



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

February Regular Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting 21 February 2013 Approved: 21 March 2013 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: John Cornell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Roger Frey, Sandy Gabel, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Pat Randall, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Mary W. Price, ex-officio. Absent: Lynne Anderson-Powell.

Also attending during regular sessions were: Steve McAdams and Donna Thibault, directors elect.

Reporting via telecom: Robin Seaman, chair of the Specialty Show Committee, and Diane Lavin, member of the Specialty Show Committee; Amy Lane and Sandee Lovett, chair and assistant chair of the 2013 NCA National Specialty; Barbara Finch, chair of the Technical Resources Committee; Donna Zink, chair of the Rescue Prevention Committee; Joan Locker-Thuring, chair of the Recognition Committee.

Moment of Silence

The board meeting began with a moment of silence in remembrance of recently departed NCA members: Richard Hight, Linda Barkas, William Betchley, William DeJohn, Elaine Robinson, and Gerri Willis.

Steve Britton, recording secretary, indicated errors in the published meeting agenda regarding consideration of the proposed amendment of the November face-to-face minutes, and the Steering Committee Survey.

Minutes

Without objection, the board dispensed with the reading of the December 27, 2012 and the January 17, 2013 meeting minutes, and proceeded to hear the report of the AKC delegate.

Report of the AKC Delegate

Mary W. Price, AKC delegate, reported on:

- AKC's announcement concerning a new performance event, "AKC Barn Hunt." She further described the event: Within the confines of a barn, a vermin/device is placed within a stack of hay/straw bales; the dog's task is to locate the rodent/device. She further reported this new event is a response to a request from the Barn Hunt Association.
- Materials she has received and forwarded concerning the election of the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2017.

- The seven excellent candidates running for the pending directors positions.
- Her views on the three pending AKC bylaw amendments. She was in favor of two of the proposals, but was not in favor of the proposed decreased number of delegate and delegate committee meetings.
- The next AKC delegates' committee meetings are scheduled for Newark, New Jersey, on March 11, 2013; with regular delegates meeting to follow on the twelfth.

Steve Britton moved, and John Cornell seconded, to enter executive session to consider candidates in the March, 2013, AKC Board of Directors election: The motion was adopted without objection.

Steve Britton moved, and John Cornell seconded, to return to open session: The motion was adopted without objection.

While in executive session, the following motion was unanimously adopted: Roger Frey moved, and Pam Rubio seconded, to direct Mary W. Price, AKC delegate, to cast votes for the following candidates in the March, 2013, AKC Board of Directors election:

Alan Kalter, delegate of the America Bullmastiff Association;
 Judith V. Daniels, delegate of the Mt. Baker Kennel Club;
 Gail LaBerge, delegate of the Atlanta Obedience Club;
 Carl C. Ashby III, delegate of United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club.

Pam Rubio moved, and John Cornell seconded, to direct Mary W. Price, AKC delegate, to cast votes in favor of the proposed AKC bylaw amendments that would amend the AKC's objectives to include, "support of health research" and to expand AKC membership eligibility to Agility Clubs who meet a determined criteria; but to cast a vote against the proposed bylaw amendment to decrease the number of yearly delegates' meetings from four to three: The motion was adopted without objection.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 27, 2012 Special meeting, and the January 17, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Meetings were approved as corrected.

Kathy McIver moved, and John Cornell seconded, to adopt the February 21, 2013 meeting agenda as amended: The motion was adopted.

Officer and Standing Committee Reports

President's Report

Pam Saunders, president, reported a request from Amy Lane and Sandee Lovett concerning the scheduling of board and membership meetings at the 2013 National Specialty.

The board discussed meeting time options.

Without objection, the Board agreed to meet at the 2013 National Specialty on:

Sunday, 28 April 2013 - beginning at 6 p.m. (EDT).

Monday, 29 April 2013 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (EDT); evening meeting as determined.
Tuesday, 30 April 2013 - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. (EDT);

Without objection, the 2013 NCA Annual Membership Meeting will convene on Tuesday, 30 April 2013, at 8 p.m. (EDT).

