



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting

17 January 2013

Minutes

All times Eastern Standard

Call to Order

Pam Saunders, president, called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.; with Steve Britton, recording secretary, present.

Other officers and directors present: Lynne Anderson-Powell, John Cornell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Roger Frey, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Pat Randall, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio. Mary W. Price, ex-officio (non-voting); Sandy Gabel, joined the teleconference at 8:17 p.m.

Reporting via telecom: Donna Zink, chair of the Rescue Prevention Committee; Robin Seaman, chair of the Specialty Show Committee; Barbara Finch, chair of the Technical Resources Committee; Amy Lane, chair, 2013 National Specialty; Kathy Paxton, chair of the 2014 National Specialty.

Without objection, the board dispensed (postponed) the reading of the November face-to-face meeting minutes, and proceeded to hear the report of the AKC Delegate.

AKC Delegate's Report

Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, reported attending the AKC Delegates meetings in Orlando, Florida: Thursday, December 13, delegate committee meetings and delegate caucus; Friday, December 14, 2012, delegates forum and delegates meeting, and the AKC/Eucanuba National Championship Dog Show, Saturday, December 15th, and Sunday, December 16th, 2012. She also reported the following:

- The AKC Parent Club Committee meeting commenced with discussion of the proposed AKC Club of Excellence Award. When this award designation becomes a reality, the NCA is expected to easily qualify.
- The three point major award for Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch, awarded at one parent club specialty, each year, is automatic; unless the club applies to opt out when it submits its show application. It is not left to the judge's discretion.
- The moratorium on jump heights has expired.
- Recognition by AKC concerning participation on AKC Meet The Breeds in New York City. Parent club boards of directors are urged by AKC to send letters thanking individuals who created the displays and manned booths at these events. Parent clubs are urged to cover the expenses for these participants.
- Dog Show superintendents are to include breed specific titles which are approved by AKC in dog show catalogs. This change affects NCA draft and water titles.

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- The delegate caucus was devoted to the topic of including and promoting junior showmanship in all events.
- A pro and con discussion concerning the proposed AKC bylaws amendments which would reduce the number of AKC delegate meetings held per year.
- Attended a question and answer forum with AKC Board of Directors candidates.

There are seven candidates running to fill four vacancies on the board. Three incumbent - Lee Arnold, delegate of the Southern Colorado Kennel Club Carl C. Ashby III, delegate of the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club and Alan Kalter, delegate of the American Bull Mastiff Club of America; two former board members - Judith V. Daniels, delegate of the Mount Baker Kennel Club and Dr. Thomas Davies, delegate of the Springfield Kennel Club; two first-time candidates - Gail LaBerge, Atlanta Obedience Club; Harvey M. Wooding, Westminster Kennel Club. Ms. LaBerge's current occupation is as a professional lobbyist.

Thus far, Mary has received only one letter soliciting her vote; but she anticipates more letters arriving prior to the February NCA Board of Directors Meeting.

Mary opined that all the candidates appeared to be well qualified this year.

- The delegate meeting was approximately two hours in length as there was only one action item on the agenda that required a vote; it concerned approving a new member club.
- Three proposed bylaws amendments were read prior to subsequent action at the 2013 March delegates meeting; one included adding words to the objectives of the organization to include the phrase, "to advance canine health and well -being;" another, to enable agility clubs the opportunity to apply for membership, and another on the proposal to reduce the number of delegate meetings, previously mentioned.
- Dennis Sprung, president of the American Kennel Club, paid tribute to John Lyons, the corporation's retiring COO.
- Daryl Hendricks, chief operating officer of AKC (newly hired), was introduced to the delegate body. His corporate executive officer experience includes time with Iron Mountain Corporation, Aramark and Kellogg's Snack Food Division. He is a former trooper with the Delaware State Police.
- AKC has already received 1,200 applications (at twenty dollars each) to add Canine Good Citizen titles to existing pedigrees.
- The AKC Meet The Breeds held at the 2012 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show in Orlando was a huge success. A number of newly recognized breeds participated. Our Newfoundland Club of Florida members were enthusiastic and again offered cart rides. They had grooming demonstrations and offered a large amount of printed material.
- There were 30-plus Newfoundlands entered in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show. Mary requested the Newfoundland Club of Florida receive an official thank-you from the NCA Board of Directors for their efforts in staging the Meet The Breeds event.

