

**NCA Board of Directors
Teleconference Meeting
Minutes of May 16, 2013
(Approved June 20, 2013)**

Pam Saunders, President, called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. Eastern time. The following directors were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Roger Frey (RF), Sandy Gabel (SG), Pat Randall (PKR), Meredith Reggie (MR), Pam Rubio (PR), Pam Saunders (PS) and Donna Thibault (DT). Mary W. Price, AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was present. Steve McAdams (SM) and Mary L. Price (MLP) were absent.

Attending the meeting were: Amy Lane and Sandee Lovett, 2013 National Specialty Co-Chairs; Donna Zink, Rescue Prevention Committee Chair; Barbara Finch, Technical Resources Committee Chair; Marylou Zimmerman, Bill Matlock and Mary Lou Roberts, Technical Resources Committee.

Report of the AKC Delegate

Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, reported that she had been in communication with Neil Singer and AKC regarding the awarding of the AKC Good Sportsmanship medallion to Amy Lane and Sandee Lovett. Mr. Singer graciously offered to send a second medallion which Mary now has in her possession and she will mail it to Sandee Lovett.

Mary informed the Board that she will be attending the June AKC Delegates' meeting. Among the items of business at that meeting will be an AKC bylaw amendment which would not allow any former or current AKC employees to serve on the AKC Board of Directors. There was some discussion whether current staff or Board members will be grandfathered under this amendment.

Mary reported on the "Today Show's" biased segment on purebred dogs which did not utilize any of the information submitted for the segment by the AKC and she encouraged Board members to write protest letters to NBC.

She also reminded Board members that she had forwarded a document on a company that provides electronic voting services and she encouraged members to review the document and forward their thoughts to her for the AKC Delegates Committee.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 30, 2013 Annual Meeting of the Board. There was a brief discussion regarding the appointment of David Helming as AKC Delegate due to Mary W. Price's retirement from the position. It was discussed that upon David's approval by the AKC in August 2013, he would then fill the remainder of

Mary's term thus preserving the tradition of appointing the AKC Delegate in the even-year cycle.

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the April 30, 2013 Annual Meeting of the Board as amended. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (SM, MLP)

Mary invited the Board to review the excellent April 2013 *AKC Gazette* breed column written by Sandra Younger on Newfoundlands and their suitability for crisis response situations.

Report of the President

Pam Saunders, President, thanked Pat Randall, 1st Vice President, for performing her duties at the National Specialty banquet due to her illness. She reported that she was feeling much better and appreciated all the concern and good wishes that she received.

Report of the 1st Vice President

Pat Randall, 1st Vice President, reported that the Charitable Trust Management Board did not meet the previous evening and thus he had no report.

Report of the 2nd Vice President

Lynne Anderson-Powell, 2nd Vice President, reported that she will defer her report to committee appointments.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, thanked Meredith Reggie for preparing the April 30, 2013 minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board. Mary Lou reported that she had prepared the May 16, 2013 agenda packet and had forwarded a letter from an NCA member regarding the NCA Database to the Board for action at this meeting. Mary Lou informed the Board of the correct email address for Board business for David Helming and she reminded the Board to answer the Wiggio invitation and to vote on the membership applicants.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Pam Rubio, Corresponding Secretary, reviewed a complaint that had been received from a non-member about a rescue group. Kathy McIver, the previous Corresponding Secretary, had written an initial response to the complaint. After further discussion, it was determined that no further communication was needed. Pam also reported that the AKC Parent Club Committee had requested that the NCA complete a survey about

national specialties. She had listed Robin Seaman, Specialty Show Committee Chair, Amy Lane and Sandee Lovett, co-chairs of the 2013 National Specialty as contacts.

Report of the Treasurer

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, was absent but had sent a report to the Board earlier.

The following balances are as follows: checking account: \$632.39; checking account for 2013 National Specialty: \$47,947.57; savings account: \$60,136.67 and invested in CDs: \$96,543.02. The Juniors Fund account balance is \$1,445.00. The Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$4,326.68 for a total of \$211,031.33 for NCA operations.

Committee Reports

NCA Policy Manual Committee

Pam Saunders, *NCA Policy Manual* Committee Chair, reported that the Board of Directors section of the *NCA Policy Manual* included in the agenda packet contained the edits made in the previous meeting. The proper wording for the mileage reimbursement section would be added in as soon as it is received.

