

NCA Board of Directors
Teleconference Meeting
Minutes of January 16, 2014
(Approved February 20, 2014)

Pam Saunders, President, called the meeting to order at 8:06 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), Steve McAdams (SM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Meredith Reggie (MR), Pam Rubio (PR), Pam Saunders (PS) and Donna Thibault (DT). David Helming, AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was absent. Also present were Cissy Sullivan, Sue Marino and Aura Dean.

Report of the AKC Delegate

David Helming, AKC Delegate, was absent from the meeting but had previously sent a report detailing the information he had received regarding the publication of exhibitors' addresses in show catalogs. He reported that this matter had been considered and discussed many times within AKC. It was his opinion that the AKC will not change their position on this matter anytime in the near future and superintendents will continue to publish catalogs in the same format.

Approval of Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the December 19, 2013 meeting.

Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the minutes of the December 19, 2013 meeting be approved as edited. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (LA, DT)

Report of the President

Pam Saunders, President, requested the Board's input on the scheduling of the face-to-face meeting of the Board at the National Specialty and the grievance that will be heard at that meeting. There was also discussion of the mediator for the hearing. It was the consensus of the Board that Pam Saunders contact Atty. Mark Aliff regarding his availability and then the Board would set the dates once his availability was determined.

Report of the 1st Vice President

Pat Randall, 1st Vice President, reported that the Charitable Trust Management Board had closed the rescue survey that was on the OFA website and that a report will be forthcoming soon.

Pat informed the Board that work is continuing on setting up the committee emails with StartMeeting™. Also under consideration is a broadcast option through StartMeeting™

which may allow NCA members to listen in on Board meetings. The broadcast option may eliminate the concerns with executive sessions.

Report of the 2nd Vice President

Lynne Anderson-Powell, 2nd Vice President, had indicated she would be late joining the meeting and her report was tabled until later in the meeting.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Cuddy, NCA Recording Secretary, reported that she had prepared the minutes of the December 19, 2014 meeting and the agenda packet for the January 16, 2014 meeting. She reported the Board had approved the December membership applicants. She informed the Board that the election ballots will be counted on Saturday, February 8th with Sunday, February 9th, as a snow date. She invited the candidates or their representatives to attend the counting.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Pam Rubio, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she had forwarded correspondence to the appropriate committees. She forwarded to the Board the 4th Quarter CHIC report and the AKC conditional registration report. She also forwarded a letter from a researcher to the Research Advisory Committee.

Report of the Treasurer

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances: checking account: \$20,560.77; savings account: \$86,231.97 and invested in CDs: \$108,514.83. The Juniors Fund account balance is \$2,680.64. The Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$11,606.04 for a total of \$229,594.25 for NCA operations. She informed the Board that she had reimbursed Debbie Dennison, Legislation Committee, in the amount of \$60 for the AKC Legislation Seminar registration fee and had sent payment in the amount of \$125 to the AKC for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show medallions.

Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board approve reimbursement to the Newfoundland Club of Florida for items stolen from the AKC/Eukanuba "Meet the Breeds" exhibition in the amount of \$330. Without objection, the motion passed. 2
Absent (LA, DT)

Committee Reports

NCA Policy Manual

It was reported that Ingrid Lyden, Awards Chair, had added to the Awards chapter additional information regarding current practice to the document. There was a short discussion concerning the NCA Good Sportsmanship paragraphs and some editing that

was needed. It was the consensus of the Board to table the document until the final editing can be completed.

Executive Session

John Cornell moved and Steve McAdams seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (LA, DT)

John Cornell moved and Steve McAdams seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (LA, DT)

While in executive session, the Board:

- Considered the January 16, 2014 Applicants List
- Reviewed correspondence received from members
- Discussed the protocol of responding to correspondence from members

At 9:00 p.m., Cissy Sullivan joined the meeting.

Juniors Committee

Cissy Sullivan, Juniors Committee Chair, reported on the status on the Juniors logo and presented information to the Board about the size of the Juniors medallion which is 2.5 inches in diameter.

A discussion ensued regarding ideas to increase attendance of ringside spectators during the Junior Showmanship judging. Ideas included changing the day and time of the judging, having a breakfast available at ringside during judging and holding raffle drawings during the judging.

Also discussed were introducing the juniors during the Welcome Reception and the Annual Membership meeting and ways to draw attention to the juniors and their activities.

By consensus, the Board agreed that the Juniors Committee may hold a raffle drawing ten minutes before the start of the Junior Showmanship classes and immediately after the Best Junior judging.

By consensus, the Board agreed that juniors will be permitted to sell raffle tickets for the Juniors Committee.

By consensus, the Board agreed that the juniors be introduced at the Welcome Reception and the Annual Membership meeting.

By consensus, the Board agreed to ask the 2014 National Specialty Committee about options for the scheduling of the Junior Showmanship classes. If the judging time

cannot be changed for the 2014 National Specialty, then scheduling changes should be considered for following national specialties.

