

NCA Board of Directors  
Face-to-Face Meeting  
Holiday Inn & Suites – Chicago-O’Hare/Rosemont  
Rosemont, Illinois  
Minutes of November 7-9, 2014  
(Approved January 16, 2015)

Pam Saunders, President, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. Central time. The following directors were present: John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Sue Marino (SM), Steve McAdams (SMc), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pam Rubio (PR), Pam Saunders (PS) and Donna Thibault (DT). Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA) and Pat Randall (PKR) participated by teleconference. Roger Frey (RF) and Meredith Reggie (MR) were absent. David Helming, AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was absent.

The Board observed a moment of silence for Robert “Bob” Quandt, Jack Witt and other NCA members who have passed recently.

### ***Newf Tide* Policy Committee**

Pam Saunders, President, presented an update on the health concerns of Meredith Reggie, *Newf Tide* editor. Aura Dean, *Newf Tide* Policy Committee Chair, planned to call into the Board meeting with further information and options.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to suspend the agenda in order to address *Newf Tide* and the publication of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter issue.

There was further discussion of the difficulty in obtaining the electronic files and other submissions and the formatting and publishing of *Newf Tide*. Several Board members offered assistance.

John Cornell moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board authorize the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee to make the necessary decisions to publish the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2014 *Newf Tide*. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

At 7:45 p.m., Aura Dean joined the meeting.

Aura was told of the Board’s decision to make the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee the lead committee for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter issue. Aura informed the Board that Meredith Reggie’s health concerns will not allow her to complete the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter issue of *Newf Tide* in a timely manner. There was discussion concerning the best way to proceed. This issue of *Newf Tide* needs to be published as the *NCA Directory* and the *Annual of Titlists* are included with it and NCA’s USPS permit requires four issues per calendar year. Aura announced that the issue will be small and will contain only essential items. Board members again offered any assistance the committee may need.

At 7:51 p.m., Aura Dean left the meeting.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Pam Rubio moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board approve the minutes of October 16, 2014 as presented. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

## **Report of the President**

Pam Saunders reported that she had been in contact with Matt Sidesinger regarding the mobile app he developed that would allow members to have the *NCA Directory* on their mobile devices. There was an initial difficulty with Apple approving the app but it has been resolved with the help of Matt, Pam and Mary L. Price. It is hoped the app will be available soon.

## **Report of the 1st Vice President**

Pat Randall, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, asked that he be allowed to give his report later in the meeting.

## **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Lynne Anderson-Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, reported that two committee chairs would like to call into the meeting. It was agreed that the committees would call in at 10:00 and 10:30 Saturday morning to address the Board.

## **Report of the Recording Secretary**

Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, reported that she had prepared the October 16, 2014 minutes and the November 7-9, 2014 agenda packet. She also informed the Board that the October 2014 list of NCA applicants had been approved.

Mary Lou requested the Board consider the counting of the NCA election ballots by NCA members per the Bylaws.

Pam Rubio moved and Sue Marino seconded that the NCA election ballots be tabulated in-house by the Recording Secretary and the Board-appointed counters. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

## **Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

Pam Rubio, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she had forwarded correspondence to the appropriate committees and had referred a letter seeking a temporary foster home to the Newfoundland Club of Florida. She also referred information regarding the Meet the Breeds exhibition to be held during the Westminster Kennel Club show to the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club.

Pam reported on a letter from the AKC Parent Clubs Committee collecting health screening recommendations as identified by each Parent Club. She had responded with the NCA's health testing policy but AKC wanted the statement on the NCA letterhead. A Board member said she would forward the letterhead to her. There was some discussion about the request for an ad in the Westminster Kennel Club catalog. It was suggested that the Rescue Prevention Committee's card be modified for use as the ad.

### **Report of the NCA Treasurer**

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances: checking account: \$61,172.94; savings account: \$43,974.53 and invested in CDs: \$108,904.98. The Juniors Fund account balance is \$4,479.64. The Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$10,872.21 for a total of \$229,404.30 for NCA operations.

Mary informed the Board that due to the passing of Jack Witt, the 2014 National Specialty financial report will be late. Kathy Paxton, 2014 National Specialty Show Chair, has requested a 30-day extension. Once the final report has been received, Mary stated that she could then finalize the NCA Inc.'s National Specialty comparative report.

There was a short discussion of the probable loss incurred by the host club. In regards to the remaining limited edition plates, Mary informed the Board that there are approximately 100 plates left from previous years' sales.

