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

5 **Minutes of the**
6 **Regular Monthly Teleconference Meeting**
7 **Newfoundland Club of America**
8 **Board of Directors**

9 **June 21, 2012**

10 The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Newfoundland Club of America's
11 Board of Directors was called to order Thursday, June 21, 2012, at 8:12 P.M. Eastern
12 Time; with the president in the chair and the secretary present.

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

15 Pam Saunders, Patrick Randall, Lynne Anderson-Powell, Steven Britton,
16 Mary L. Price, John Cornell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Roger Frey, Sandy Gabel,
17 Maredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, and Mary W. Price.

18 Absent: Kathy McIver.

19 Other NCA members joining the call: Chris Plum, chair of the NCA Steering Committee
20 and Donna Zink, chair of the NCA Rescue Prevention Committee.

21 On behalf of Kathy McIver, 1st Vice president Pat Randall reported that due to an
22 untimely last minute family emergency, he didn't believe that Kathy would be available
23 to attend tonight's teleconference.

24 The board of directors held a brief moment of silence in remembrance of the late NCA
25 member, Alfred Moreton..

26 **Approval of Minutes**

27 While corrections to the minutes were being offered, it was brought to the secretary's
28 attention that due to their publication in *Newf Tide*, it's the board's custom for the
29 secretary to interject brief summaries of officer and committee reports into the body of
30 the minutes.

31 After a brief discussion, the following motion was offered:

32 Maredith Reggie moved and Pat Randall seconded that the secretary should
33 provide brief summaries of officers and committee reports in the drafted minutes.
34 Without objection, the motion was adopted.

35 After additional corrections to the minutes were presented and without objection, the
36 secretary volunteered to submit redrafted minutes for the May 24, 2012 meeting which
37 would include a brief summary of each officer's and each committee's report from the

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38 May 24, 2012 meeting. Copies of the redrafted minutes will be made available to board
39 members prior to the July 19, 2012 teleconference meeting.

40 **Approval of the Evening's Agenda**

41 After a brief explanation and without objection, the proposed published meeting agenda
42 for the June 21, 2012 was amended by adding new business item #6): "Endorsement of
43 the AKC petition in opposition to the new proposed USDA regulations affecting hobby-
44 breeders," and, new business item # 7): "Approval of the wording of a proposed letter
45 from the Newfoundland Club of America to Governor Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island.

46 **Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

47 **President's Report**

48 In her written report, the president wrote that with the exception of Marylou
49 Zimmerman's memorandum regarding the board's recently adopted cyber-bullying
50 statement, she had nothing else to report. However, after the closing of the June
51 meeting's agenda packet deadline, she received a proposed drafted letter from Kathy
52 Grim, the chair of the NCA Legislative Liaison Committee. The committee's drafted
53 letter advocated that the Newfoundland Club of America go on record urging Rhode
54 Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee to veto Rhode Island Senate bill 2035 and Rhode Island
55 House bill 7663.

56 The letter also stated that the enactment of the proposed bills would have negative
57 consequences and impede the club's ability to hold future national specialty dog shows in
58 Warwick, Rhode Island.

59 After the president's reading aloud of the proposed drafted letter, Secretary
60 Britton, as an amendment, offered a substitute letter.

61 After discussion and the offering of friendly amendments to the substitute by Meredith
62 Reggie and Mary W. Price; without objection and as follows, the substituted letter as
63 amended, was adopted:

64 ***Letter to Lincoln Chafee, governor of Rhode Island:***

65 June 19, 2012

66 Governor Lincoln Chafee
67 82 Smith Street
68 Providence, RI 02903
69 Phone: (401) 222-2080
70 Email: governor@governor.ri.gov

71 To the Honorable Governor Chaffe,

72 On behalf of the Newfoundland Club of America, I urgently request that
73 you veto both Rhode Island Senate bill 2035 and House bill 7663. These
74 bills would make it unlawful for dog owners to keep a dog confined in a
75 pen, cage, or other shelter for more than 14 hours, including non-

76 concurrent periods, within a 24-hour period. If signed into law, they will
77 have an enormously negative impact on responsible Rhode Island dog
78 owners as well as those who visit Rhode Island for dog events.