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the revised Board of Directors section of the *NCA Policy Manual* as presented with the understanding that the section regarding mileage reimbursement will be added when the correct wording has been obtained. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (SM, MLP)

Executive Session

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (SM, MLP)

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (SM, MLP)

While in executive session, the Board appointed the following committees:

AKC Gazette Breed Column:

Sandra Younger

AKC Legislative Liaison Committee:

Kathy Grim, Chair

Janice Anderson

Amy Davis

Debbie Dennison

Joan Fenwick

Denise Hatakeyama
Karen Railing
Arbitration Committee:
Carla Gengler, Chair
Suzi Bidwell
Pam Jackson
Ken Wildman
Awards Committee:
Ingrid Lyden
Breeders Education Committee:
Pat Randall, Chair
Janice Anderson
Lynne Anderson-Powell
John Cornell
Sue Jones
Jean McAdams
Kathy McIver
Pam Rubio
Susan Wagner
Breeder Referral Committee:
Naomi Young Meyer
Breeders List Committee:
Johanna Matsuda, Chair
Lynn Nuss
Patti Testa
Companion Newf Committee:
Diane Lynch, Chair
Carolyn Kuhn
Chris Rakyta

2013 National Specialty Report

Amy Lane and Sandee Lovett, 2013 National Specialty Co-Chairs, joined the meeting. The Board congratulated them on a wonderful National Specialty that even had good weather. Amy and Sandee gave an extensive report on the National of which most items were extremely positive. Negative mention was made of two incidents of aggressive Newfoundland behavior, one of which was dealt with immediately and the other incident will be written up and submitted to the Board, and the grooming building was left in filthy condition as the exhibitors left at the end of the week. Amy and Sandee thanked the Board for awarding them the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award and the flowers and gifts. They also thanked all the committees, committee chairs and all the volunteers who contributed to the success of the show.

Executive Session

Pam Rubio moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (SM, MLP)

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (SM, MLP)

While in executive session, the Board appointed the following committee:

Electronic Publications Policy Committee:

Marylou Zimmerman, Chair

Aura Dean

Judi Randall

Ken Wildman

Rescue Prevention Committee

Donna Zink, Rescue Prevention Committee Chair, and Marylou Zimmerman, Technical Resources Committee joined the meeting to discuss NCA committees having Facebook™ pages. There was discussion concerning the set-up and the monitoring of the pages. Donna reported that this had been a very preliminary discussion in her committee and that the committee was not ready to make a proposal for such a page at this time. It was suggested that the Board might consider developing a policy in advance to cover this subject.

Technical Resources Committee

Barbara Finch, Technical Resources Committee Chair, Bill Matlock and Mary Lou Roberts, Technical Resources Committee members joined the meeting to discuss the committee's proposal for the division of committee duties into three sub-committees (Product Life Cycle Management, Product Developments & Business Planning, and Future Planning). The committee felt that due to the limited number of NCA members with the necessary computer skills, a sub-committee structure would mean better utilization of members' expertise. In response to a question from a Board member, it was stated that not every committee member was on that committee teleconference, but it was believed that most committee members were in favor of this proposal. A committee member questioned the committee communication policy the Board has enacted and its effect on the committee if the Board should choose to split the Technical Resources Committee into distinct and separate committees. There was additional discussion regarding committee communication, the best way to make efficient use of committee members, Technical Resources Committee history and current committee structure and duties.

Executive Session

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (SM, MLP)

By unanimous consent, the Board come out of executive session. 2 Absent (SM, MLP)

While in executive session, the Board voted to follow its previous recommendation that the Technical Resources be divided into three separate committees - Technical Resource Advisory Committee, Electronic Publications Committee and the NCA Database Operations Committee and appointed the following.

Database Operations Committee

Debbie Bridge, Chair
Mary Lou Roberts
Cheryl Dondino
Barbara Finch

Electronic Publications Committee

Marylou Zimmerman, Chair

Technical Resource Advisory Committee

Bill Matlock, Chair
Dejah Petsch
Lynne Anderson-Powell
Dan Carr

While in executive session, the Board appointed the following committees:

Distinguished Member Committee:

Sue Miller, Chair
Naomi Young Meyer

General Education Committee:

Lisa Lathrop, Chair
Susan Aspeotes
Debbie Dennison
Elizabeth Heath
Ron Horn
Mary Alice Maloney
Theodore Meeker
Hope Taylor
Melissa Torres

Health & Longevity Committee:

Pam Rubio, Chair
Gaby Cohen
Denise Hatakeyama
Andre Lapeyre
Tamzin Rosenwasser
Mary Jane Spackman

Bruce Willoughby
Jenny Zablotny
Historian & Archives Committee:
Mary Jane Spackman, Chair
International Liaison Committee:
Roger Frey, Chair
Josette Chrystall
Judges Education Committee:
Denise Castonguay, Chair
Lynne Anderson-Powell
Jim Bricknell
Barbara Finch
Roger Frey
Kathy Griffin
Kim Griffith
Peggy Helming
Sue Jones
Ingrid Lyden
Jean McAdams
Betty McDonnell
Robin Seaman
Debra Thornton
Deb Wigal
Margaret Willmott
Juniors Committee:
Cissy Sullivan, Chair
Tara Bertrand
Ron Horn
David Kledzik
Linda Larsen
Sheila Luca
Robin Seaman
Donna Thibault
Membership Committee:
Mary Lou Cuddy, Chair
Bill Cuddy
Newfoundland Ambassador Committee:
Joan Fenwick, Chair
Sandy Gabel
Peggy Lange
Joan Locker-Thuring
Santee Lovett
Kathy Mitchell
Marjorie Odle
Chris Plum

