



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

**Minutes of the
Regular Teleconference Meeting
NCA Board of Directors**

16 August 2012

President Pam Saunders called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. (EDT); the secretary was present.

Board members answering the roll call were:

Officers: Pam Saunders, Patrick Randall, Lynne Anderson-Powell, Steve Britton, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price; Directors: John Cornell, Roger Frey, Sandy Gabel, Meredith Reggie and Pam Rubio. Also present: Mary W. Price, AKC delegate. Absent: Director Mary Lou Cuddy.

Also attending this meeting:

Barbara Finch, chair of the Technical Resources Committee; Robin Seaman, chair of the National Specialty Show Committee, Amy Lane, chair of the 2013 Newfoundland National Specialty dog show and Sandee Lovett, vice-chair of the 2013 Newfoundland National Specialty dog show.

A quorum was declared present.

Without objection, the board dispensed with the reading of the minutes from the July session.

Recording of Seconds in Minutes

The board discussed its customs and rules regarding the drafting of its meeting minutes. The recording secretary stated the rule requiring a second to a motion during a small board or committee meeting is normally relaxed, and recording a motion's second is *generally* considered inappropriate. Omitting the written record of a second, which is proper, could help shorten the accumulative length of the NCA board's meeting minutes. Per board policy, the board adopted the following motion by *roll call* vote:

Roger Frey moved and that the board of directors continues its practice of leaving seconds to motions in the minutes.

Voting In Favor: Anderson-Powell, Cornell, Frey, Gabel, McIver, M.L. Price, Randall, Reggie, Rubio and Saunders.

Voting Against: Britton.

Consideration of July Meeting Minutes

The board considered the minutes of its July session. The time arrived for the report of the Technical Resources Committee, and the board received the scheduled report.

Report of the Technical Resources Committee

Barbara Finch reported on upgrades and improvements to the NCA database. She reported that the announced August launch date for "*Phase-III*" was not met, but she would report to the board about continued "*Phase-III*" progress at its October board meeting.

Continued Consideration of the Minutes from the July Session

The board resumed consideration of the July session minutes. After further corrections were made, the time arrived for the reports of the 2013 National Specialty Show and the Specialty Show Committees; the board received the reports: Robin Seaman, Amy Lane and Sandee Lovett joined the teleconference.

2013 Specialty Dog Show Report and Specialty Show Committee Report

Amy Lane reported that a potential time scheduling conflict had developed for the Wednesday evening educational programs at the 2013 Specialty Show. She also reported that it's hoped the concern could be resolved by creating a time slot for an early Wednesday evening Health and Longevity Committee educational presentation prior to the scheduled Breeders Education program. Kathy McIver, chair of the Breeders Education Committee, reported that she would confirm her committee's educational program's time-length need with its scheduled guest speaker, Carmen Battaglia, and coordinate his time if possible.

During discussion, Lynne Anderson-Powell suggested coordinating a fund raising dinner with the Health and Longevity Committee program.

Amy Lane also reported that the 2013 National Specialty Show site will have parking and occupancy for approximately twenty recreational vehicles. She also informed the board that the chair of the fine arts auction had resigned. Also, along with changes to AKC board policy, plans for reserved grooming space will continue.

Robin Seaman, Specialty Show Committee chair, reported that due to changes at the 2014 National Specialty Show site in Rocky Gap, Maryland, the contract with the host hotel was cancelled. She further reported that the Colonial Newfoundland Club had located a potential replacement show site at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Also, she reported that a number of clubs have held their parent specialty shows at this location.

It was further reported that the proposed replacement show site would utilize indoor carpeted conformation rings, outdoor tented grooming and parking for recreational vehicles. The host hotel has 300 guest rooms (200 immediately available), and additional hotel accommodations are available nearby. The single/double room rate is quoted as \$119; plus other fees and taxes. The board was reminded that the current *Specialty Show Guide* allowed indoor conformation showing.

Without objection, the board took the following related action:

Meredith Reggie moved and John Cornell seconded to authorize the Colonial Newfoundland Club to move forward with plans to use the Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Host Resort and Conference Center for the 2014 National Specialty Show.