79 These bills would prevent dog show enthusiasts from coming to Rhode
80 Island for future dog shows. Our club has hosted its national specialty dog
81 show in Warwick, Rhode Island, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in 1992, 2000
82 and 2008, and we currently are planning to return in the near future. This
83 event brings in individuals from around the United States, Canada and
84 other foreign countries. A large weekend dog show can infuse over
85 \$1,000,000 into the local economy and a large week-long specialty show
86 such as ours can generate much more in expenditures at hotels,
87 restaurants, local shopping areas and tourist attractions in the area. It is
88 reasonable to conclude that if these bills are signed into law, that their
89 enactment would have a negative impact upon Warwick's local economy.

90 Dog fanciers are generally responsible dog owners, who crate their dogs
91 as required when they are unattended in the hotel rooms, but get them out
92 regularly for exercise and stimulation. Our members support the humane
93 treatment of dogs, including providing an adequate and nutritious diet,
94 clean living conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsible
95 human companionship, and training in appropriate behavior. We believe
96 that dogs kept in enclosures should be protected from harsh weather
97 conditions, and provided appropriate food, water, and care. As currently
98 written, SB 2035 and HB 7663 are unreasonable, burdensome, and
99 vague. For example, consider an owner who, while at work during the day
100 and while asleep at night, utilizes crating to ensure their dog's safety.
101 Under the provisions of these bills, regardless of whether an owner acts
102 responsibly by providing walks, training, exercise, play time, etc., such an
103 owner would be breaking state law. Again, we urge you to veto these bills.

104 Respectfully,

105 Pamela Saunders
106 President
107 Newfoundland Club of America

108 Cc: Crown Plaza Hotel, Warwick, Rhode Island
109 Central Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce
110 Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce Coalition
111 City of Warwick

112 At 9:00 P.M. Chris Plum, chair of the Steering Committee joined the teleconference.

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113 **General Order for 9:00 P.M. - Steering Committee Report**

114 In the Steering Committee's written report, the committee requested the board's
115 permission to write a survey that would be distributed to all NCA members; mostly
116 through use of Constant Contact, the NCA's service provider for electronic newsletters
117 and electronic surveys. The survey would be used to collectively assess the membership
118 body's vision for the future of the NCA as an organization. Chris orally reported that the
119 committee was also asking the board's permission to contact other committees in the
120 NCA so that it could also formulate questions that they may like answered. It was the
121 committee's intention that a similar survey would be repeated about every five years.

122 Chris reported that per a recommendation from a Steering Committee member, the
123 committee believed that the current membership renewal database and the services of the
124 NCA Membership Committee chair could easily send the survey out to members. The
125 chair of the Membership Committee, Mary Lou Cuddy, suggested that the process being
126 described to the board by the Steering Committee would add steps to the actual
127 membership renewal sequence and make the overall process more laborious.

128 After further discussion on the committee's recommendations and without objection, the
129 following motion was adopt:

130 Maredith Reggie moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded that the board accept the
131 recommendation of the Steering Committee and the Steering Committee contact
132 other NCA committees to propose a survey to send to members.

133 A board member inquired about the process in formulating the survey questions: Would
134 the questions be formulated in a manner where the answers could be easily tabulated? In
135 answering the inquiry, the Steering Committee chair believed that was what the
136 committee had intended.

137 Chair Plum reported that he believed the Steering Committee would have the survey
138 prepared in time for the August 2, 2012, board meeting agenda packet deadline.

139 A copy of the Steering Committee's written report is filed with the recording secretary's
140 official copy of these minutes

141 President Saunders thanked Chair Plum for attending tonight's meeting.

142 **President's Report resumes**

143 The board reviewed the proposed recommendation from Marylou Zimmerman regarding
144 suggested changes to the cyber-bullying document that had previously been adopted by
145 the NCA Board at its April meeting.

146 Maredith Reggie moved and Lynn Anderson Powell seconded, and without
147 objection, it was agreed to amend the document's name to the "Cyber-harassment
148 Statement," and to amend the statement's body to read as follows

149 :POSITION STATEMENT

150 Your NCA Board of Directors recognizes the value and prevalence of
151 social networking systems, such as Facebook®, email lists, and blogs.
152 Sometimes the rise of this entirely new class of communication has been
153 accompanied by what has come to be viewed as cyber-harassment.