Per the NCA bylaws, the annual meeting of the NCA Board of Directors will follow the annual membership meeting.

Pam Saunders reported that the club will receive a gift basket from the AKC which was provided by their sponsor Harry & David as a thank you to the NCA for their participation in recent AKC Meet The Breeds events.

Pam Rubio moved, and Roger Frey seconded, to accept the certificates for gift baskets that were donated by AKC's Meet The Breeds' sponsors Harry and David's, and to offer them as a door prizes at the 2013 NCA Annual Meeting: The motion was adopted without objection.

First Vice-president's Report

Pat Randall, first vice-president, reported the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) amended a rescue policy statement at their meeting last evening.

The statement is:

"The Newfoundland Club of America believes that breeders of Newfoundlands should make and support a lifetime commitment to all Newfoundlands they breed. The NCA Rescue Committee relies upon breeders to fulfill this commitment and supports them in this effort. To assist the breeder(s) of record in upholding this commitment, Rescue personnel will make all reasonable efforts to contact the breeder(s) when a Newfoundland is surrendered to Rescue."

Pam Rubio moved, and John Cornell seconded, to adopt the Rescue Policy Statement as recommended by the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board: The policy was adopted.

Pat Randall further reported the CTMB recommends that this statement be included on the NCA Breeder's List application.

Pat also reported that Clyde Dunphy, chairman of CTMB, responded to the Canine Longevity data base grant request.

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Also, Pat reported the CTMB is continuing their discussion on placing the Rescue Prevention Committee under the auspices of the CTMB.

Treasurer's Report

Mary L. Price, treasurer, reported the following NCA operational activity January 2, 2012 - February 6, 2012:

Income: \$3,248.00; Expense: \$16,765.50; Net Income: -13,517.50.

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The treasurer reported the following account balances on February 6, 2013:

Checking Account: \$267.13; Checking Account - 2013 National Specialty: \$5425.12;
Savings Accounts: \$76,410.03; CDs: \$96,400.96; Juniors Fund: \$1440.00;
Uniform Trophy Fund: \$3,304.32; NCA total cash assets: \$183,252.56.

2013 National Specialty Show

President Pam Saunders reviewed the board meeting schedule at the 2013 National Specialty with Amy Lane and Sandee Lovett, who joined the teleconference at 9 p.m. Also, Diane Lavin, Specialty Show Committee member, joined the teleconference.

Amy Lane and Sandee Lovett updated the board and summarized the written report they submitted as part of the February board packet. Amy reminded board members concerning pending deadlines.

Specialty Show Committee

Robin Seaman joined the teleconference; she and Diane Lavin reported on the depleted BISS/HIT medallion inventory of medallions given at regional specialties for Best of Breed and High in Trial. At the January meeting, the board of directors asked Robin and Diane to contact J. Jenkins and Woodbury Pewter for quotes to replenish the BISS/HIT Medallion Inventory.

Robin and Diane reported on the costs and details of each company's medallion quote. Robin also reported that at their meeting this week, and without objection, the Specialty Show Committee-unanimously voted in favor of the J. Jenkins quote, which includes bronze medallions and a wooden display stand.

Pam Rubio moved, and Kathy McIver seconded, to order one-hundred bronze Best of Breed/High in Trial Medallions from J. Jenkins Co. to replenish the current inventory: The motion was adopted without objection.

A board member inquired about the low attendance at some regional specialties in some locales. Some board members questioned whether it was cost effective to supply NCA BOB/HIT medallions for specialties with minimal entries.

Also, a board member inquired why a regional specialty with an entry of fifteen or so dogs should receive the same number of free pages in *Newf Tide*, compared to a regional that has a larger entry.

Pam Rubio moved, and Kathy McIver seconded, that the Specialty Show Committee review the number of entries at regional specialties, and make recommendations for changes in policies regarding the approval of regional specialties: The motion was adopted without objection.

Recording Secretary's Report

The board received the tellers' election report and reviewed the annual meeting notice from Steve Britton, recording secretary.

He also presented a request to use the Judges Education CD by member Stephen Hourihan of Ireland.

