and would report back to the NCA Board, which acts as the Trustee for the Trust, on the proceedings of said meetings. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your First Vice-President. It is also inspiring to see firsthand the dedication and commitment of the members of the CTMB under the capable leadership of Chairman, Dr. Clyde Dunphy.

Annual Report of the 2nd Vice-President – Pam Saunders

It has been an amazing year serving as the 2nd Vice President. As the 2nd Vice President, one of my responsibilities is Committee Liaison and although it's a lot of hard work it has been an extremely rewarding experience. Currently the NCA has 40 committees with over 120 committee members, most all of which are volunteers. It is truly amazing the dedication and passion to the breed that these committee members have, spending countless hours working with their committees because of their love for these wonderful dogs. We owe these committee members a debt of gratitude because without them the NCA would not function. They are the work force of the NCA and I for one would like to thank each and every one of them. It has been a pleasure working with them all.

I would also like to thank the committee members who are no longer serving at this time. Their past work is greatly appreciated:

Linda Roderick – Recognition
Virginia Kelly – Working Dog Committee
Roger Powell – Working Dog Committee & Steering
Mary Lou Roberts - Steering
Karen Steinrock – AKC Breed Column
Barbara Grob – Performance & Companion Events
Anna Lorenz – Performance & Companion Events
David Helming – Steering

Donna Thibault – Gen Ed
Sharon Gilbert – Gen Ed
Sonia Nicholson – International Liaison
Patti Testa – Juniors
Cathy Dunphy- Newf Ambassador
Ken Price – Steering

In sadness, our loss of Nancy Aliff – Arbitration and Barbara Frey- Companion
Newfoundlands & Working Dog Committee

If you have a desire to become involved in a NCA committee please contact any
Board member or committee Chair for more information.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as NCA 2nd Vice President. This
year has been amazing and I am often humbled to be in the presence of such
amazing talent and dedication as we have on the NCA committees. Great job
everyone and have a wonderful National.

Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Lynne Anderson-Powell

During the last year I have received thousands of communications from
organizations such as the AKC, OFA, other Parent Breed Clubs, Universities and
many other dog related entities. I have been contacted by hundreds of people
from most of our United States as well as from many countries around the world.
Newf fanciers, NCA and Regional Club members have contacted the NCA
Corresponding Secretary to ask questions, request information or provide input
on any number of topics. The thing that is most remarkable about all of this
correspondence is that it was almost all done electronically. In fact 99.9 % of the
communications I received during the year have been via email.

In my report last year I assured you that the electronic methods of
communications do work. They do and I welcome your use of them. However,
when the opportunity exists, I urge you to actually speak to the people who work
for you and the club – the Board of Directors, the Committee Chairs and
members, the people who put on our shows and working events. Speaking
person to person allows us make real contact. If we do it enough we get to know
each other as people, not as an email address or web list member or Facebook
friend.

By reaching out “up front and personal” our message and intent will be more
completely understood. Perhaps we can get to know each other better and will
realize how much we are the alike in our concern for, commitment to and love for
our Newfoundlands. This is especially important when it comes to the people
who serve you through our Club. People, much like our Newfs, require human
contact to be their best. Can you imagine not personally interacting with your
Newf?! So much would be lost that way.

Once again I will assure you that the NCA Board values all communications, especially those from our members. In the end the most important thing is that you do contact us and share your thoughts, concerns and ideas. But if the opportunity allows, pick up the phone or walk up to any of us at a show or event and let's get to know each other better.

Annual Report of the Recording Secretary - Mary Lou Cuddy

Since the last annual meeting at the 2011 National Specialty held in Frankenmuth, MI, the Board has held a total of eleven meetings, including two face-to-face meetings. Nine of these meetings were conducted using teleconferences.

The Board held a face-to-face meeting on November 4-6, 2011 in Rosemont, 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 847 ballots cast out of 1653 possible for an approximate voting turnout of 51%. 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 and for re-electing me to another term.