### **Executive Session**

At 8:08 p.m., Donna Thibault moved and Steve McAdams seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

At 9:53 p.m., John Cornell moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

While in executive session, the Board:

- Appointed the following members as election ballot counters: Penny de la Rocha, Lori Eldridge, Charlene Freiberger, Joanne Moll, Jim Pospisil and Starr Willetts
- Considered the lack of results from an NCA Committee
- Appointed the following members to the Nominating Committee: Cathy Hartke, Chair, Lori Eldridge, Erin Murphy, Stacy Roderick, Peggy Lange with alternates John Affel and Lori Littleford
- Considered a letter received regarding the grievance procedures of a regional club
- Appointed Janice Anderson as Chair of the Legislative Liaison Committee
- Removed two members of the *ad hoc Breeders List* Guidelines Committee at the request of the committee
- Agreed to publish a request to fill the vacant Chair of the Electronic Publications Policy Committee
- Appointed Barbara Grob to the Obedience and Performance Committee

- Awarded the Heroic Newfoundland Award

At 9:58 p.m., the meeting was recessed until Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

### **NCA Face-to-Face Meeting, *continued* November 8, 2014**

At 8:43 a.m., the meeting was reconvened. The following directors were present: John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Sue Marino (SM), Steve McAdams (SMc), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pam Rubio (PR), Pam Saunders (PS) and Donna Thibault (DT). Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA) and Pat Randall (PKR) participated by teleconference. Roger Frey (RF) and Meredith Reggie (MR) were absent. David Helming, AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was present by teleconference. Member guest David Kledzik was present.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### ***Breeders List***

The Board considered that proposed *Breeders List* renewal/application form. It was pointed out that the only change was to the pertinent dates. There was a brief discussion about a member's concern regarding the *Breeders List* Committee having the authority to remove a breeder from the list.

John Cornell moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board approve the 2015-2016 *Breeders List* application/renewal form as presented. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

##### **NCA Historian**

The Board considered a report from Mary Jane Spackman, NCA Historian regarding the AKC archives and retrieval of NCA items from the archives. There will be more information coming soon.

##### **Moment of Silence**

The Board received word of the death of NCA Honorary Member George McDonnell that day. A moment of silence was held in his memory.

##### **Specialty Show Coordinating Committee**

The Board considered the committee's "Completion of Title" Rosette report. It was agreed that rosettes would be awarded for titles completed at a National Specialty in conformation, obedience, rally, draft, water and agility. Rosettes will be ordered through the show superintendent and billed to the NCA, and included in the Recognition Committee's budget.

*Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the NCA present a Completion of Title rosette at each National Specialty for the completion of a title at the National Specialty in conformation, obedience, rally, draft test, water test and agility; the rosettes ordered through the show superintendent and included in the Recognition Committee budget. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)*

The Board considered the committee's report regarding the Best of Opposite Sex and Best of Winners perpetual trophies. The supply of trophies has been exhausted and the committee brought a recommendation that the images on the trophies (standing dog with Kitty Drury and two dogs sitting with Bob Curry) be transferred to medallions. The committee will come back to the Board with prices and suggestions.

*Steve McAdams moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board accept the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee's recommendation for medallions depicting Kitty Drury and Bob Curry to be awarded to the Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex at National Specialties. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)*

The committee reported that the new policy regarding Junior Showmanship judging taking place after the Best of Breed dog judging and before the bitch judging has been placed in the *National Specialty Show Guide* and that the new policy will be written into the judges' contracts.

The committee informed the Board that they are in the process of contacting the international member breeder judges to determine if they wish to be included on the NCA approved judges list.

### **Recognition Committee**

The Board briefly considered the request from the Recognition Committee to send a note of congratulations to NCA Juniors who win Best Junior with a Newfoundland at all-breed shows.

Sue Marino moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded that the Board approve the Recognition Committee request to send a note of congratulations to NCA Juniors who win Best Junior Handler while handling a Newfoundland at AKC shows. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

The Board considered the estimates the committee gathered for the Working Achievement pins.

Donna Thibault moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board approve the request of the Recognition Committee to purchase 100 1" pins from All About Pins in the amount of \$263.00. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

### **Rescue Prevention Committee**

It was stated that the committee's report was just an update and no action was needed.

### ***NCA Policy Manual***

The Board considered the proposed Companion Newf Committee chapter of the *NCA Policy Manual*.

Pam Rubio moved and Steve McAdams seconded that the Board approve the Companion Newf Committee chapter of the *NCA Policy Manual* as amended. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

The Board considered the proposed NCA Historian chapter of the *NCA Policy Manual*.

Sue Marino moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the NCA Historian chapter of the *NCA Policy Manual* as amended. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

The Board considered the proposed International Liaison Committee chapter of the *NCA Policy Manual*.

Pam Rubio moved and Steve McAdams seconded that the Board approve the International Liaison Committee chapter of the *NCA Policy Manual* as amended. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

The Board considered the proposed Judges Education Committee chapter of the *NCA Policy Manual*. After discussion, it was agreed that the chapter would be edited with the suggested changes and brought back to the Board for approval at that time.

At 10:00 a.m., Chris Plum joined the meeting.