Roger Frey inquired about the 2012 National Specialty Show not having a public address system available at ringside, and asked if one would be available at the 2013 show. His concern was that the current *Specialty Show Guide* required the availability of a ringside public address system, and he was sensitive about the potential safety issue associated without having it available. For example, he opined that not having the ability to warn exhibitors concerning the rapidly approaching thunderstorms, which occurred at the 2012 National Specialty show, was dangerous. Also, he indicated while attempting to speak to the ringside crowd, Best of Breed judge Patricia Laurens did not have a public address system available. He opined that it was unfortunate that Ms. Laurens had to shout over the crowd noise, and only a small number of spectators had the ability to hear her timely comments.

Roger Frey also inquired about the scheduling of time-breaks between classes at the 2013 National Specialty Show. The Specialty Show Committee chair reminded the board that it had recently amended the current *Specialty Show Guide* and the change gave the specialty show coordinator and show chairs greater discretion concerning the scheduled time-breaks.

Treasurer Mary L. Price inquired about the availability of a consignment shop at the 2013 National Specialty Show. Based on preliminary financial returns, the club's treasurer opined that having a

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consignment shop aided the sale of the limited edition plates at the 2012 show. Vice-show chair Sandee Lovett reminded the board that the Bavarian Inn Lodge had space limitation issues which could affect the final decision on whether a consignment shop could be available.

Approval of the July Session's Minutes

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the minutes of the July 19, 2012, regular meeting, and the July 26, 2012, adjourned meeting, be approved as corrected. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Adoption of the August Meeting Agenda

Pam Rubio moved and Sandy Gabel seconded to adopt tonight's meeting agenda. Without objection, the August meeting agenda was adopted as presented.

Proposed Consent Calendar

The board discussed adopting a proposed *consent-calendar* (sometimes called a "consent-agenda"). If adopted, the consent calendar would expeditiously refer two proposals to committee prior to their consideration. The business items have lingered on the meeting agenda since May, and the club's policy regarding these proposals is that they should be sent to a committee prior to their consideration by the board. After discussion, the board took no action on the proposed consent-calendar.

Report of Officers and Standing Committees

President's Report

Without objection, the board received the first part of the president's report in executive session.

At 10:30 p.m. (EDT), Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to return to the regular session. Without objection, the board returned to the regular business session. The board took no action while in executive session.

President Pam Saunders continued by reporting on a request for a donation from the AKC Legislative Support Fund. Without objection, the following motion was adopted:

Kathy McIver moved, Pam Rubio seconded and after amendment that \$300 be donated to the AKC Legislative Support Fund and a corresponding amount would be deducted from its *grants* budget line item.

While discussing the fall face-to-face meeting, the treasurer reported that the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, offered the board of directors fall face-to-face meeting a hotel room rate of \$92 per night; including continental breakfast. Hotel shuttle service would be available within a five mile radius of the hotel, and there is a "TGI Friday's" restaurant on site. Without objection, the following motions were adopted:

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to approve the treasurer's recommendation to hold the fall face-to-face meeting at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri.

Without objection, the board agreed to convene its 2012 fall face-to-face meeting (Friday, November 16, 2012,) at 5 p.m. (CST).

First Vice-president's Report

First Vice-president Pat Randall reported that at its last meeting, the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board met with Tamzin Rosenwasser, chair of the CTMB Research Advisory Committee, and it reviewed

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research grant proposals. He also reported that the *trust* board voted to fund two grants: one on subaortic stenosis disease and another on cruciate ligament disease.

The first vice-president also asked for the board's permission to "line-up" a document clarifying the Start-Meeting teleconference provider service.

Second Vice-president's Report

John Cornell moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to receive the second vice-president's report in executive session.

Without objection, the board entered executive session.

Without objection, the board returned to its regular session.

The board reported the following from the executive session:

- Receiving Lynne Anderson-Powell's second vice president's report.
- Appointing Joan Locker-Thuring chair of the Recognition Committee.
- Appointing Anna Lorenz chair of the Performance Committee.
- Discussing a sensitive social-media concern.
- Considering membership applications.

