



**Meeting of the Newfoundland Club of America's
Board of Directors
May 24, 2012**

The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Newfoundland Club of America's Board of Directors was called to order on Thursday Evening, May 24, 2012 at 8:00 P.M., Eastern Time; by President Pam Saunders with the secretary present.

Answering the roll call were nine officers and directors, as well as the club's AKC delegate. Those answering the call were:

Pam Saunders, Patrick Randall, Lynne Anderson-Powell, Steven Britton,
Mary L. Price, John Cornell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio,
and Mary W. Price.

In her opening remarks, the president complimented the former recording secretary, Mary Lou Cuddy for her diligence in preparing the minutes of recent meetings and also complimented Recording Secretary Britton for his diligence in preparing this evening's meeting agenda and other related materials.

Kathy McIver and Sandy Gabel joined the meeting at 8:05 P.M. and Roger Frey joined the meeting at 8:08 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Advance electronic copies of the secretary's drafted minutes from the board or directors April regular meeting (April 19, 29, 30, and May 1, 2012), the NCA Board of Director's Annual Meeting (May 1, and 2, 2012) and the NCA's Annual Membership Meeting (May 1, 2012) were previously forwarded to board members by the former secretary; subsequently, the reading of all pending minutes were waived.

The minutes of the April regular meetings of the board of directors were approved as corrected.

The minutes of the NCA Annual Membership Meeting were approved (for publication) as corrected.

The minutes of the NCA Board of Directors Annual Meeting were approved as drafted by the former secretary.

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Kathy McIver seconded to approve the meeting agenda as published. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Due to urgency and without objection, the board agreed to suspend rules relating to the order of business and proceeded to hear a partial president's report.

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President's Report

The president reported to the board regarding her discussions with Mary Jane Spackman, Chair of the New-Penn-Del Newfoundland Club's 2012 National Specialty Show Committee about the credit card issues that some specialty show attendees have experienced after their stay at the host hotel.

Following board discussion on the credit card issues:

Mareidith Reggie moved, and Pam Rubio seconded, to authorize President Saunders to contact Mary Jane Spackman and that all necessary arrangements to notify specialty show attendees of instances of suspected or potential credit card fraud, be authorized; at the discretion of the president.

Without objection, the motion was adopted.

The president also reported on her recent conversation with the club's AKC delegate, Mary W. Price. The conversation was subsequent to an important vote that is scheduled for the September delegates meeting. Delegate Price had informed the president that the AKC Delegate Body is expected to take a vote on a revised amendment to the *Dog Show Rules*, which would provide for an opportunity of the awarding of a three point major win for the each Reserve Winners at one designated parent club specialty show each year. A similar proposal had narrowly been defeated by the delegate body in March. Further, Delegate Price informed the president that she would not be available to attend the upcoming September delegate's meeting and due to the upcoming September vote on the rule change, the board might find it prudent to appoint her successor sooner than previously had been agreed upon.

Discussion followed. A director inquired if there are other important votes immediately pending before the AKC Delegate Body. Another director opined that although this proposed rule change is an important vote and previously the board had asked our delegate to express the club's disapproval by voting against recent similar proposals. More importantly, the election of our club's next delegate should occur at a board of director's face-to-face meeting. Subsequently, there was no action regarding the appointment of a new AKC delegate, taken.

Motion Regarding Inviting Canadian/American Judges to Membership on the JEC

Roger Frey moved, and Steve Britton seconded, to suspend rules that interfere with the consideration of a new item of business and to immediately proceed to the business item regarding American/Canadian member/breeder judges, prior to the evening's appointment of committees. Without objection, the president proceeded to the business item.

Roger Frey moved, and Sandy Gabel seconded, that all NCA breeder conformation judges who reside in the United States and Canada be invited to serve on the NCA Judges Education Committee.

After debate and *voice vote*, and in accordance with board policy, a roll call vote on the motion was ordered.

Voting in the AFFIRMATIVE were: Britton, Cuddy, Frey and M.L. Price.

Voting in the NEGATIVE were: Anderson-Powell, Cornell, McIver, Randall, Reggie, Rubio and Saunders.

ABSTAINING: Gabel.

The motion regarding Canadian/American breeder member judges was lost.

Special Order: Committee Appointments and Executive Session Business

At 9:00 P.M, Pam Rubio moved and Meredith Reggie seconded to enter into an executive session for the purpose of appointing committees and other business relating to the election of new members. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

At 10:54 and after the executive session's business was exhausted, Pam Rubio moved and Meredith Reggie seconded, to leave the executive session. Without objection, the motion to exit executive session was adopted.

While in executive session, the following members were appointed to NCA Standing Committees for the 2012-2013 club year:

AKC Breed Column: Sandra Younger (Chair).

AKC Legislative Liaison: Kathy Grim (Chair), Debbie Denison, Denise Hatakeyama, Janice Anderson and Karen Railing.

Arbitration: Ken Wildman (Chair), Suzi Bidwell and Carla Gengler.

Awards: Ingrid Lyden (Chair).

