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NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
Minutes from the Regular Teleconference Meeting
of the Newfoundland Club of America
Board of Directors
19 July 2012

6 The regular monthly teleconference meeting of the Newfoundland Club of America's Board of
7 Directors was called to order on Thursday, July 19, 2012, at 8:12 p.m. (EDT), with the president
8 in the chair and the recording secretary present.

9 Answering the roll call:

10 President Pam Saunders; First Vice-president Patrick Randall; Second Vice-president Lynne
11 Anderson-Powell; Recording Secretary Steven Britton; Corresponding Secretary Kathy McIver;
12 Treasurer Mary L. Price and AKC Delegate Mary W. Price. Directors: John Cornell, Mary Lou
13 Cuddy, Roger Frey, Sandy Gabel, Meredith Reggie and Pam Rubio.

14 A quorum was declared present.

15 Other NCA members attending the teleconference session were Robin Seaman, chair of the
16 National Specialty Show Committee; Barbara Finch, chair of the Technical Resources Committee
17 and Bruce Karger, representing the Versatile Newfoundland Committee.

18 **Approval of Minutes**

19 The minutes of May 24, 2012, regular meeting and the June 21, 2012, regular meeting of the
20 board of directors were approved as corrected.

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

22 Director Rubio moved and Corresponding Secretary McIver seconded to adopt the published
23 meeting agenda. Without objection, the published agenda was adopted.

24 **Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

25 **President's report and General Order: Scheduling of 2012 Fall Face-to-Face Meeting.**

26 The president reported that prior to tonight's meeting individual board members were invited to
27 participate in an online survey to determine the weekend in October or November suitable for the
28 2012 fall face-to-face board of directors meeting. President Saunders thanked board members for
29 their participation.

30 After discussion on the pros and cons of the different fall weekends, the following motion,
31 without objection was adopted:

32 Secretary Britton moved and Director Cornell seconded that the board of directors set the
33 weekend of November 16, 2012, as this year's fall face-to-face meeting weekend.

34 A discussion ensued relating to the pros and cons of meeting in Chicago, Illinois, versus the pros
35 and cons of meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.

36 Our AKC Delegate Mary W. Price, spoke in favor of meeting in St. Louis, noting that this
37 location would offer an opportunity to interact with members of the River King Regional Club
38 and the Heart of America Regional Club. Additionally, time might allow for inspection of the
39 Purina Farms as a future specialty show site and/or a visit to the AKC Museum of the Dog, which
40 has benefited over a number of years from NCA financial support at the Patrons level and from
41 donations in kind. Corresponding Secretary Kathy McIver and Director Meredith Reggie spoke in
42 favor of Chicago, citing more choices of direct airline flights and better municipal services for
43 handling potential winter weather conditions.

44 Corresponding Secretary McIver moved and Director Rubio seconded, to hold the 2012 NCA
45 Board face-to-face meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

46 Secretary Britton moved and Director Rubio seconded to *striking-out* Chicago, Illinois, and
47 *insert* St. Louis, Missouri.

48 According to board policy the vote on the amendment to *strike-out* Chicago, Illinois and *insert* St.
49 Louis, Missouri was taken by a *roll call* vote and was adopted.

50 Voting IN FAVOR of the amendment: Anderson-Powell, Britton, Cuddy, Frey, Gabel, M.L.
51 Price and Rubio.

52 Voting AGAINST the amendment: Cornell, McIver, Randall, Reggie.

53 Present: Saunders.

54 According to board policy, the vote on the amended motion to hold the 2012 face-to-face meeting
55 in St. Louis, Missouri, was adopted by a roll call vote:

56 Voting IN FAVOR: Anderson-Powell, Britton, Cuddy, Frey, Gabel, M.L. Price and Rubio.

57 Voting AGAINST: Cornell, McIver, Randall, Reggie.

58 Present: Saunders.

59 **First Vice-president's Report and Ad-hoc Electronic Meeting Committee Report: Pat**
60 **Randall**

61 On behalf of the ad-hoc committee appointed to look into the subject on electronic meetings, the
62 first vice-president reported on the resources and nuances of using the teleconference service –
63 StartMeeting in combination with Wiggio – for online document sharing and electronic polling.
64 His written officer's report contained additional information regarding both StartMeeting and
65 Wiggio. Because some of the information contained within the written report was proprietary, it
66 was transmitted to officers and directors under executive cover.