Annual Report of the Treasurer - Mary L. Price

As of March 31, 2012 the following balances are: checking account: \$29,582.43; checking account for 2013 National Specialty: \$10,488.30; savings accounts: \$55,316.21; invested in CDs: \$95,920.95; and the NCA operations balance total of \$191,307.89. The Juniors Fund account balance is \$1,000.00 and the Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$637.09 for a total balance of \$192,944.98. A complete report is included in the 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

The following information is intended as a supplement to my 2011 annual report which appears on page 78 of the first quarter 2012 issue of *Newf Tide*.

Thus far in 2012, there has been only one meeting of American Kennel Club Delegates. The organization's annual meeting took place in Newark, New Jersey, on March 13, at which time elections were held to fill three vacancies on the AKC

Board of Directors, Class of 2016. From among seven candidates, the following persons were elected: Patricia Cruz, a former AKC field representative; Thomas Powers, an attorney from Southern California; William Feeney, an attorney from Northern California. All three represent all-breed clubs.

At a meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, convened after the Delegates' meeting, Alan Kalter, Delegate of the American Bullmastiff Association and a scion of the advertising world, was elected as Chairman of the Board. Robert D. Smith, Delegate of the Memphis Kennel Club and an all-breed judge, was elected Vice Chairman of the Board. Former Chairman Ronald Meneker and Vice Chairman Dr. Tom Davies, along with longtime Board member Walter Goodman, were honored by the assembly for their many contributions and years of service to the organization. All three of these men were ineligible to seek re-election due to term limits but may choose to seek a Board seat after a one-year hiatus.

At this same meeting, Delegates approved the request to withdraw the proposal to award championship points to Reserve Winners at national specialty shows. A few changes to the proposal are expected before it is again presented for a vote. Delegates defeated the Group Realignment Proposal amendments by a vote of 231 in favor, 165 opposed – just a bit more than 30 votes shy of passage. I expect a slightly modified version to be offered for a vote in the not-too-distant future.

Watch for AKC's enhanced website to be launched within the next few months. Also, be waiting for a "Club of Excellence" designation being developed by the Parent Club Committee. The quality of a parent club's programs for judges' education, rescue services, breed-specific health concerns, junior member activities, publications, etc., will be considered to attain merit recognition. The NCA should be a "shoe-in" for such an award. Just think about the quality of our members! The NCA can boast of eleven members serving as AKC Delegates, representing all-breed, obedience, or parent clubs. My current delegate colleagues are John Adams, Fred Bock, Pedro Cofino, David Helming, Peggy Helming, Jack Hyatt, Sandee Lovett, Betty McDonnell, Joyce Rowland, and Rebecca Stanevich.

Please accept my sincere thanks for allowing me to be NCA's Delegate to the American Kennel Club for the past twenty-eight years. I am truly grateful for the honor and privilege and have enjoyed serving.

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 Charitable Trust. It has been 15 years since the creation of the NCA Health Challenge and 10 years since the formation of the NCA Charitable Trust. Much

has been accomplished in that time and the NCA is considered one of the premier parent clubs in health research.

The OFA Health Survey was launched in November 2011 and to date, 2493 Newfoundlands have been entered which is approximately five percent of all living Newfoundlands. Clyde urged all members to enter their dogs in the survey in the hope of reaching ten percent. At the moment, the NCA ranks third of all AKC breeds in the number of dogs entered in an OFA health survey. Only Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers have more entries and they are breeds that are in the Top Ten for registration numbers while Newfoundlands are usually 45th - 50th in ranking. Clyde thanked Marylou Zimmerman for her tireless efforts to promote the survey.

Clyde informed the membership that the Charitable Trust has renewed contact with the regional clubs with Mary Lou Roberts directly working with the clubs. Some regional clubs have raffled off the Dannyquest "Double Dare" statue with 50 percent of proceeds going to the Health Challenge and the other 50 percent being retained by the regional club. The remaining clubs were urged to start their raffles which are very successful for both the club and the Health Challenge. Clyde thanked the Bear Mountain and Colonial regional clubs for hosting the Health Challenge tables and Sue Miller and her committee for running the silent auction for Rescue.