Breeder Education: Kathy McIver (Chair), Janice Anderson, Lynne Anderson-Powell, John Cornell, Susanne Jones, Jean McAdams, Pat Randall, Pam Rubio and Susan Wagner.

Breeder Referral: Naomi Young-Meyer (Chair).

Breeder's List: Johanna Matsuda (Chair), Patti Testa, and Lynn Nuss.

Companion Newf: vacant (Chair), Carolyn Kuhn and Chris Rakyta.

Distinguished Member: Sue Miller (Chair) and Naomi Young Meyer.

Electronic Publications Policy Committee: Marylou Zimmerman (Chair), Aura Dean, Judi Randall and Ken Wildman.

General Education: Lisa Lathrop (Chair), Susan Aspeotes, Debbie Dennison, Elizabeth Heath, Ron Horn, Theodore Meeker, Joanne Peterson, Hope Taylor, Melissa Torres and Mary Alice Maloney.

- Health and Longevity: Jennifer Zabloutney (Chair), Gaby Cohen, Denise Hatakeyama, Andre Lapeyre, Diane Lynch, Tamzin Rosenwasser, Pam Rubio, Mary Jane Spackman and Bruce Willoughby.
- Historian & Archives: Mary Jane Spackman (Chair).
- International Liaison: Roger Frey
- Judges Education: Denise Castonguay (Chair), Jim Bricknell, Barbara Finch, Kathy Griffin, Susanne Jones, Jean McAdams, Debra Wigal, Margaret Wilmot, Kim Griffith, Roger Frey, Peggy Helming, Ingrid Lyden, Betty McDonnell, Robin Seaman and Lynne Anderson-Powell.
- Juniors: Cissy Sullivan (Chair), Sheila Luca, Robin Seaman, Donna Thibault, Linda Larsen, Dona Baker-Austin Tara Bertrand, Janet Cain and David Kledzik.
- Membership: Mary Lou Cuddy (Chair).
- Newf Ambassador: Mary Lou Roberts (Chair), Chris Plum, Joan Locker Thuring, Kathy Mitchell, Sandy Gabel, Peggy Lange, Joan Fenwick and Marjorie Odle.
- Newf Tide Policy: Aura Dean (Chair), Patti Emmerling, Beth Sell, Julie Poulin-Siefert, Meredith Reggie (ex-officio, non-voting) Jeanette Voss
- Nominating: Jo Nussle (Chair), Diane Lavin, Sandee Lovett, Deborah Bridges and David Hansen. Linda Roderick (Alternate)
- Performance and Companion Events: vacant (Chair), and Brian Hodges.
- Publicity: Hope Taylor (Chair), Lisa Lathrop and Patti Emmerling.
- Recognition: vacant (Chair), Joe Reinisch.
- Regional Club Committee: Steve Britton (Chair).
- Regional Club Liaison: Pam Rubio (Chair).
- Rescue Prevention: Donna Zink (Chair), Lynne Anderson-Powell, Roger Frey, Lisa Lathrop and Linda Star Willetts.
- Specialty Show: Robin Seaman (Chair), Steve Britton, Nancy Duggan (Properties), Barbara Finch (Specialty Guide), Cindy Goodwin, Peggy Helming, Diane Lavin (Uniform Trophies), John Cornell, Kevin Gallagher, Meredith Reggie, Sandee Lovett, Kathy Paxton and Amy Lane.

Steering: Chris Plum (Chair), Roger Frey, Mary Jane Spackman, Mary Lou Zimmerman < ~~and Lynne Anderson-Powell.~~ *(add.)* Kathy McIver and Bill Matlock. *This section of the minutes was amended as previously adopted at an adjourned meeting on July 26, 2012.*
SJB.>

Technical Resources: Barbara Finch (Chair), Dan Carr, Dejah Petsch, Deborah Bridge, Bill Matlock (Awards Liaison), Mary Lou Zimmerman, Lynn Anderson-Powell, Cheryl Dondino and Mary Lou Roberts.

TOD/TODD: Joan Locker-Thuring (Chair).

Versatile Newfoundland: Bethany Karger (Chair), Bruce Karger.

Working Achievement Award: Brian Hodges (Chair) and Joyce Arivella.

Working Dog: Sue Marino (Chair), Tom Brandt, Denise Castonguay, Laura Gallagher, Dwight Gorsuch, Patti Pigeon, Pam Saunders, Cindi Kursner, Andre Lapeyre, and Joyce Echon-Butler

The following members were appointed to Special (or Ad hoc) Committees as follows:

Governing Document Review Committee: Pat Randall (Chair), Kevin Gallagher
David Helming, Pam Saunders and
Steve Britton, *PRP*.

Phase IV Review Committee: Bill Matlock (Chair), Lynne Anderson-Powell and
Kevin Gallagher.

Policy Manual: Pam Saunders (Chair), Donna Thibault, Mary Lou Cuddy,
Roger Frey, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price and Meredith Reggie.

Other business reported out of the executive session was that the Membership Committee Chairman, Mary Lou Cuddy presented membership applications for the board's consideration.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

President's Report

President Saunders presented her written report and stated that she thanked the board members for giving her the opportunity to serve as president. Other business items that she orally reported are summarized earlier in these minutes. A copy of her written report is filed with the secretary's official copy of these minutes.