67 **General Order for 9 P.M. (EDT): Report of the Specialty Show Committee**

68 At 9:01 p.m. (EDT), Robin Seaman, chair of the National Specialty Show Committee joined the
69 teleconference.

70 Chair Seaman reported to the board about the accumulated inventory of limited edition plates
71 from recent national specialty dog shows. The unsold inventory is presently stored in
72 Frankenmuth, Michigan.

73 Director Frey moved and Corresponding Secretary McIver seconded that based on the
74 recommendation of the Specialty Show Committee, the inventory of limited edition plates from
75 past specialties be sold through *Newf Tide* and NCA website advertisements.

76 Without objection, the motion was adopted.

77 The Specialty Show Committee chair reported that Nancy Duggan had volunteered to be the
78 contact person relating to the selling and shipping of the Limited Edition plates of recent past
79 years, up through the 2013 NCA National Specialty dog show.

80 The Specialty Show Committee chair reported that the committee opined that it was time to
81 explore alternatives to the Lenox china that has been used for national specialty uniform trophies.
82 The committee chair also reported that it was the committee's opinion that over the past two
83 decades preferences have changed and instead of using Lenox china for uniform trophies,
84 something such as "Prairie Dog Pottery," would be well received.

85 In answer to a board member's inquiry, the Specialty Show Committee chair reported that the
86 2013 Specialty Show would still use the Lenox china for uniform trophies.

87 As a result of the Specialty Show Committee's recommendation and without objection, the
88 following motion was adopted:

89 Recording Secretary Britton moved and Director Rubio seconded that the Specialty Show
90 Committee be authorized to explore alternatives to the Lenox china uniform trophies for use at
91 future NCA National Specialties dog shows.

92 Board members inquired about two items of business that had previously been referred to the
93 Specialty Show Committee and had been listed on the former "to-do" list. The Specialty Show
94 Committee chair reported that the committee had discussed sending the ballot for the approved
95 judges list with the annual board of directors election ballot and that a large majority of
96 committee members did not agree with the proposal. The committee chair also reported that she
97 didn't have her earlier committee meeting notes in front of her and requested that she be
98 rescheduled on next month's board meeting.

99 Also, the National Specialty Show Committee chair reported she would look into presenting the
100 updated budget report of the upcoming 2013 National Specialty at next month's board of
101 director's meeting.

102 A board member inquired about the policy regarding concurrent regional and national specialty
103 dog shows and the National Specialty Committee chair reported that she did not believe that the
104 current policy was applicable to the situation at this past year's concurrent national/regional
105 specialty dog shows.

106 President Saunders thanked chair Seaman for attending this evening's meeting and the National
107 Specialty Show committee chair signed-off the teleconference.

108 **First Vice-president's Report Resumes**

109 The first vice-president continued his report by discussing and answering questions regarding the
110 Wiggio online polling and voting function. As a result of the discussion, the following series of
111 motions, were adopted:

112 Director Reggie moved and Corresponding Secretary McIver seconded that the board accept
113 First Vice-president Randall's report on electronic polling software for secret ballot voting by
114 the board for future membership applications.

115 According to board policy and a roll call vote the motion was adopted:

116 Voting IN FAVOR: Anderson-Powell, Britton. Cornell, Cuddy, Gabel, McIver, M.L. Price,
117 Randall, Reggie, Rubio and Saunders.

118 Voting AGAINST: Frey.

119 First Vice-president Randall moved and Corresponding Secretary McIver seconded that the
120 board of directors adopt StartMeeting as the board teleconference provider, keeping the
121 Accuconference account open. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

122 First Vice-president Randall moved and Corresponding Secretary McIver seconded that all
123 documents relevant to a board meeting be uploaded to the meeting wall so that all board
124 members will have access to the same versions of all documents. Without objection, the motion
125 was adopted.

126 Related to the first vice-president's report and according to board policy, the following motion
127 was adopted by a roll call vote:

128 Recording Secretary Britton moved and Second Vice-president Anderson-Powell seconded that
129 the board of directors set-up its own Wiggin electronic-discussion area.

130 Voting IN FAVOR: Anderson-Powell, Britton, Cornell, Cuddy, Gabel, McIver, M.L. Price,
131 Randall, Rubio and Saunders.

132 Voting AGAINST: Frey and Reggie

133 At 9:58 p.m. (EDT), Barbara Finch, chair of the Technical Resources Committee, and Bruce
134 Karger, representing the Versatile Newfoundland Committee, signed into the teleconference.

135 It was reported that after the recent national specialty in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, the NCA planned
136 to maintain the status quo in relationship to the Versatile Newfoundland Committee receiving
137 reports generated by the Technical Resources Committee and the NCA Database. The VN
138 Committee hasn't received a report from the TRC since around January of 2012. The report is
139 needed to generate congratulatory letters for new Versatile Newfoundlands.