Clyde reported that the Junior Scholarship program is a prudent investment in the future and that Lynne Hamilton will award the 2012 Junior Scholarships later in the meeting. Clyde reminded the membership that the scholarship rewards outstanding achievement and that more than one scholarship is available each year. The funds are held in escrow until the junior is enrolled in some form of higher education and then are paid directly to the institution. Newly-revised criteria will soon be posted on the *NCA Website* for the 2013 awards.

Clyde introduced Andy Zinsmeyer who had been approved by the Trustee (NCA Board) to investigate alternative investment possibilities. Andy reported on the "Dogs of the Dow", which is the annual selection of Dow Jones stocks which meet specific criteria and results. The strategy is to grow the Charitable Trust Endowment Fund to the point where the dividends from the Endowment Fund can be used to fund health research projects and NCA Rescue.

Clyde thanked the Trustee for its support for the Charitable Trust. He also thanked the Charitable Trust officers and members: David Helming, Vice Chair; Mary L. Price, Treasurer; Mary Jane Spackman, Secretary; Janice Hight, Roger Powell, Mary W. Price, Roger Frey and Andy Zinsmeyer.

Clyde thanked the NCA membership for the generous donations and support for the silent auctions. Donations, as a whole, have exceeded the previous year each of the last two years.

Clyde updated the story of Penny that appeared in the 1st Quarter issue of *Newf Tide*. The procedure used to relieve the severe sub-aortic stenosis that affected this rescue puppy was a direct result of NCA-funded research projects. Penny has been successfully spayed and her heart scores remain good. This procedure will give some dogs an alternative treatment for sub-aortic stenosis until the genetic marker(s) is identified.

In conclusion, Clyde reminded the membership of the many activities available to our magnificent breed; that we have all been embarrassed at times by our dogs and there may be some truth that puppy breath is a hallucinogen.

Committee Reports

Awards

Ingrid Lyden, Awards Chair, thanked the following counters who made these awards possible: Debbie Bridge, Karen Clancy, Mary Lou Cuddy, Dawn Fretts, Joan Locker-Thuring, Dejah Petsch and Pam Saunders. She thanked the following longtime counters who have decided to step down at this time: Karen Clancy and Mary Lou Cuddy. Though the counting procedure has remained the same, the AKC reports have evolved greatly over the years and additional volunteers are needed.

Ingrid presented the following awards:

Top Show Dog: GCh. Cypress Bay Don Juan De Marco (Cathy & John Borklund)

Top Show Bitch: VN GCh. Kloofbear Over The Rainbow Timberknoll, CD, WRDX, WRD4, TDD, CGC, ROM (Benita Edds & Patti Sutherland)

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

Top Producing Sire: Ch. Council Cup's Where For Art Thou, ROM (Patti McDowell)

Top Producing Dam: Ch. Avalon Bey's Lady Of The Lake (Laura Rader)

Register of Merit Newfoundlands

Ch. Boradaile's Shannon Brown, ROM (Helen G Mancuso & Patricia Betchley)
GCh. Fairweather's Keepsake At Darbydale, ROM (Carol Bergmann)
Ch. Kilyka's Hell's Belles, ROM (Barbara Bottaro & Betty McDonnell)
VN GCh. Kloofbear Over The Rainbow TimberKnoll, CD, WRDX, WRD4, TDD, CGC, ROM (Benita Edds & Patti Sutherland)

Nakiska's Gift of Joy, ROM (Carla Gengler)
Ch. Nakiska's Nod From Kettle Hill, ROM (Ingrid & Chris Lyden)
Ch. Pouch Cove Bowater After Dark, ROM (Debra J. Sylvester & Carl Sylvester & Peggy Helming)
Ch. Seabrook Day of Grace, ROM (Kathy Griffin)
Ch. Seabrook Talks The Talk, ROM (Laura Vande Ven)
Ch. Tempest's Bella Donna, CD, WD, DD, ROM (Brenda Miele Soares & Dejah T Petsch & Steven Petsch)
Ch. Tempest's Pouch Cove In The Black, ROM (Dejah Petsch & Peggy Helming & Steven Petsch)