Without objection, Roger Frey, NCA International Liaison, was instructed to send a copy of the Judge's Education CD to NCA Member Stephen Hourihan, giving the board's permission to use the CD in conjunction with his Judge's Education presentations in Ireland and other European countries.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Kathy McIver reported she forwarded routine correspondence on to the appropriate committees and persons. Also, she has received an inquiry concerning the date of death of former NCA President, Robert Curry; she was looking for any information from the board members.

As a follow-up to an item brought to the NCA board's attention in April 2012, Kathy reminded the board of a member's request that the NCA board ask AKC to investigate a non-member Newfoundland breeder.

After discussion and without objection, Mary L. Price agreed to draft a letter asking AKC to further investigate this situation.

Rescue Prevention Committee (RPC)

Donna Zink, chair of the RPC, reported on *Lifestages*, Issue 4 and Issue 5.

Steve Britton moved, and John Cornell seconded, to approve *Lifestages*, Issue 4 as presented: The motion was adopted without objection.

Steve Britton moved, and John Cornell seconded, to approve *Lifestages*, Issue 5 as presented: The motion was adopted without objection.

Donna Zink reported a necessary revision to *Lifestages*, Issue 2.

At the request of Donna Zink, Steve Britton moved, and John Cornell seconded, to amend the previously approved *Lifestages* Issue 2, as follows:

Strike-out - sentences three and four (which referenced a URL link to the early spay/neuter internet article that was removed from the NCA website per board action), and remove its corresponding URL link, mentioned parenthetically; also, to authorize the committee to write and *insert* new material in place of the previously cited sentences: The motion to amend the article was adopted.

Donna Zink, requested clarification on board policy to place links to *YouTube*[™] videos, instead of placing the video material directly on the NCA website. Without objection, the board postponed the request to the March meeting.

Steve Britton moved, and John Cornell seconded, to add a link on the NCA Contacts Page for subscriptions to *Newf Tide*: Motion adopted.

Mary Lou Cuddy moved, and Steve Britton seconded, to authorized Marylou Zimmerman, NCA Webmaster, to provide the RPC chair with the monthly hit counts to the answers page (from the NCA website).

Health and Longevity Report (H & L)

Steve Britton moved, and John Cornell, seconded to refer the correspondence concerning OFA's new eye registry to the Health & Longevity Committee for a recommendation. The motion was adopted without objection.

Technical Resources Committee (TRC)

Barbara Finch, TRC chair, reported that the committee needs more time to develop the electronic document storage policy.

She reported that some committee members reviewed Zoosa™ and Club Express™. Zoosa™ is a better value; as Club Express™ is more expensive. The committee believes that the board needs to define performance parameters before subscribing to either or any packaged software.

Pam Saunders asked the TRC to compare using these potentials vendors vs. the Database-phase IV.

Barbara Finch also reported that the TRC was in-favor of dividing the committee into two committees: Database and Technical Resources.

Breeders Education Committee (BEC)

Without objection the BEC report was postponed to the March meeting.

Regional Club Liaison

Pam Rubio reported on Newfoundland Club of New England bylaws revision.

Steve Britton expressed concern regarding two provisions. He believes Connecticut law does not allow actions outside of a meeting by any less than the unanimous consent of the directors, even if the bylaws so authorized. Also, there is a benefit from using the recommended language for adopting the parliamentary authority.

Pam Rubio moved, and Maredith Reggie second, to approve the Newfoundland Club of New England's amended bylaws: The motion was lost.

Voting in-favor: Mclver, Randall, Reggie, Rubio and Saunders.

Voting against: Britton, Frey, Gabel and Price.

Abstained: Cornell and Cuddy. Absent: Anderson-Powell.

Roger Frey moved, and Steve Britton seconded, to renew the question on approval of the NCNE bylaws at the March meeting: The motion was adopted.

Voting in-favor: Britton, Cuddy, Frey, Gabel, Mclver and Price.

Voting against: Cornell, Reggie. Absent: Anderson-Powell

Abstained: Randall, Rubio and Saunders

Without objection, Steve Britton, recording secretary, was authorized to contact Lisa Nachmias-Davis, attorney, concerning a question on Connecticut non-stock corporations taking actions outside of a meeting by written consents.