Mary Lou Roberts
Deborah Rothwell
Newf Tide Policy Committee:
Aura Dean, Chair
Patti Emmerling
Beth Sell
Julie Poulin Siefert
Jeannette Voss
Ken Wildman
Meredith Reggie (ex officio)
Performance & Companion Events Committee:
Anna Lorenz, Chair
Cherilyn Antin
Brian Hodges
Ann Lapeyre
NCA Policy Manual Committee (ad hoc):
Pam Saunders, Chair
Mary Lou Cuddy
Kathy McIver
Mary L. Price
Meredith Reggie
Publicity Committee:
Hope Taylor, Chair
Lisa Lathrop
Recognition Committee:
Joan Locker-Thuring Chair
Dona Austin-Baker
Barbara Hearn
Brian Hodges
Bethany Karger
Regional Clubs Committee:
Steve Britton, Chair
Regional Club Liaison:
Steve McAdams
Rescue Prevention Committee:
Donna Zink, Chair
Lynne Anderson-Powell
Roger Frey
Lisa Lathrop
Starr Willetts
Chris Owen
Brooke Elkan-Moore
Steering Committee:
Chris Plum, Chair
Roger Frey

Bill Matlock
Mary Jane Spackman
Marylou Zimmerman
Working Dog Committee:
Sue Marino Chair
Tom Brant
Denise Castonguay
Joyce Echon Butler
Laura Gallagher
Dwight Gorsuch
Cindi Kursner
Andre Lapeyre
Patti Pigeon
Pam Saunders
Sunshine Committee:
Susan Aspeotes, Chair

While in executive session, the Board considered the May 16, 2013 Applicants List.

Technical Resources Committee

The Board considered a letter from an NCA member expressing concerns about some data in the NCA Database.

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board refer a letter from an NCA member to the Technical Resources Committee. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (SM, MLP)

***Newf Tide* Policy Regarding Non-Members' Dogs**

The Board considered a request for clarification regarding the coverage or publication of articles on non-members' dogs in *Newf Tide*. It was reported that this year several Versatile Newfoundlands are owned by non-members. There was discussion whether they should be afforded the same coverage as members' dogs. It was stated that the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee is unanimously in agreement that non-members are not entitled to the same coverage.

Maredith Reggie moved and Roger Frey seconded that dogs recognized for their achievements in articles or with extended coverage in NCA publications (National Specialty Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and High in Trial; Versatile Newfoundlands; Working Achievement Awards; Top Show Dog; Top Producing Sire; Top Producing Dam, Oldest Living Newf; etc.) must be owned or co-owned by NCA members. If the owners and co-owners are not members, only the dogs' names and their owners will be listed; no individual write-ups will be published.

Exception 1: Per *Newf Tide* policy, a photo of Best of Breed is featured on the front cover with Best of Opposite Sex on the back. NCA ownership is not required for this policy.

Exception 2: Dogs featured for achieving ROM status do not need to be owned or co-owned by NCA members.

Exception 3: Heroic Newfoundlands do not need to be owned or co-owned by NCA members.

The motion passed. 8 Yes (LA, JC, MLC, RF, SG, MR, PS, DT); 2 No (PKR, PSR); 2 Absent (SM, MLP)

The Board considered an email from a former Board member who may be considering developing a blog. There was discussion about the interpretation and intent of the email in relation to discussion regarding NCA matters. No action was taken.

Health & Longevity Committee

The Board considered a recommendation from the Health & Longevity Committee that members utilize the new Orthopedic Foundation for Animals eye registry in place of the CERF registry.

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the recommendation of the Health & Longevity Committee that NCA members utilize the new Orthopedic Foundation for Animals eye registry instead of CERF. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (SM, MLP)

Facebook™ Advertising

The Board considered a request that the six-month trial of advertising on Facebook™ be extended indefinitely. The advertising is credited with helping to increase NCA recognition on the Internet.

Roger Frey moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board approve Facebook™ advertising as a budget item for the Technical Resources Committee. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (SM, MLP)

Removal of Teleconference Recordings from *NCA Website*

The Board considered the removal of old teleconference recordings from the *NCA Website*. It was reported that the procedure to allow NCA members to call in and listen to a Board teleconference meeting will be implemented very soon, thus the recordings will not be needed.

Pat Randall moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board authorize the removal of the old teleconference recordings from the *NCA Website* and to direct Marylou

Zimmerman, NCA Webmaster, to remove them. Without objection, the motion passed. 2
Absent (SM, MLP)

Ratification of Members' Vote on International Member Breeder-Judges

Roger Frey moved that the Board ratify the members' vote from the April 30, 2013 Annual Membership Meeting to approve that all NCA member breeder judges be placed on the NCA approved judges list for National Specialties, upon providing their necessary documentation.

There was discussion regarding what would be considered necessary documentation and AKC's procedures to approve international judges. By unanimous consent, it was agreed that Lynne Anderson-Powell would contact AKC to determine the needed documentations and the procedures and that further discussion be tabled until the next meeting.

Adjournment

At 12:48 a.m., Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (SM, MLP)

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy
NCA Recording Secretary