154 Those engaged in cyber-harassment post negative comments and half or
155 fabricated truths, often in a sarcastic manner, about individuals who
156 cannot defend themselves members of the Newfoundland Club of America
157 should consider social networking communication as public and, as such,
158 understand that their comments reflect on themselves and the NCA.
159 Members should consider carefully what and how they write and are
160 encouraged to stress positive aspects of education rather than negative or
161 sarcastic comments about owners, breeders, and/or Newfoundland
162 fanciers.

163 A copy of the president's written report is attached to the recording secretary's official
164 copy of these minutes.

165 **First Vice-President's Report**

166 1st Vice President Randall gave an oral report regarding his attendance at the NCA
167 Charitable Trust Management Board's teleconference, last evening. The three items that
168 the 1st vice president reported from the trust meeting were:

- 169 • The CTMB is interested in gathering information regarding dog/bitch
170 reproductive Issues.
- 171 • Whether members expect rescue funds and donations to go toward major
172 surgeries on individual Newfoundlands.
- 173 • A nice project for regional Newfoundland clubs to explore is donating K-9
174 emergency kits (oxygen masks for dogs) to local fire departments.

175 At 9:23 P.M. Donna Zink, the chair of the Rescue Prevention Committee, joined the
176 teleconference.

177 **General Order for 9:30 P.M. - Rescue Prevention Committee Report**

178 The RPC's written report contained a proposal for a printed informational card regarding
179 the Newfoundland dog. Orally, the committee chair reported that it was the committee's
180 intention for the information printed on the proposed card to be targeted toward first-time
181 internet puppy-buyers.

182 After the committee chair's oral report, the following motion was offered:

183 Roger Frey moved, Pam Rubio seconded that the NCA Board of Directors
184 approve the recommendations in the Rescue Prevention Committee's report.

185 A director opined that he/she liked the pictures and impact of the card's front side, but
186 recommend that the information on the back of the card be formatted differently, and
187 they would like to see the card's backside changed; making use of short high-impact
188 phrases. Another director opined that the board member expressed that they believed the
189 proposed card should be stripped down further. A third board member suggested that the
190 card should be coordinated and linked to specific pages on the NCA website.

191 In response to the comments made during the discussion:

192 Roger Frey moved and Pam Rubio seconded to amend the earlier motion to
193 approve the proposed card, "to include the changes as the board had suggested,
194 and to also set the 2012 - 2013 RPC budget line item at \$1000."

195 Without objection, the amendment to the earlier motion was adopted.

196 The discussion shifted to the actual process of printing the cards.

197 One board member suggested that the committee solicit a quote for the project from the
198 printer of *Newf Tide*.

199 The RPC chair informed the board that during the committee's discussions, it opined that
200 having the cards printed by Fed-Ex would be more efficient for individual regional
201 Newfoundland clubs.

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

204 Voting in the AFFIRMATIVE: Anderson-Powell, Cornell, Cuddy, Frey, Gabel,
205 M.L. Price, Randall, Rubio, and Saunders.

206 Voting in the NEGATIVE: Britton and Reggie.

207 ABSENT: McIver.

208 The amended motion approving the committee's proposal for the Newfoundland
209 information card, with the suggested board changes, and with a 2012-2013 budget line
210 item of \$1000, was adopted.

211 The president thanked the RPC chair, Donna Zink for attending the meeting.

212 **Second Vice President's Report**

213 Second Vice President Anderson-Powell stated in her written report that she had
214 communicated with members regarding committee appointments/reappointments and
215 communicated through the NCA website and *NCA eNotes* regarding various pending
216 committee vacancies.

217 The 2nd vice president also orally reported that:

- 218 • Since our last meeting, Joyce Arivella had communicated her interest in
219 continuing as chair of the Performance Events Committee.

- 220 • Diane Lynch had expressed interest and had agreed to serve as chair of the
221 Companion Newfoundland Committee.
- 222 • She opined that the time was at hand to discuss the restructuring, realignment and
223 consolidation of the multiple committees that deal with awards.
- 224 • The NCA Working Achievement Rosettes that were scheduled to be handed out at
225 the 2012 NCA National Specialty haven't yet been sent.

