

NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Board of Directors

Teleconference Meeting

Minutes of October 16, 2014

(Approved November 7, 2014)

Pam Saunders, President, called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Eastern time. The following directors were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Roger Frey (RF), Sue Marino (SM), Steve McAdams (SMc), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Pam Rubio (PR), Pam Saunders (PS) and Donna Thibault (DT). Meredith Reggie (MR) was absent. David Helming, AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was present.

The Board observed a moment of silence for Ron Sell and other NCA members who have passed recently.

Report of the AKC Delegate

David Helming, AKC Delegate, reported that Edd Bivin (Conformation), Robert Squires (Companion Events) and Jeannie Wagner (Performance) were awarded the AKC Lifetime Achievements Award in their respective fields. David reminded Board members that the AKC is considering changes to the obedience and rally regulations and comments on these changes are encouraged. David informed the Board that he was seeking answers to the Board's questions about international memberships and will report back to the Board.

David reported the AKC Legislation Committee is working to increase its visibility among legislators. An award is being developed to recognize state/national government leaders who support the AKC's positions. A grassroots effort is being made to educate legislators about purebred dogs and AKC positions. David suggested that the NCA consider making another donation to this cause and agreed to develop a recommendation for the November 7-9, 2014 meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the minutes of September 18, 2014 as amended. Without objection, the motion passed.
2 Absent (SMc, MR)

Report of the President

Pam Saunders, President, had no report at this time. The Board considered some questions about the November 7-9, 2014 face-to-face meeting. It was agreed that the meeting of the NCA Charitable Trust will be held Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. local time and that meals would be served the same as last year. The decision whether to attend a portion of North Central Newfoundland Club's Newfiepalooza will be

made that day. Board members were reminded that the face-to-face meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., local time on Friday, November 7, 2014.

Report of the 1st Vice President

Pat Randall, 1st Vice President, reported that the Charitable Trust Management Board had agreed to partially fund a study on a treatment of metastatic lesions following an osteosarcoma diagnosis and treatment. It was announced that NCA Rescue had received an extremely generous bequest from the estates of Elizabeth Lewis, an NCA member who passed away in 2008 and Mary Louise O'Leary who passed away in 2013. The first installment just received by the NCA was in the amount of \$119,000.00. A second installment, which will be a lesser amount, will be received when the dispersal of bonds and additional real estate is completed. It was agreed that an article should appear in *Newf Tide* to announce this generous gift.

Report of the 2nd Vice President

Lynne Anderson-Powell, 2nd Vice President, informed the Board that her report would be under committee reports. She presented a recommendation from the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee to resolve a conflict in the judging assignment policy for the National Specialty and judging a 4-6 month puppy class at a regional specialty show held before the National. The Board discussed options to address this situation.

Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded to amend the NCA Specialty Show Guide to exclude the 4-6 month puppy class from the NCA policy governing judging assignments before a National Specialty. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (SMc, MR)

Report of the Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, reported that she had prepared the October 16, 2014 agenda packet. She thanked Meredith Reggie for taking the minutes at the September 18, 2014 meeting in her absence. Mary Lou informed the Board that the September 2014 list of NCA applicants had been approved.

Mary Lou reported on correspondence from the AKC ReUnite program. It was agreed to postpone discussion on further donations to this program until the November 7-9, 2014 meeting.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Pam Rubio, Corresponding Secretary, had no report at this time other than she had forwarded the regular correspondence to the appropriate committees.

Report of the NCA Treasurer

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances: checking account: \$66,831.54; savings account: \$43,970.93 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 \$234,645.24 for NCA operations.

Committee Reports

Rescue Prevention Committee

It was reported that the committee's quarterly report was included in the agenda packet and required no action at this time.

Working Dog Committee

There was a brief discussion of the working dog items stored in the AKC archives and the reputed difficulty and costs of retrieving those materials at a later date from the AKC.

The Board considered the Working Dog Committee's recommendation to change the requirements for working events reports from the regional clubs.

Pam Rubio moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board accept the Working Dog Committee's recommendation that regional club working test committees submit two marked catalogs, one premium, the record forms, the secretary report and the chair report to the Working Dog Committee. The Working Dog Committee will no longer submit a marked catalog to the NCA Historian. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (SMc, MR)

A discussion concerning the maintenance of NCA history and documents resumed. It was agreed to seek additional information from the NCA Historian and the AKC Delegate for discussion at the November 7-9, 2014 meeting.

Juniors Committee

The Board considered the Juniors Committee's report which answered the Board's questions from a previous meeting. The report stated that the medallions are used for the top junior awards given by the NCA. There was a brief discussion of ways to recognize juniors at a regional level, perhaps with a smaller medallion or a patch.

The Board considered the request from the committee to subsidize the shipping, if needed, to the winner of the Junior Committee's raffle prize at the National Specialty.

At this time, Steve McAdams joined the meeting.

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that NCA, Inc. will subsidize shipping costs up to \$100.00, if needed, to ship the Juniors Committee's raffle prize. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (MR)

Membership Committee

Mary Lou Cuddy, Membership Chair, requested that the Board develop policy to address the mailing of *Newf Tide* to members who renew after the 3rd Quarter issue is published. She reported that 40-plus members had renewed after she had sent the mailing label files to the publisher. She has mailed each member their copy but, since the publisher was not mailing the magazine, it had to go first class at \$3.29 per envelope and the international postage was significantly more. It was agreed to postpone discussion until the November 7-9, 2014 meeting so that it could be incorporated into the discussion of the Financial Oversight Committee's report.

Executive Session

At 9:28 p.m., Sue Marino moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (MR)

At 9:33 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (MR)

While in executive session, the Board:

- Reviewed the October 2014 Applicants List
- Accepted Sandy Gabel's resignation from the Newf Ambassador Committee
- Approved the removal of a committee member from the Newf Ambassador Committee

Unfinished Business

NCA Approved Judges List

There was a brief discussion regarding international members appearing on the Judges List ballot and recent policy changes. It was reported that the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee was working on implementing the recent policy.

Agenda Items

The Board reviewed and then postponed reports from the Health & Longevity, Breeder Education and Financial Oversight Committees until the November 7-9, 2014 meeting.

New Business

There was no new business brought forward.

Adjournment

At 9:42 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Steve McAdams seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (MR)

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy
NCA Recording Secretary