Recognition Committee

Joan Locker-Thuring, Recognition Committee chair, presented the committee's recommendations.

Pam Rubio moved, and Roger Frey seconded, to authorize the Recognition Committee to send High In Trial and High Combined congratulatory letters. The motion was adopted.

Mareidith Reggie moved, and Pam Rubio seconded, to discontinue engraving obedience and performance pins due to escalating engraving costs: The motion was adopted.

Without objection, the following was adopted: In months where there are no Versatile Newfoundland awards attained, the Technical Resources Committee should send a report stating such to the Versatile Newfoundland Committee via email.

Roger Frey moved, and John Cornell seconded, to refer the VN/Database Extract request document submitted by the Recognition Committee to the Technical Resources Committee (TRC) for comment at the March regular board meeting.

Newf Ambassador Committee

Without objection, the approval of the documents submitted by the Newf Ambassador Committee was postponed to the March 21st, 2013, regular meeting of the NCA Board of Directors.

Judges Education Committee (JEC)

The board received a written report with JEC recommendations.

Roger Frey moved, and Mareidith Reggie seconded, to adopt the recommendations of the Judges Education Committee (JEC):

- To add Ron Pemberton's book, "*A Study Of The Newfoundland*", to the NCA website's Newfoundland Dog Library.
- To remove the Recommended Reading List link from the Judges Education section of the NCA website and transfer the list of books to the Newfoundland Dog Library.
- To place "The Newfoundland In General" on the Newfoundland Club of America's website (<http://www.ncanewfs.org>) under Newfoundland Dog Library. (<http://www.newfbooks.org>)
- To add the official breed standard and the Illustrated Guide to the Judges Education section of the NCA website.

The motion was adopted by a roll-call vote:

Voting in Favor: Britton, Cornell, Cuddy, Frey, Gabel, Price, Randall, Reggie, Rubio and Saunders.

Voting Against: Mclver. Absent: Anderson-Powell.

Special Committee Reports

Policy Manual Report

The Policy Manual report was postponed to the March meeting.

Executive Session

Without objection, the board entered executive session to discuss membership applications.

Without objection, the board returned to regular session.

Unfinished Business

Pam Rubio moved, and John Cornell seconded, to destroy the data from the recent Steering Committee Survey.

Steve Britton moved, to refer the question concerning the destruction of the Steering Committee Survey data to the Steering Committee for consideration/recommendation. During discussion on the motion:

Kathy Mclver moved, and John Cornell seconded, to go into executive session: The motion (to enter executive session) was adopted without objection.

Pam Rubio moved, and John Cornell seconded, to return to open session.

While in executive session, the question concerning the referral of a motion to destroy the Steering Committee survey data to the Steering Committee was put to a vote: The motion to refer was lost.

Voting in-favor of referral: Britton, Cuddy, Frey and Reggie.

Voting against referral: Cornell, Mclver, Randall, Rubio and Saunders

Absent: Anderson-Powell, Gabel and Price.

While in executive session, the question concerning the destruction of the Steering Committee Survey data was put to a vote: The motion to destroy the survey data was adopted.

Voting in favor: Cornell, Mclver, Randall, Rubio and Saunders.

Voting against: Britton, Cuddy, Frey and Reggie.

Absent: Anderson-Powell, Gabel and Price. Pam Rubio moved, and John Cornell seconded, to return to open session.

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Voting in-favor of referral: Britton, Cuddy, Frey and Reggie.

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Voting in favor: Cornell, Mclver, Randall, Rubio and Saunders.

Voting against: Britton, Cuddy, Frey and Reggie.

Absent: Anderson-Powell, Gabel and Price.

New Business

Pam Rubio moved, and Kathy Mclver seconded, to amend the minutes of 2012 November face-to-face meeting. The motion was adopted. It was determined some essential material was inadvertently omitted from the minutes.

At 12:55 a.m., Friday, February 22, 2013, Pam Rubio moved, and John Cornell seconded, to adjourn: The meeting adjourned without objection.

Steven Britton

Recording Secretary

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