Recording Secretary's Report

Recording Secretary Steve Britton reported he appreciated everyone turning in agenda and packet items on time.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Corresponding Secretary Kathy McIver reported on a communication that was originally received from Michael Canalizo, AKC staff member, via the club's AKC delegate.

The communication solicited recommendations for Newfoundland Best of Breed judges for future AKC Eukanuba National Championship dog shows. During discussion, Roger Frey suggested that the top voted judges from the approved judges list balloting should be selected. Steve Britton reminded the board that following Roger Frey's suggestion would eliminate the consideration of NCA member breeder judges. In response to the communication, the board selected the following five judges:

Michelle Billings, Houston Clark, Maredith Reggie, Bill Shelton and Deborah Thornton.

On the club's behalf, the corresponding secretary reported that she had sent a communication to the USDA. The communication concerned the club's official position opposing the proposed USDA/APHIS regulations. She also reported that as a courtesy, she copied the communication to NCA member Lynne Rutenberg. Member Rutenberg had originally advocated to the board that it take the subsequent action regarding the proposed USDA regulations.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mary L. Price reported the following NCA operational balances for July 6 to August 2, 2012:

Gross Revenue: \$37,963; Expense: \$2,374.22; Net Income: \$35,588.78;

The treasurer reported the following account balances as of August 2, 2012:

Checking Account \$55,070.79, Checking Account - 2013 Natl. Spec. \$9,407.45,
Savings Accounts \$41,332.89, CDs \$96,064.79, Juniors Fund \$1,000.00, Uniform Trophy Fund
\$1,629.79. Present NCA total cash assets: \$204,505.71.

The treasurer updated the board concerning the potential of having online bank account transaction review options for board members who are not listed as signers on the account's signature card.

One of the club's current banks charges a five-dollar service fee for each addition board member (non-signer), and the other bank is in the process of being sold; its service fees are subject to change, pending its sale. Without objection, this business item was postponed to the November face-to-face board meeting.

John Cornell inquired about the adopted 2012-2013 NCA Budget:

Director Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded to go into executive session to discuss a concern relating to the adopted 2012-2013 budget. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Corresponding Secretary Kathy McIver moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to return to the regular session. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Nothing was reported out of the executive session.

AKC Delegate's Report

Mary W. Price, AKC delegate, reported that she had received an email from Alan Kalter, chairman of the AKC board, thanking the club for its participation in sending petition signatures opposing the proposed USDA/APHIS regulations. She reported there were seventy-thousand signatures sent to the USDA opposing the proposed regulations.

The club's delegate also reported on the latest proposed amendment to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. The proposed amendment concerns the awarding of a three-point major to reserve winners at one parent specialty each year. Further, it proposes that a parent club could choose to opt-out from the award. Mary W. Price reminded the board that she will be absent from the September AKC delegate meeting; when the vote on the proposed amendment is scheduled.

Juniors Committee Report

The Board received a written report from Cissy Sullivan, chair of the Juniors Committee, and the board took the following actions:

Maredith Reggie moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded, to adopt the proposed changes to the Juniors Committee's awards application with regard to the implementation of a new juniors point schedule. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Pam Saunders moved and Maredith Reggie seconded to add Rally and Agility to the Juniors awards. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Maredith Reggie moved and Steve Britton seconded to recommit the proposal concerning the Juniors Good Sportsmanship Award back to the Juniors Committee. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Maredith Reggie moved and Steve Britton seconded, that the recommendation concerning Juniors Committee fund raising be postponed. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

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Maredith Reggie moved and Roger Frey seconded that the Juniors Committee's pizza party at the 2013 National Specialty be funded as part of the Juniors Committee's 2012- 2013 budgeted amount. Without objection, the motion was adopted. The president instructed the second vice-president to advise the Juniors Committee chair that the board was open to receiving other proposals concerning the funding of the annual pizza party.

There was a brief discussion about the current *Specialty Show Guide* and the way it determines how a national specialty show scheduling conflict is resolved.

At 12:50 a.m.(EDT), Friday, August 17, 2012, Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 a.m. (EDT), Friday, August 17, 2012.

Steven J. Britton

Steven J. Britton,
Recording Secretary
Newfoundland Club of America