226 In response to the 2nd vice president's report, a director opined that the board should
227 compile a list of all committees whose purpose involves providing some form of
228 recognition or awards to members or their dogs.

229 A director also suggested to the 2nd vice president that Dona Baker-Austin had expressed
230 interest in helping with the mailing of championship pins.

231 A copy of the 2nd vice president's written report is filed with the secretary's official copy
232 of these minutes.

233 **Recording Secretary's Report**

234 In his written report the recording secretary communicated:

- 235 • A summary of duties he had attended to prior to the packet deadline
- 236 • Two communications from Marylou Zimmerman; regarding *NCA eNotes* and
237 recent website statistics.

238 In his written report the recording secretary thanked all officers and directors who met
239 their monthly deadline obligation. The recording secretary had nothing orally to add to
240 his written report.

241 A copy of the recording secretary's written report is filed with the recording secretary's
242 official copy of these minutes.

243 **Corresponding Secretary's Report**

244 In her written report, Corresponding Secretary Kathy McIver included communications
245 from the Westminster Kennel Club and reported that she had:

- 246 • Updated the AKC, Chic and OFA regarding the Board's new contact
247 information.
- 248 • Forwarded ten notices from the AKC Event Operations Department to the NCA
249 Specialty Show Coordinator, Robin Seaman.

250 Without objection, the president announced that the Westminster narrative in this
251 meeting's board packet would remain on July's agenda and in the board packet.

252 In the corresponding secretary's absence, the club's AKC delegate, Mary W. Price
253 reported on two communications from AKC that had been brought to her attention.

254 The first communication regarded the purchase of medallions for conformation,
255 obedience and agility winners at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship dog show in
256 Orlando, Florida on December 15 & 16, 2012, and the second communication was
257 regarding “Meet the Breeds” at the same event.

258 After a brief discussion regarding each communication, the following motions were
259 offered:

260 Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Steve Britton seconded that the NCA provide
261 the five conformation medallions at AKC/Eukanuba National Championship dog
262 show.

263 Without objection, the motion was adopted.

264 Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the NCA support
265 “Meet the Breeds,” in Orlando. During discussion on this motion a board member
266 opined that the NCA corresponding secretary should contact NEWF-FLA with
267 regard to eliciting their assistance again this year. Without objection, the motion
268 was adopted.

269 In response to a director’s inquiry and without objection, the discussion on the
270 Westminster Kennel Club item that appeared in this month’s corresponding secretary’s
271 written report was postponed to the July meeting.

272 A copy of the corresponding secretary’s written report is filed with the recording
273 secretary’s official copy of these minutes.

274 **Treasurer’s Report**

275 In her written report, NCA Treasurer Mary L. Price reported on the club’s operational
276 financial activity from May 9 to June 3, 2012:

277	Total Income:	\$4525.00
278	Total Expenditures:	8785.57
279	Total Cash Balance:	181,254.97

280 In her oral report, Treasurer Price reported:

- 281 • She is continuing to compile a draft of the 2012-2013 NCA Budget.
- 282 • She had intended to present the proposed budget at this meeting, but there
283 currently are 24 committees that have not submitted their budget materials for the
284 new fiscal year.
- 285 • The 2nd vice-president would be following up with the delinquent proposed
286 committee budgets.
- 287 • She would have the completed proposed budget at the next meeting.
- 288 • The board would need to set the dates for the fall face-to-face meeting at the
289 upcoming July’s meeting.

290 • She had been contacted by a Jamie Roundtree regarding the potential purchase of
291 a pencil drawing reportedly used by Sir Edwin Landseer during the painting of the
292 historic “Distinguished Member of the Humane Society.” painting.

293 • That she had recently sent a membership check to the Museum of the Dog for the
294 NCA to continue at the patron level of membership. This marks the fifth
295 consecutive year that the NCA has paid membership fees at the patron level and it
296 entitles the NCA to have a commemorative plaque on display at the museum.

297 A copy of the treasurer’s written report is filed with recording secretary’s official copy of
298 these minutes.

299 **AKC Delegate’s Report**

300 In her written report the club’s AKC delegate, Mary W. Price reported highlights from
301 the June AKC Delegates meeting which included:

302 • The adoption of an amendment to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* that allows
303 dog show superintendents and show secretaries using AKC entry verification to
304 make appropriate corrections to entries.