Oldest Living Newfoundland

Haven Hills Dances With Chief, WRD: 15 years 3 months (Joyce Echon-Butler)

Others Honored as 14 Years and Older

Allison Acres Oh Reo, CD, DD, CGC: 15 years (Jan Curtis & Connie Allison)
Sweetbay's Illuminata, UD, WRD10, DD, CanCD: 14 years, 7 months (Susan Kerby)
Ch. Nakiska's No Questions Asked, ROM: 14 years, 5 months (Ingrid & Chris Lyden)
Finnigans Fortune Teller: 14 years, 1.5 months (Sandy McFarlane & Nancy Wheeler)
Hannibal's Christmas Belle: 14 years (Peter Maniate & Shel Munro)

NCA Member of the Year

The NCA Member of the Year was presented to: Deborah Bridge

Juniors Awards

Cissy Sullivan, Juniors Committee Chair, informed the membership that the following awards are for NCA Junior Members for participation during the year of January 2011-December 2011.

Juniors Participation Awards:

Megan Risko
Emma Taylor
Zachary Smith
Leah Smisloff

Top NCA Junior in AKC Obedience:

Mariah Huge

Juniors participating in Obedience:

Jessica Cobban
Mattie Cobban

Special Committee Award presented for qualifying and participating in the first Junior AKC National Obedience Invitational:

Jessica Cobban
Mattie Cobban

Junior Participating in an NCA working event:

Mattie Cobban

Top NCA Junior in AKC Conformation:

Kaitlyn Benedict

Juniors Participating in Conformation:

Becker Reep
Mattie Cobban

Special Committee Award presented for qualifying and participating in Westminster and the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show:

Becker Reep
Jessica Thibault

Top NCA Junior in AKC Junior Showmanship:

Jessica Thibault

Junior Scholarship Award:

Jessica Thibault

Juniors participating in Junior Showmanship:

Kaitlyn Benedict
Jessica Cobban
Mattie Cobban
Mariah Huge
Becker Reep

Versatile Newfoundlands

- VN Ch. Blackwatch Ladyhawk at PlayHaven, RN, CD, DD4, WRD2 (Barbara Walker & Gary Walker & Joan E. Gunn)
- VN Ch. Top Shelf's Legacy of Ark Angel, CD, TDD, WRD4, TD (Brian Hodges & Michelle Fuqua)
- VN Ch. Jehaj Adam, CD, DD, WRD (Christine Brigham)
- WA VN Ch. Tresors Star Of Logy Bay, CD, DD2, WRD,UD, RAE (Anna Lorenz & Dawn Staffen)
- VN Ch. Starboards Yankee Doodle Dandy, CD, DD, WRD (Patricia S. Barnes)
- VN Ch. Oceano's Bene Bene, Molto Bene, CD, DD1, WRD, CGC (David Aguinaga, Erin Palmer, Pamela Morgan & Joyce Rowland)
- VN Ch. Jolly Roger's Darktown Strutter, CD, DD, WRD (Roger Frey & Barbara Frey)
- VN Ch. Kevaura's SaltyDog, CD, DD, WRD (Martin Vroegryk & Gabrielle Cohen)
- VN Ch. Tempest's the Sky's The Limit, CD, WRD, DD (Donna Marie Smith)
- VN Ch. Shadrack"s Midnite Necessity, CD, DD, WRD (Steve and Jean McAdams)
- VN Ch. Emmabay Virgil's For Virginia, CDX, WRD2, DD1, UD, TODD (Tamzin Rosenwasser)

Working Achievement Awards

In the absence of Brian Hodges, Working Achievement Chair, Sue Marino presented Working Achievement Awards to the following:

- WA Schwechel's Sir Sampson Woods, CDX, RE, CA, WRD3, WRDX, DD, (John Schwechel & Debbie Schwechel)
- WA Yosemite's Simply A Star, UD, WRD4, WRDX1, DD1 (Carol Giffhorn)
- WA Ch. Tresors Star of Logy Bay, UD, RAE, WD, DD1, TDD (Anna Lorenz & Dawn Staffen)
- WA VN Ch. Nautica's Cross of Rowanberry, UD, RE, WRD3, DD2, (Nan Edwards)
- WA Black Watch Hooded and Cloaked, CDX, WD1, WRD4, WRDX, DD3, TDD, (Dana Kuo)
- WA Spirit Feather, CDX, TD, RAE, WRD2, DD, WRDX (Ron Silva & Joyce Arivella Silva)
- WA VN Ch. Top Shelf's Legacy of Ark Angel, UD, GN, RN, TD, WRD3, DD1, TDD (Brian T. Hodges & Michelle Fuqua)

WA Applehill's Simply The Best, CDX, RA, TD, WRD10, WRDX1, DD, CGC,
(Sue Morton & Patricia Lillibridge)

TOD/TODD Awards

Joan Locker-Thuring, TOD/TODD Chair, announced the following recipients of the TOD/TODD awards:

TOD:

Jalynn's MVP (Lynda McFadden)

Sweetbay's Vivian, TD, CD (Maria Rizzuto)

Ch. Twin Oak's Inside Trader (Patte & Dave Testa & Sylvia Steffens & Shannon Myers)

TODD:

Castanewf's Expedition North (Lynne Baker)

Ethel May Dakota Bear Meeker, WD, RAE (Ted Meeker)

Ch. Kilyka's Better Hide Your Heart Girl, CD, RN, CGC (Kathy Sylvia & Douglas Stewart)

Micenko's Max of Pondview, DD1, WD, RN, (Linda & Barry Jones)

Misty Mountain's Never Better (Raymond G. Gunn II & Mary Delle Gunn)

Mrs. Trumbles Oreo Cookie, RN (Ted Meeker)

Ch. Newfashion Takes A Bow, RN, WD (Susan Garrett, David Rich & Terry Lane)

Mollybrook's Mystic Talisman, CD, RE, WD3, WRD4, DD3, (Kathy Sylvia & Douglas Stewart)

Ch. Top Shelf's Get'N A Buzz On, CD, RN, (Patte Testa & Deb Wigal & Shannon Myers)

Ch. Top Shelf's Legacy of Ark Angel, TD, WRD2, DD (Michelle Fuqua and Brian Hodges)

Yosemite's White and Black Blues (Dana Kuo & Lynne Anderson)

Outgoing Board Member

Outgoing Board member, Donna Thibault, was presented with a plaque as thanks for her service and hard work on the NCA Board.

NCA Good Sportsmanship Award

The NCA Good Sportsmanship Award was presented to: Naomi Young Meyer

***Newf Tide* Policy Committee**

Aura Dean, *Newf Tide* Policy Committee Chair, thanked everyone who helped to make *Newf Tide* better than ever; including Meredith Reggie, *Newf Tide* editor. She reminded members that contributions to the magazine are very much

appreciated and to please check Meredith's columns in *Newf Tide* for submission instructions.

New Business

Megaesophagus

NCA member Lynne Rutenberg reported on information she had gathered on megaesophagus as a result of the disease appearing in a litter of puppies. Some researchers believe that it is a genetic condition in Newfoundlands and they are looking for DNA samples for research. Currently there is very little financial support for this research. The hope is that megaesophagus will be a simple recessive gene such as cystinuria. Lynne would like to see the Charitable Trust Management Board look into funding some studies on megaesophagus. It was reported that 40 Newfoundlands submitted DNA today at the DNA collection clinic.

Distemper Vaccine Concerns

NCA member Margaret Willmott reported on information she had gathered as a result of a distemper vaccine from Pfizer causing puppies to develop the actual disease from the vaccine itself. Tissue from the puppies involved was tested and the DNA from the distemper matched the DNA in the vaccine. This has happened in several litters by different breeders. It was reported that Dr. Jean Dodds recommends using only the recombinant vaccine from Merial as it cannot cause the disease.

