

NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Board of Directors

Teleconference Meeting

Minutes of September 18, 2014

(Approved October 16, 2014)

The Board of Directors of the Newfoundland Club of America met via teleconference on September 18, 2014. President, Pam Saunders, called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. Eastern Daylight time. Other directors present were Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), John Cornell (JC), Roger Frey (RF), Sue Marino (SM), Steve McAdams (SMc), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Meredith Reggie (MR), and Pam Rubio (PR). Donna Thibault (DT) joined the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m. Recording Secretary, Mary Lou Cuddy, and AKC delegate/*ex officio* member, David Helming, were absent.

AKC Delegate's Report

Although unable to attend the meeting, David Helming submitted a report that he would be sending information normally reported at the meeting to Mary Lou Cuddy. He also sent a reminder that the ballot deadline for the Board to vote on the finalists for AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards was September 26, 2014.

Executive Session

At 8:15 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board go into Executive Session; the motion passed without objection. At 8:30, the Board came out of Executive Session. While in Executive Session, the Board voted for Susie Bluford as the recipient of the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award in Performance Events.

Approval of Minutes

Pam Rubio moved and Pat Randall seconded to approve the minutes of August 21, 2014. Without objection, they were approved as written and distributed.

President's Report

Pam Saunders, President, reported that the correspondence listed on the agenda had not been sent directly to her but she was familiar with the items. The first concerned a new AKC initiative proposed by the AKC Parent Club Committee and AKC Government Relations to help parent clubs keep aware of pending legislation. The Legislative E-list would provide a platform for legislative representatives from each Parent Club to communicate and share information. Lynne Anderson Powell will forward the information on signing up for the list to our Legislative Committee.

The second, a solicitation with information about a dog trainer in Florida who had lost everything in a fire, was presented for information only.

Face-to-Face Meeting

Mary L. Price reported the need to finalize the contract with the hotel in Chicago for the November face-to-face meeting on November 7-9, 2014. Mary will check with Dave Helming regarding his plans; all other Board members, except Roger Frey, will be attending. Mary will also check with CTMB members about their possible attendance.

1st Vice President's Report

Pat Randall had no report but stated that Mary L. Price may have an update on the Charitable Trust Management Board. Mary reported that a meeting had been cancelled because CTMB Chairman Clyde Dunphy was unavailable.

2nd Vice President's Report

Lynne Anderson-Powell reported she hopes to have her report on copyright information available for the face-to-face meeting.

Recording Secretary's Report

Although Mary Lou Cuddy was unable to attend the meeting, she reported preparing the minutes of August 21, 2014, meeting and September 18, 2014, agenda packet. She also reported that all August membership applicants were approved.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Pam Rubio reported she had forwarded AKC communications regarding regional specialties to the Specialty Show Chair.

She sent a follow-up letter to a member's request for some guidance from the NCA. Pam asked direction from the Board pertaining to an attorney's request for help in finding an individual based on a similar surname found on our website.

By consensus, it was agreed that the Corresponding Secretary answer an attorney seeking information that no information is available since the individual in question is not an NCA member.

Treasurer's Report

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances: checking account: \$75,549.88; savings account: \$43,985.60 and invested in CDs: \$108,895.92. The Juniors Fund account balance is \$4,354.64. The Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$10,592.21 for a total of \$243,378.25 for NCA operations.

Mary L. Price reported the Treasurer's report was included in the agenda packet and that additional information was unavailable because she was traveling and did not have

the files with her. She also reported that she is continuing to process dues and second notices have been sent out. In response to a question from Pam Saunders, she stated that the files for the Membership Directory should be available for editing on or about October 15.

Committee Reports

Working Dog Committee

Sue Marino, chair, discussed the two proposed Water Test Judges' Exams, which were recently revised. She thanked Andre Lapeyre for his work on the revisions. There were several questions regarding the number of possible answers and the general difficulty of the tests. Sue explained that unlike the Draft Test exams, committee members have not taken the Water Test exams. She further explained that each year one-third of all working judges, regardless of their judging level, will be required to take the exam(s) meaning all judges will be reevaluated every three years. Without objection, the Board approved the wording of the proposed Water Test Judges' exams.

Juniors Committee

Cissy Sullivan, chair, requested that Junior Showmanship judged at the 2015 National Specialty be held as last year—Saturday immediately following the lunch break. Although there was consensus that the National Specialty Committee had made this change permanent following last year's National, it was determined to vote again as further clarification.