305 • Previous *notice* of an amendment to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* that would
306 under certain circumstances allow for the awarding of a three point major for
307 reserve winners dog and reserve winners bitch at one parent club specialty, each
308 year.

309 • Encouraging news from AKC officers; event entries have exceeded one million,
310 up 7½% from the same time period, last year.

311 • Encouragement of delegates to urge their constituent clubs to participate in the
312 AKC Club Presidents Challenge 2012, by making a \$300.00 donation to the
313 Canine Legislative Support Fund.

314 • Remarks by AKC Board Chairman Alan Kalter that addressed the fancy’s need to
315 support the AKC petition in opposition to the USDA proposed regulations for
316 small/hobby breeders.

317 • Notification that the September meeting of delegates will be held in Newark, New
318 Jersey, and election of the AKC Delegate Standing Committees will take place at
319 that meeting.

320 Orally, AKC Delegate Mary W. Price reported:

321 • There have been many recent management changes at the AKC Raleigh, North
322 Carolina office. Michael Ganey has been promoted to the office of AKC vice
323 president for marketing. This followed the resignation and departure of the former
324 vice president for marketing, Lisa Gonzales.

325 • On the renewed emphasis and solicitation by AKC for its AKC Humane Fund.

326 • That during the AKC Parent Club Committee meeting, there was considerable
327 discussion about the new paid/unpaid grooming space requirements as set by the
328 AKC Board of Directors. Delegate Price commented that some feel that AKC
329 Board of Directors may amend or repeal their prior actions on this issue at a
330 future meeting.

331 A copy of the club's AKC delegate's written report is attached to the recording
332 secretary's official copy of these minutes.

333 In response to the AKC delegate's report, the NCA Board of Directors took the following
334 action:

335 Steve Britton moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the NCA Board of Directors
336 endorse the signing of the AKC petition in opposition to the USDA proposed
337 regulations for small/hobby breeders, and that the NCA Board urge that all NCA
338 members sign the petition.

339 Without objection, the motion to endorse the petition's signing was adopted. In his
340 capacity as chair of the regional club committee, the secretary was directed to forward the
341 information to regional Newfoundland clubs through the NCA Regional Club Committee
342 and to the NCA webmaster.

343 **Working Dog Committee Report**

344 After reviewing the proposed provisional judge document, one board member opined that
345 the document lacked clarity about what occurs when a provisional judge receives a less
346 than positive evaluation and what remediation is in order if less than positive evaluations
347 are received.

348 Another director inquired about what sort of appeal process was in place for a provisional
349 judge if in the mind of that provisional judge, the evaluator's criticism was unwarranted.

350 Without a motion and without objection, the president announced that the document
351 would be recommitted to the NCA Working Dog Committee for further review.

352 A copy of the NCA Working Dog report is attached to the recording secretary's official
353 copy of these minutes.

354 **Breeders Education Committee**

355 In the absence of Kathy McIver, chair of the NCA Breeder Education Committee,
356 President Saunders presented the Breeders Education committee report. President
357 Saunders reported that she was impressed with the response by those who attended
358 the recent Breeders Education Committee workshop present by Claudia Orlandi and the
359 relatively large number of attendees who responded to the "Call for Dogs." Kudos to the
360 BEC for putting on this event "which had a record setting turnout." A copy of the written
361 NCA Breeders Education Committee report is attached to the recording secretary's
362 official copy of these minutes.

363 The treasurer remarked that she was impressed by the number of non-NCA members who
364 attended the program. She was aware of this information because of her involvement in
365 processing the program's registration fees.

366 **Special (Ad-Hoc) Membership Pin Committee Report**

367 In its written report the Special Committee on Membership Pins reported that they
368 recommended that the board approve the quote for 2000 membership pins from Four Star
369 Marketing of Lincolnwood, Illinois. A copy of the committee's report is attached to the
370 recording secretary's official copy of these minutes

371 It was the committee's opinion that the sample pins from Four Star Marketing were
372 slightly nicer than sample pins from a second firm; yet, its quote was not nearly as
373 expensive as the quote from a third firm which produces a more expensive, higher-ended
374 jewelry pin. The advantage of the Four Star bid over the second firm's slightly less
375 expensive bid was that Four Star Marketing wouldn't charge the NCA a set-up or die
376 casting fee.