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- Mary W. Price reported her plans to attend many of the AKC charitable and other festivities held in conjunction with the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in early February.

Kathy McIver, corresponding secretary, volunteered to write a letter to the Newfoundland Club of Florida thanking the club for participating in the AKC Meet The Breeds presentation in Orlando, Florida: There was no objection to the corresponding secretary's request.

Roger Frey requested the minutes of this evening's meeting reflect the NCA Board of Director's appreciation and gratitude to the Newfoundland Club of Florida and to the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club for their participation and helpfulness in staging the recent Meet The Breeds presentations in Orlando, Florida, and New York City: There was no objection to the request.

Lynne Anderson-Powell, second vice-president, requested that the corresponding secretary also write a letter to the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club thanking the club for participating in the AKC Meet The Breeds presentation held at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City:

Pam Saunders suggested a thank you photo should be published in *Newf Tide* thanking both the Bear Mountain and Newfoundland Club of Florida for their staging of these events.

Minutes

While the board reviewed minutes of the November, 2012 face-to-face meeting, Robin Seaman, chair of the Specialty Show Committee, and Kathy Paxton, chair of the 2014 National Specialty Show, joined the conference call: Without objection, the consideration of the fall face-to-face meeting minutes was tabled.

Specialty Show Committee

Robin Seaman reported that Amy Lane, chair of the 2013 National Specialty, and Sandee Lovett, vice chair, weren't available to attend this evening's conference call.

On behalf of Amy Lane, Robin Seaman presented Amy's written 2013 National Specialty Report.

Robin Seaman also advised a discussion was needed concerning closing of the rented storage unit in Frankenmuth.

Pam Rubio commented generally, she received negative feedback from NCA members concerning the reserved seating at the 2013 Specialty. Robin Seaman explained that many parent clubs are presently doing this to help offset costs of putting on a national specialty and this 2013 Specialty was trying it.

Roger Frey also reported that some members expressed negative opinions concerning the preferred seating; but seeing a benefit to the show's income, if a fancier doesn't like this offering, they're not obligated to purchase the seat. Pam Saunders opined that the show chairs should be applauded for attempting to explore this type of seating this year.

Steve Britton shared that when the AKC made changes to their reserved grooming protocols, it was discovered that some parent clubs, such as the Bullmastiff Club of the United States, were using reserved seating to help contain show costs.

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Robin Seaman reported that Cindy Goodwin and Kathy Paxton researched new vendors for the production of limited edition plates. Kathy Paxton reported that a new vendor was located and the unit cost to the NCA (per plate) was approximately twenty five dollars. This includes a plate similar to what has been used in recent years, boxing and shipping.

Robin Seaman requested that an item listed under new business be taken-up at this time. The business item concerned reports of negative internet reviews of the approved 2014 National Specialty host hotel.

Mary L. Price reported receiving members' concerns about negative reviews on the 2014 National Specialty Show hotel posted to various reputable internet hotel rating sites.

Robin reported that last week Kathy Paxton and her husband Michael made an unannounced visit and stayed overnight at this hotel, as she had previously done for National Specialties at Rocky Gap and Solomons, Maryland.

Kathy Paxton reported and further reassured the board that the hotel was "ADA" approved, and had adequate elevator service to all floors that the NCA would be using. She also reported the hotel was detailing and refurbishing during this winter (new carpet, fixtures and furniture in some areas). She opined that her overall impression was that the property is older but is well maintained, and adequate for hosting an NCA National Specialty.