140 Second Vice-president Anderson-Powell reported that it is the intention of the TRC to have the
141 NCA database as the sole source of all Versatile Newfoundland information. This would
142 eliminate the necessity for NCA members having to fill out forms to receive recognition for
143 earning a versatility title. The TRC plans to send the VN Committee monthly data reports once
144 phase III of the database is completed.

145 The VN Committee representative opined that there are still issues with the formatting in the last
146 set of reports that were received from the TRC.

147 The TRC chair reported that phase III of the NCA database was presently being beta-tested and if
148 there are no set-backs, it should be operational sometime around mid-August. The TRC chair
149 also reported that many of the described formatting issues with the VN reports should be resolved
150 after a successful launch of phase III of the database.

151 Without objection, President Saunders postponed the item of business regarding data reports to
152 the Versatile Newfoundland Committee to the August board of directors meeting.

153 President Saunders thanked both Bruce Karger and Barbara Finch for attending the meeting and
154 asked that Chair Finch be available to report back at the August 16th meeting.

155 Treasurer Price reminded the TRC chair that the committee's budget was past due.

156 **Report of the Second Vice-president: Lynne Anderson-Powell**

157 Second Vice-president Anderson-Powell apologized to the board that she had not emailed a
158 written report.

159 The second vice-president reported that there are at minimum seven committees within the NCA
160 that deal with the awarding of certificates of achievement, pins, rosettes or the like. The second
161 vice-president also reported that there presently is not common NCA policy regarding what is
162 listed or recorded on each individual certificate, rosette, or pin; or, how the awards are presented
163 to a member. After a brief discussion:

164 Meredith Reggie moved and Roger Frey seconded that the board go into executive session.
165 Without objection the motions was adopted.

166 At 10:38 p.m. (EDT), the regular session came back to order.

167 After further discussion on club award committee consolidation and without objection, the
168 following motion was adopted:

169 The second vice-president will contact Ingrid Lyden, chair of the NCA Awards Committee, to
170 verify the contents of the new AKC Events report subscription and report back to the board of
171 directors on whether the club would be better served to have the this new AKC Awards report
172 distributed to various committee chairs by an officer or other member designee.

173 During discussion, it was pointed out that if action of this nature is not taken, the club might need
174 to purchase multiple electronic award report subscriptions from AKC for various NCA
175 committees that issue awards.

176 After considerable discussion on the subject of award committee consolidation:

177 Secretary Britton moved and Director Rubio seconded to postpone consideration of the Awards
178 Committee consolidation to the August board meeting. After taking a voice vote, the motion
179 was lost.

180 After further discussion:

181 Second Vice-president Anderson-Powell moved and Director Rubio seconded that under the
182 name and duties of the Recognition Committee, the club combine the delivery of awards from
183 the present Versatile Newfoundland Committee, the Working Achievement Committee, the
184 TOD/TODD Committee and all AKC titles, including, but not limited to group placements,
185 Best-in-Show and High-in-Trial.

186 According to board policy a role call vote was taken:

187 Voting IN FAVOR: Anderson-Powell, Britton, Cornell, Gabel, McIver,
188 M. L. Price, Randall, Reggie, Rubio and Saunders.

189 Voting AGAINST: Frey. Present: Cuddy.

190 At 11:32 p.m. (EDT), Second Vice-president Anderson-Powell moved and Corresponding
191 Secretary McIver seconded that the board go into executive session for the consideration of
192 membership applicants and appointment of committees.

193 At 12:02 a.m. (EDT), the regular session came back to order.

194 While in executive session the board took the following actions:

- 195 • The Membership Committee chair, Director Mary Lou Cuddy, presented membership
196 applications.
- 197 • The NCA Board of Directors appointed Anna Lorenz, Cherilyn Antin and Anne Lapeyre to
198 the Performance Committee. < MR we did not appoint a chair.

199 Secretary Britton moved and Director Frey seconded that when this meeting adjourns, it adjourn
200 to July 26, 2012 at 8.P.M. Eastern Time.

201 Secretary Britton moved and Director Gabel second that the meeting be adjourned.

202 Without objection and at 12:07 a.m. (EDT), President Saunders declared the session adjourned.
203 The meeting will reconvene on Thursday, July 26, 2012, at 8 P.M. Eastern Time.

204 *Steven J. Britton, PRP*

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206 Recording Secretary
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208 Adopted: 16 August 2012