377 During discussion on the report, one director opined that they believed that the pin should
378 only initially be provided to those who requested one and given to the entire 1700
379 membership of the NCA (1200 households) at one time. An officer opined that the NCA
380 should make NCA trading pins available, instead. Also, the board was reminded that
381 NCA member Rita Van Brandeghen's original suggested intention for this proposal was
382 that a pin should be given to each NCA member, like many other dog clubs across the
383 world do for their members; including the Newfoundland Club of England. The estimated
384 initial total cost of the pins and their mailing is approximately \$5,000. As a result of the
385 discussion, the following motions were offered:

386 Pam Rubio moved and Steve Britton seconded that on behalf of the committee's
387 recommendation that the board approve the quote from Four Star Marketing.

388 Without objection, the motion was adopted.

389 Roger Frey moved and Steve Britton seconded that on behalf of the committee's
390 recommendation that the board mail a pin to all current NCA members and in the
391 future, all new members as well.

392 After debate and voice vote, in accordance to NCA board policy a roll call vote was
393 ordered:

394 Voting in the AFFIRMATIVE: Anderson-Powell, Britton, Cornell, Cuddy, Frey, Gabel,
395 M.L. Price, Rubio.

396 Voting in the NEGATIVE: Randall, Reggie, and Saunders.

397 ABSENT: McIver.

398 Steve Britton moved and Lynne Anderson seconded that the NCA initially
399 purchase a 2000 membership pins.

400 Voting in the AFFIRMATIVE: Anderson-Powell, Britton, Cornell, Cuddy, Frey, Gabel,
401 McIver, M.L. Price, Randall, and Rubio.

402 Voting in the NEGATIVE: Reggie and Saunders.

403 ABSENT: McIver.

404 **Report of the Special Committee on the Policy Manual Revision**

405 As chair of the NCA Policy Manual Revision Committee, Pam Saunders reported on the
406 process regarding the revision to the policy manual. She thanked everyone who worked
407 on the document.

408 President Saunders reported on the difficulty of getting the document into an easily
409 maintainable format, on a month-to-month basis.

410 A board member expressed that the policy manual was difficult to revise and maintain
411 collectively by a multi-member committee, but could be more easily maintained by a
412 committee-of-one (person).

413 During the discussion, it was suggested that as chair of the committee, Pam Saunders
414 needed greater discretion in how to proceed on the revision. As the chair of the
415 committee, Pam informed the board she would bring the current revision back to the July
416 meeting for further revision. As a result of the discussion:

417 Pam Rubio moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded that the current policy manual
418 document be returned to the committee and that any future formatting in a
419 proposed revised manual use the same formatting as the previous document used.

420 Without objection, the motion was adopted.

421 A copy of the committee's written report is attached to the recording secretary's official
422 copy of these minutes.

423 **Report of the Membership Chair**

424 Chair Mary Lou Cuddy reported that membership renewals have been sent out and they
425 are coming back in.

426 At 11:35 P.M. Eastern Time and without objection the board entered executive session.

427 **Executive Session**

428 At 11:55 P.M. Eastern Time the following business was reported from the executive
429 session:

- 430 • New member applications were presented by the membership chair.
- 431 • Appointed Diane Lynch as chair of the NCA Companion Dog Committee.
- 432 • Appointed Dona Baker-Austin and Barbara Hearn to the NCA Recognition
433 Committee
- 434 • Appointed of Brooke Elkin-Moore to the Rescue Prevention Committee.

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- The board was apprized of the current situation regarding the NCA Working Achievement Rosettes that were not presented at 2012 NCA Annual Membership Meeting and the steps being taken to remedy the situation.