At 9:40 p.m., Cissy Sullivan left the meeting.

At 9:45 p.m., Sue Marino joined the meeting.

Working Dog Committee

Sue Marino, Working Dog Committee Chair, relayed the committee's concerns with NCA members going directly to the Board and not the committee with questions or perceived problems with working tests rules, regulations and judging concerns. The committee also felt they would benefit with more details of Board discussions when being assigned projects or asked for input.

The Board reviewed the proposed Draft Dog Excellent outline. Sue reported that the committee would like to see all the proposed exercises included. There was discussion about a freight haul-type exercise not being included.

Roger Frey moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that the Board accept the Working Dog Committee's proposed Draft Dog Excellent outline. Without objection, the motion passed.

Sue reported that the committee was reviewing the judges' written tests and the observer tests. The committee asked for clarification regarding the concerns expressed at an earlier meeting about the equipment check-in guidelines and equipment guidelines.

At 10:11 p.m., Sue Marino left the meeting.

Judges Education Committee

It was reported that the committee will be holding a meeting to discuss the American Dog Show Judges Association request for sponsorships.

NCA Breeders List Committee

The Board was informed that the only changes on the *Breeders List* renewal/application were due dates and the reference to NCA documentation.

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board approve the *Breeders List* application/renewal form as corrected. Without objection, the motion passed.

Legislation Committee

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board approve the reimbursement to the Legislation Committee for the AKC Legislative Seminar fee in the amount of \$60. Without objection, the motion passed.

At 10:17 p.m., Aura Dean joined the meeting.

Breeders Education Committee

The Board discussed a letter received from the Breeders Education Committee concerning the editing of a *Newf Tide* article on the sub-aortic stenosis DNA test by the editor of *Newf Tide* against the committee's wishes. Aura Dean joined the discussion as Chair of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee. Due to deadline constraints, the edit was approved by the *Newf Tide* editor, *Newf Tide* Policy Chair and Pam Saunders, President, and complies with the policy.

Executive Session

Roger Frey moved and Steve McAdams seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

Steve McAdams moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

While in executive session, the Board concluded the concerns expressed with the editing of a *Newf Tide* article were due to a misunderstanding and policy not being communicated clearly. The Breeder Education Committee supplied the alternate wording that was used in the *Newf Tide* article.

2014 National Specialty Show Committee

The Board considered a request from Kathy Paxton, 2014 National Specialty Show Chair, that the Board develop a name for the newly-approved post-show celebration. The Board agreed to defer to the show committee.

The Board considered the proposed menu and budget for the post-show celebration which will follow the Best of Breed judging.

By consensus, the Board approved the proposed menu and budget.

The Board considered the arrangements for the Annual Membership Meeting.

By consensus, the Board agreed to approve the proposed catering and meeting room arrangements for the Annual Membership Meeting.

The Board considered a question whether the print, "Two Dogs Watching Bathers", generously given to the NCA by Juliet Leicester Hope via The Newfoundland Club

(England), and being donated to the Fine Arts Auction with proceeds earmarked for the Charitable Trust is part of or in addition to the stated policy which allows the NCA Health Challenge Committee and the NCA Rescue Committee to place three pieces in the Fine Arts Auction with proceeds being directed to the respective committees. An earlier motion from the November 1-3, 2013 meeting directed that proceeds from this print would be given to the Charitable Trust. After discussion, it was agreed that the Corresponding Secretary would contact the host club and request that they allow this one-time exception and the proceeds from the print be given to Charitable Trust.

Rescue Prevention Committee

The Board considered the *Newf Tide* coupon program and agreed to table the discussion until the February 20, 2014 meeting.

Executive Session

John Cornell moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board come out of executive session.

While in executive session:

- The Board agreed to send a member's resume to the Health & Longevity Committee for their recommendation.
- The Board appointed Linda Mahuson to the Recognition Committee

Unfinished Business

***Newf Tide* Policy Committee**

The Board reviewed the recommendation from the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee (NTPC) that the Electronic Publications Policy Committee and the NTPC remain separate committees as the NTPC feels that they do not have the expertise needed to oversee electronic publications. The Board was reminded that it needs to appoint a new chair for the Electronic Publications Policy Committee.

Pending Business

The Board reviewed the remainder of agenda items. It was reported that the Technical Resources Advisory Committee was in the process of developing a recommendation on electronic information storage. It was requested that the agenda reflect the date of committee updates the Board receives on ongoing projects and directives.

New Business

Acknowledgment of Correspondence

The Board discussed the acknowledgment of correspondence to the Board from members. It was stated that members need to know their correspondence was noted and considered.

By consensus, the Board agreed that the Corresponding Secretary will send an acknowledgement when correspondence is received informing the writer that the correspondence will be forwarded to the Board for its next meeting.

Adjournment

At 12:23 a.m., Pam Rubio moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the motion passed.

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy
NCA Recording Secretary