Kathy Paxton's National Specialty show and extensive travel experience added credence to her report and the board thanked her for her efforts and comments.

Robin Seaman reported that a number of dog clubs have held national specialties at this hotel in recent years, including the Great Pyrenees Club of America and the Great Dane Club of America.

Robin Seaman also thanked Meredith Reggie for putting the Limited Edition Plate advertisement together for *Newf Tide* and thanked Nancy Duggan for her help with processing the orders. She reported that approximately fifteen plates have been sold thus far.

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The board took up consideration of the minutes.

The minutes of the 2012 November face-to-face meeting were approved as amended.

Technical Resources Committee

Barbara Finch, chair of the Technical Resources Committee joined the teleconference at 9:38 p.m. She reported:

- Phase III of the NCA database is complete, exception for minor glitches which as the committee enters data are fixed when encountered. They aren't encountering any major problems at this time.
- Not all of the database reports are functioning, but Dan Zimmerman and Deb Bridges will be working on the reports so they become functional very soon. Once the reports are working

correctly, Barbara will notify the members responsible for receiving the reports so they are accessible through the database.

- Barbara inquired; did the board take action to record all AKC titles into the database? the board took the action at the recent face-to face meeting. A board member opined that it didn't necessarily mean every AKC title would be recognized by receiving an award.
- Barbara reported that two Newfoundlands were recently earned the Lure Coursing Aptitude title and she believed there may be a third Newfoundland who has earned this award. A board member noted that the AKC Luring title designation is the same as the NCA's designation for a Cardiac clearance. Barbara Finch indicated she would take this item back to the committee for discussion.
- Only the AKC Therapy Dog title will be recorded in the database, not Therapy Dog International or Delta Dog titles.
- Indicated how AKC was handling the new CGC title (whose owners have selected the title option) beginning with January 1, 2013. AKC is still investigating methods of how to report recognized titles prior to January 1, 2013.
- Cheryl Dondino has been trained and is actively entering data into the database.
- Most of the missing database titles are NCA titles from the years 1998 - 2002.
- Locating a number of unreported heart clearances that have never been listed.
- Discussion took place regarding recent correspondence with an NCA member.

Officers and Standing Committee Reports

First Vice-president's Report

Pat Randall, first vice president, reported the OFA Health Survey had closed. The numbers will be updated and finalized and the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) will have a report ready for *Newf Tide* publication. Pam Rubio inquired if the CTMB had addressed a rescue policy update. Without objection, the policy will be reported at the February meeting.

Second Vice-president's Report

Lynne Anderson-Powell, second vice-president, reported a memorandum from Marylou Zimmerman, webmaster. The report concerned the number of website hits, some recently removed website videos and the need to create replacement materials.

Recording Secretary

Steve Britton, recording secretary, reminded board members of the agenda packet deadline.

Corresponding Secretary

Kathy McIver, Corresponding Secretary, reported forwarding routine AKC correspondence; she also forwarded correspondence concerning a dog's skin issue to a veterinarian who is an NCA member.

Prior to leaving the teleconference at 10:25 p.m., Mary W. Price reminded board members of the airing of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship dog show on February 2, 2012.

Treasurer's Report

Mary L. Price, treasurer, reported the following NCA operational activity December 5, 2012 - January 2, 2012:

Income: \$1,942.47; Expense: \$19,859.75; Net Income: -17,917.28.

The treasurer reported the following account balances on January 2, 2012:

Checking Account: \$4,516.16; Checking Account - 2013 National Specialty: \$5,460.12;

Savings Accounts: \$86,366.11; CDs: \$96,064.79; Juniors Fund: \$1445.00;

Uniform Trophy Fund: \$6,482.32. NCA total cash assets: \$200,334.50.

Membership Committee Report:

The board discussed the AKC's request, both pro and con, regarding the club furnishing its current membership list, including members' personal email addresses to AKC.