- 438 **Unfinished Business**
- 439 **Judges Corner Newsletter**
- 440 Without objection, the item of business regarding the Judge's Corner Newsletter was
441 withdrawn. Meredith Reggie stated she would meet with Sandee Lovett later in the
442 summer and would resubmit the item at a later time.
- 443 **Listing of titles on certificates and rosettes**
- 444 After discussion and without objection, Meredith Reggie volunteered to draft a written
445 policy about the listing of titles on certificates and rosettes. Meredith intends to have the
446 drafted policy completed in time for the July board meeting.
- 447 **Reformatting of committee job descriptions**
- 448 Without objection, the reformatting of committee job descriptions was postponed to the
449 July regular meeting.
- 450 **Appointment of committee to track long-term contracts and activities**
- 451 Without objection, appointment of a committee to track long-term contracts and activities
452 was postponed to the July regular meeting.
- 453 **Develop guidelines for appointing NCA National Specialty chairs (aka, grounds,
454 registration (pending from June 17, 2010))**
- 455 No action was taken on this business item. It will remain on the July meeting agenda.
- 456 **Article in summary of the Saint Bernard survey and the of NCA Membership**
- 457 There was discussion on whether this item of business was actually a duplication of
458 another item that had been referred to the NCA Publicity Committee. Without objection,
459 the Saint Bernard survey was postponed to the July meeting.
- 460 **Verify procedure for removing a persons name from the AKC mailing list**
- 461 Pat Randall reported and verified the information on how a member may remove their
462 email address from AKC electronic mailing listings. The 1st vice president volunteered to
463 write a brief article for *Newf-Tide* and *NCA eNotes* on the process involved in removing a
464 name from the various AKC electronic mailing lists.
- 465 **Resolution of IRS 1099 concerns**
- 466 Treasurer Price reported that the concerns about the issuance of IRS 1099 forms had been
467 resolved.
- 468 **Investigate external audit/review costs**
- 469 A report was emailed to board members after the first of the month agenda packet
470 deadline and will be placed on the July meeting's agenda.

471 **Electronic Publication Policy Committee**

472 Marylou Zimmerman reported that the committee has a policy in place regarding non-
473 NCA members placing links on their personally owned website(s) to the NCA website
474 and there is also a published disclaimer on the NCA's website. However, it was also
475 reported that the policy and disclaimer are difficult to enforce.

476 **New NCA Juniors Committee medallion design and recognition for working events**

477 Treasurer Price reported that she was made aware that the juniors committee would be
478 meeting later in the month and should be addressing these agenda items at that time.

479 **Legislative Liaison Committee**

480 Without objection, the NCA Legislative Liaison Committee was discharged from any
481 responsibility regarding the presenting of a report on Joan Fenwick's attendance at the
482 NAIA conference.

483 In other related board action:

484 Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Legislative
485 Liaison Committee be allowed to repost pending legislative announcements,
486 without prior board authorization, as long as the announcement originates from a
487 legitimate and creditable source. Further, the committee is expected to copy the
488 board regarding all postings. Without objection, the motion was adopted

489 **Newf Ambassador Committee**

490 The item of business to develop recommendations for a Facebook® puppy page
491 (originally pended 2/02/12) was postponed to the July meeting.

492 **Performance and Companion Events**

493 Without objection, this item of business will be removed from the July meeting agenda.

494 **Publicity Committee**

495 Reports from the NCA Publicity Committee with an article for distribution regarding the
496 virtue of NCA membership and the text for a listing in the Canine Review free website
497 section were sent to the recording secretary after the first Thursday of the month agenda
498 packet deadline, had passed. These two items of business will be placed in the July
499 agenda packet.

500 **Specialty Show Committee**

501 The three items of business listed under Unfinished Business were postponed to the July
502 meeting agenda.

503 **Technical Resources Committee**

504 The discussion relating to the development of a policy regarding the electronic storage of
505 club information was postponed to the July meeting. Marylou Zimmerman had reported

506 back that this involved a proposal for committee document storage and not the NCA
507 Database.

508 **Working Dog Committee, Governing Document Committee, and the Newf Tide**
509 **Policy Committee.**

510 Without objection, the items of business referenced under unfinished business for the
511 NCA Working Dog Committee, NCA Governing Documents Committee and the *Newf*
512 *Tide* Policy Committee were postponed to the July meeting.

513 Before it was moved to adjourn, President Saunders asked the 2nd vice president to
514 contact the Technical Resources Committee for a report about the progress on phase three
515 of the NCA Database project.

516 **Adjournment**

517 At 12:34 AM. Eastern Time, Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell
518 seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

519 Without objection, President Saunders declared the meeting was adjourned

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524 Adopted: As corrected, 19 July 2012

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