Donna Thibault moved to make it policy that Junior Showmanship judging be held immediately following the Best of Breed lunch break at National Specialties. Steve McAdams seconded. Without objection, the motion was approved.

Cissy also requested permission for Juniors to hold a raffle during the 2015 National Specialty. Tickets for two items would be sold at the Welcome Reception/Annual Meeting and Saturday morning before breed judging. By unanimous consent, the request by the Juniors Committee to hold a raffle during the 2015 National Specialty was approved.

The Juniors Committee also asked approval of creating their new logo into a medallion. These medallions are included in the committee's budget. Without objection, the request that the new Juniors logo be incorporated into a medallion was granted. But the Board would like some more information about these medallions. Specially, how many will be made? What is their specific use? Has the committee considered making the medallions available as trophies for Juniors showing in regional shows regardless of whether the show is an independent regional or held in conjunction with an all-breed show?

Lynne Anderson-Powell will contact Cissy for further development plans for medallion use.

Rescue Prevention Committee

Lynne Anderson-Powell reported that after the committee completes its online tutorial project and redesign of its web page, it plans to target owners of older Newfs and add senior issues to its *Lifestages* program.

NCA Governing Documents Committee

Steve Britton submitted a written report regarding the committee's opinions on electronic voting and removing members from the NCA Breeders List. The Board discussed changes that might be forced by changes to our bylaws, for example, disallowing membership of foreign members, because any proposed changes would be reviewed by the AKC, which would open the entire document for review. There was consideration of presenting just the sections that need to be brought up to date to the AKC and to also verify the AKC's current position about foreign members. Lynne Anderson-Powell will ask our AKC Delegate, Dave Helming, to check this for us.

Financial Oversight Committee

The committee is reviewing information from the treasurer. It hopes to have recommendations, including those for fundraisers, dues structure, and international postage ready for the Board to review by the fall face-to-face meeting.

Unfinished Business

Specialty Show Committee

Robin Seaman, chair, responded that the committee is in favor of the proposal to present Completion of Title rosette at National Specialties. The committee also recommended that the rosettes be included in the NCA budget, not the regional club host.

During discussion, it was the consensus that further details be outlined before finalizing the program, such as, what NCA committee would be financially responsible, should the rosettes include dates, who would be eligible for rosettes, and how would rosettes be distributed. Some board members voiced the opinion that Draft titles should not be included because it requires just one passing performance.

Health & Longevity Committee

Pam Rubio, chair, reported that a motion to have a veterinary column in *Newf Tide* written by a panel of veterinarians as recommended by the Steering Committee passed 6 yes and 1 no. The Board took no action at this time.

She also reported that by unanimous consent the committee passed a motion to accept only those health tests listed in the OFA database for the NCA database. The Board took no action on this motion because it was inadvertently omitted from the agenda. There was discussion concerning how this policy fit in with one of the original purposes of the database. It will be placed on the agenda for the face-to-face meeting.

Another item not on the agenda was a question about sending seminar refunds and books to those who had registered for Dr. Battaglia's seminar at the National, which was cancelled. Breeders Education Committee Chair Pat Randall explained it is being worked on. A discussion will be on the agenda for the October meeting.

New Business

Roger Frey raised two questions about the judges' ballot that was sent with the last issue of *Newf Tide*. (1) International Newfoundland judges were on the ballot and Roger understood that they would be listed automatically as breeder-judges when they have completed the appropriate form developed by the National Specialty Committee. (2) One foreign individual listed on the ballot is not a judge.

Lynne Anderson-Powell will forward the questions to the Specialty Show Committee for its response.

Executive Session

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board go into Executive Session; the motion passed without objection. Following discussion, the Board came out of Executive Session.

While in Executive Session, the Board reviewed the September applicants list.

While in Executive Session, the Board discussed operations within a regional club. The Board directed the regional club in question to determine its future actions based on their By Laws, and if necessary, to consult with a parliamentarian and/or legal counsel for additional guidance.

While in Executive Session, the Board discussed membership on the Breeders Education Committee. The Board appointed Lynne Anderson-Powell as chair of the Breeders Education Committee and accepted the resignation of Pat Randall as chair. Pat will remain on the committee.

Steve McAdams moved and John Cornell seconded to regretfully accept Pat's resignation as BEC chair and thanked him for his work and for remaining on the committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed without objection. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Submitted by

Maredith Reggie
Acting Recording Secretary