First Vice-President's Report

First Vice President Pat Randall presented his written report and stated that he had spoken to Dr. Dunphy regarding the NCA Charitable Trust and that he had nothing else to report at this time. A copy of his written report will be filed with the recording secretary's official copy of these minutes.

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The first vice-president orally reported on the progress made on another meeting/teleconference provider, "Start Meeting." He agreed to furnish the secretary with the service provider's login information, prior to the compiling of the June Regular Meeting's Agenda Packet. Trialing the service at next month's meeting will allow the board to decide if the NCA Board of Directors might wish to switch to "Start Meeting," in the future.

Second Vice President's Report

Second Vice President Lynn Anderson-Powell, orally reported that she forwarded budget preparation information to committee chairs, at the request of the treasurer.

Recording Secretary's Report

Recording Secretary Britton stated in his written report that he requested that when committees are making recommendations to the board, that they also include the wording for the motion at the end of its report. He also asked that if a board member offers a motion that is over eight words in length that they send it in writing to the secretary. Also, he reported that he had inadvertently omitted Pam Rubio's name from the regional club liaison's agenda item, and mistakenly did not include Director Gabel's email address on the electronic distribution of the board of director's agenda packet. He apologized to both directors for his oversight and he also thanked the treasurer for sending the meeting agenda packet to Director Gabel. A copy of the recording secretary's written report is filed with the recording secretary's official copy of these minutes.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Corresponding Secretary, Kathy McIver, orally reported that she didn't have correspondence to read or to report on for this meeting, but she had updated the club's information with the American Kennel Club and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. She also reported she would be follow-up on two letters that another officer suggested.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mary L. Price's written financial report represents the club's operational financial activity between April 7 and May 8, 2012. In the written report, Mary L. reported a total cash balance of \$177,617.25, a total income of \$1,992.86 and total expenditures of \$14,934.68. A copy of the treasurer's written report will be filed with the recording secretary's official copy of these minutes.

The treasurer also reported that she has started to receive bills from the New-Pen-Del Newfoundland Club regarding expenses from the recent specialty in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

During the treasurer's report, President Saunders reported to the board of directors regarding damages to some of the superintendent's equipment that occurred in conjunction with the recent NCA Top Twenty, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. It involved a member trimming the dog show superintendent's mats, without having the

superintendent's permission. Treasurer Price stated she understood that the issue had been resolved by the host club.

The 2nd vice president inquired about how NCA committees should be recording certain unreimbursed expenses in the upcoming budget requests. The treasurer explained the club's past practice and the board will discuss this further during its budget discussions.

The president also reported that the charge for chocolate at the NCA Top Twenty was in dispute. It was reported that the host hotel had packed up the chocolate before the presentation was completed, and therefore, the chocolate was never served to the guest at the top twenty. The treasurer reported that the host club is working to resolve this question.

Further, the treasurer reported that, due to her responsibilities in the Wisconsin gubernatorial recall election, her participation in putting together an auditor's proposal would be limited until after the June 15th.

After further discussion and without objection, Sandy Gabel agreed to bring forward an auditor's proposal at the June meeting.

AKC Delegate's Report

In her written report the club's AKC delegate, Mary W. Price, informed the board of directors that she had communicated with Mr. Neil Singer at AKC that Deborah Bridge of Lincoln, California was the Newfoundland Club of America's recipient of the prestigious AKC Sportsmanship Award for 2012, and the club had presented the award to her at its annual meeting in May. The written AKC delegate's report is filed with the recording secretary's official copy of these minutes.

Delegate Price further reported on the new AKC Board of Director's policy regarding reserved grooming areas at dog shows. She had been asked to participate in a parent-club delegate survey on the topic and she also had some questions. As her questions fell within the expertise of a board member attending the meeting, she was able to receive immediate answers to her questions.

Report of the Regional Club Liaison

Regional Club Liaison Pam Rubio reported the pending regional club bylaws mentioned in the agenda were submitted by the Newfoundland Club of New England and not the North Central Newfoundland or the Northern California Newfoundland as mistakenly abbreviated in the published meeting agenda.

Working Dog Committee Report

The Board reviewed two documents that were reported by the Working Dog Committee. As a result of the review, the following actions occurred:

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the revision of the Water Rescue Dog Excellent Handbook that had been reported out of the Working Dog

Committee, be adopted. After debate and without objection, the motion was adopted.

Without objection and after debate, the Board agreed to recommit the document "IV. Requirements of Provisional Judges," back to the Working Dog Committee, with instructions.

AD-Hoc Membership Pin Committee Report

Without objection, the Report of the Membership Pin Committee was postponed to the June meeting.

Pam Rubio moved and Meredith Reggie seconded to adjourn the meeting.

At 11:43 P.M Eastern time and without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Steven J. Britton, PRP

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Recording Secretary

Adopted: Initially corrected on June 21, 2012 and redrafted, with final approval on July 19, 2012.

<Amended as previously adopted at the adjourned board meeting on July 26, 2012, SJB.>