Legislation Committee

Kathy Grim, Legislation Committee Chair, thanked her committee for their efforts and hard work this past year. She cited some proposed breeding laws and the effect they may eventually have on all breeders, not just the commercial breeders. Some laws may even affect water and draft tests. She encouraged members to meet and talk with their local representatives to give them our point of view and to counteract the skewed information coming from the animal rights groups. Kathy reminded members that if there is pending legislation in their area, the NCA Legislation Committee and the AKC Legislation Department are ready to help.

International Breeder-Judges

NCA member Roger Frey reviewed the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting where the membership voted to allow international NCA member breeder-judges to be listed on NCA approved judges list as is currently done with the American NCA member breeder-judges. The NCA Board subsequently ratified that vote and sent the results to the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee. The committee came

back to the NCA Board with objections and the NCA Board voted to uphold the committee's objections by a 7 to 5 vote.

Roger Frey moved and Ivan Rakyta seconded that the NCA members from other countries who are breeder-judges and are approved to judge Newfoundlands in their own countries be automatically placed on the NCA approved judges list as are our American NCA member breeder-judges.

Discussion followed. Some international judges have already judged the NCA National Specialty, such Brigitte Gothen and Manlio Massa. This would allow the NCA to use such expertise.

Robin Seaman, Specialty Show Coordinating Committee Chair, explained the committee did not approve of adding international members to the list because of the lax judging education/requirements that exist in some countries. Barbara Finch, Specialty Show Coordinating Committee member, explained that this motion should have come to the committee first instead of the membership. There has been a policy in place for years that members can submit approved judges' names to a list that is then voted on by the membership. International breeder-judges can have their names placed on this list. Judges who receive the top 15 percent of the vote are placed on the list. American NCA member breeder-judges are automatically placed on the final list.

An NCA member asked that if all American NCA breeder-judges are placed on this list automatically, why not add the international members. The judges still have to be approved by the AKC. In response, it was stated that because of the tight deadlines for approving judges for the specialties, if AKC denies a judge, then there is very little time to find a replacement.

It was estimated that approximately ten international members who are breeder-judges are affected by this vote. An NCA member asked if the committee carries more weight with the NCA Board than the membership. In response, it was stated that the NCA Board conducts the business of the club and usually the Board will follow the membership's wishes, this being only the second time the Board has gone against the membership wishes. It is Board policy to refer policy changes to any committees affected by a change. It was said that last year's agenda was well-publicized but the committee did not present their point of view at that meeting.

It was stated that this is not the Board versus the membership. Committees do their best and the committee did have its reasons for disapproval.

There was additional discussion about Roberts Rules of Order and a ten-minute limit per speaker.

It was asked if the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee would honor the membership wishes if the international members provided documentation of their experience and training. Another member stated that it seems it is only a remote theoretical possibility that AKC might not approve a judge. Another NCA member stated that if the American breeder-judges were automatically included, then it was only fair the international members also be included.

It was stated that the regional clubs hosting the specialties choose the judges, not the committee. The clubs may choose a judge not on the list but do have to get that choice of judge approved.

Tamzin Rosenwasser moved and Ivan Rakyta seconded to call the question.

It was stated that a two-thirds vote is needed to pass.

The motion passed.

The motion that the NCA members from other countries who are breeder-judges and are approved to judge Newfoundlands in their own countries be automatically placed on the NCA approved judges list as are our American NCA member breeder-judges passed. 49 Yes; 44 No

It was requested that the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee ask the international breeder-judges for their credentials and to bring that information back to the Board for review.

Announcements

Mary Lou Roberts informed the membership that the Newf Ambassador program was ready to begin. The Newf Ambassador Committee is looking for volunteers for the program. Information and the application form will be available in the Hospitality tent. It is critical that there be a good geographical base for the program to succeed.

Adjournment

At 10:49 p.m., Cherrie Brown moved with multiple seconds that the meeting be adjourned.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy
Recording Secretary