Pam Rubio moved, and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded, to provide the American Kennel Club a NCA membership list of members' names and zip codes, consistent with past practice: Motion adopted

Electronic Publishing Policy Committee (EPPC)

The board discussed the EPPC recommended disclaimer for the club's website book list.

Mareidith Reggie moved and Roger Frey seconded to adopt the Electronic Publishing Policy Committee's disclaimer: Motion adopted. The disclaimer stated:

The Newfoundland Club of America (NCA) provides this library site as a service to Newfoundland fanciers and students of the breed. It also serves as a fundraising vehicle for the NCA Charitable Trust. Listing on this site should not be construed as an endorsement of any title or author except where specifically noted. A number of the books listed here are out of print historical titles, and as such should be viewed as products of their time and should not be used as practical references for current standards in husbandry, training or veterinary care. The content of the books listed here are the sole creation of their authors, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the NCA.

Specialty Show Committee Report

The board considered the recommendation of the Specialty Show Committee and discussed a recommendation concerning ordering of the 2013 limited edition plates.

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to order two hundred limited edition plates for the 2013 National Specialty to be sold at forty dollars each for the Uniform Trophy Fund.

Mary L. Price reminded the board that the purpose for the limited edition plate sale is to provide funds for the following year's specialty trophies.

At 10:50 p.m. and during discussion of the pending motion, Donna Zink, chair of the Rescue Prevention Committee, joined the teleconference.

Steve Britton moved and Pam Rubio seconded to table the pending motion concerning the Limited Edition Plates: Without objection, the motion was tabled.

Rescue Prevention Committee (RPC)

Donna Zink, chair of the RPC reported the committee's educational material featuring a special pdf/web document Christmas wreath was not completed in time to meet this year's deadlines for the club's web site this year and will be used next year.

Roger Frey moved and John Cornell seconded to approve the Rescue Prevention Committee's Christmas wreath educational material proposal (beginning in 2013): Motion adopted.

Donna Zink reported that the initial order of the RPC cards was a success and a new order is needed at this time.

Roger Frey moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to approve the Rescue Prevention Committee's request to order additional Rescue Prevention Committee Pocket Cards for eight hundred dollars: Motion adopted.

Without objection, the board took up the tabled motion concerning limited edition plates: The motion to order two-hundred limited edition plates to be sold at forty dollars each was adopted.

Kathy McIver moved and Pat Randall seconded to enter executive session, to consider concerns on the reporting of the recent Steering Committee Survey and to take up routine executive business: Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Kathy McIver moved and Lynne Anderson Powell seconded that the board return to regular session: Without objection, the motion was adopted.

After returning to regular session, the board reported discussion on Constant Contact's polling function and further reported adopting a subsequent resolution, as follows; without objection:

Roger Frey moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded to instruct the members of the NCA Steering Committee to delete all survey reports from email accounts, and to direct the committee to discontinue distributing results of the Steering Committee Survey.

Further, the reports are not to be forwarded or shared with any party, and are considered strictly confidential.

The board also reported the following from the executive session:

- The appointment of Deborah Rothwell as a member of the Newf Ambassador Committee.
- A discussion regarding Versatile Newfoundland reports.

Health and Longevity Committee

Kathy McIver moved, and Steve Britton, seconded to refer to the Charitable Trust Management Board, correspondence submitted by Jennifer Zablotny, chair of Health and Longevity Committee (through the first vice-president) received from Dr. Augusta Pelosi, to initiate an international longevity database across all breeds funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation: Motion adopted.

Breeders Education Committee

The BEC report was postponed to the February Meeting.

NCA Policy Manual Review Committee

Without object, the board postponed consideration of the Policy Manual proposed amendment to the February regular board of directors meeting.

The board reviewed its list of Unfinished Business.

Adjournment

At 12:35 a.m., Friday, January 18, 2013, Kathy McIver moved and Sandy Gabel seconded to adjourn. Without objection, the meeting adjourned.

Steven J. Britton

Recording Secretary

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