### **Steering Committee**

Chris Plum, Steering Committee Chair, reviewed the committee's proposed informal survey to clarify and gather input from Newfoundland owners with regards to the health of their dogs. The committee hopes to open the survey December 1, 2014.

Steve McAdams moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board approve the Steering Committee's proposed informal health survey and thank the committee for its efforts and hard work. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

At 10:12 a.m., Chris Plum left the meeting.

### **Health & Longevity Committee**

The Board began discussion about the committee's report on a veterinary/health column in *Newf Tide*. Concerns were expressed over criteria and the review process for each column.

At 10:32 a.m., Andrea Jung joined the meeting.

### ***ad hoc* Social Media Committee**

Andrea Jung, *ad hoc* Social Media Committee Chair, reported on the committee's work. The committee looked at the pros and cons of NCA having a presence on non-NCA owned forums. After much consideration of many options, the committee voted unanimously against NCA having a formal presence on these forums as many NCA members were already stepping up and dispersing good information in the proper manner.

There was a discussion regarding complaints against NCA members who may be conducting themselves in an inappropriate manner. There was a suggestion that a letter be sent to the offending member after a specific number of complaints. The pros and cons were discussed and a consensus was reached that this action could cause more problems than it may solve. It was stated that any complaints received needed to be acknowledged promptly with an explanation of the NCA's social media policy.

Sue Marino moved and Steve McAdams seconded that a representative of the Board be directed to contact administrators of non-NCA member forums and lists to request that the NCA's social media policy statement be placed in the forums' headers and to direct the NCA Webmaster that the statement is to be prominently displayed on *NCA e-notes*, *NCA Website* and NCA forums and lists. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

Sue Marino moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board discharge the *ad hoc* Social Media Committee with thanks for their efforts and hard work. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

### **Financial Oversight Committee**

The Financial Oversight Committee submitted its report to the Board. The committee recommended that the Board consider increasing dues and provided background information to support their recommendation. The Board has until March 1<sup>st</sup> to change the renewal amount. The committee pointed out that the dues have not been increased since 2006 and that postage and other costs have risen steadily since then. The Board also considered increasing the membership application fee as it was reported that it no longer covers the expense of items sent to new members (two *Newf Tides*, two priority mailings, *NCA Directory*, *Illustrated Guide*, the Judges Education DVD and a decal). The current fee is \$25 and the cost of the materials provided to the applicant, along with postage, is \$30.80.

The Board considered the philosophy of having a large club versus a small one and the value of an NCA membership. There was an extended conversation concerning the numerous points made and the opinions expressed regarding those points. Also discussed were items that would make NCA membership more valuable.

Steve McAdams moved and Pam Rubio seconded that, to give NCA membership more value, the Board recommend to the Working Dog Committee that the committee consider a priority entry system for NCA working tests with NCA members having first chance at entering NCA working tests. A report will be due back to the Board by the January 6, 2015 agenda deadline. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

Donna Thibault moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that, to give NCA membership more value, the Board recommend to the Technical Resources Advisory Committee that the committee investigate the development of an NCA members-only section of the *NCA Website* and the logistics for log-in and passwords with content to be determined later. A report will be due back to the Board by the January 6, 2015 agenda deadline. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

The Board recessed for a short lunch break.

### **NCA Policy on Dog Aggression**

The Board considered a member's request that the policy on dog aggression at NCA events be updated.

Donna Thibault moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board accept the following amended statement to the NCA Dog Aggression policy: *Any dog (both genders), that in the opinion of the Show or Event Committee, attacks a person or a dog at an NCA event and is believed by the Show or Event Committee to be a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be expelled or disqualified. When the dog is expelled or disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this section, a report shall be filed with the NCA Board. The expelled or disqualified dog may not compete at any NCA event or be on the grounds of an NCA event unless and until, following application for reinstatement by the owner to the NCA Board, the owner receives official notification in writing from the NCA Board that the dog's eligibility has been reinstated.* Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

### **Financial Oversight Committee & Technical Resources Advisory Committee**

The Board returned to a discussion of the Financial Oversight Committee's proposals to increase dues, a members-only section of the NCA website and the development of online capabilities for membership application and member renewals. The Board reviewed a proposed business requirements document from the Technical Resources Advisory Committee (TRAC) regarding a dues and membership renewal automation project. Current protocols for membership application, dues renewal and the capturing

of specific information and the generation of numerous reports were outlined and discussed. TRAC will meet again with the NCA Treasurer and the Membership Committee to review concerns and add additional information.

It was agreed that if the Board votes to increase the dues, a letter should accompany the renewal form outlining the reasons discussed at the meeting for the increase. It was agreed that additional discussion and a possible vote on increasing dues would be tabled until the January 15, 2015 meeting.

John Cornell moved and Steve McAdams seconded that the Board increase the NCA membership application fee to \$50.00. The motion passed. 6 Yes (LA, JC, SMc, PKR, PSR, PS); 4 No (MLC, SM, MLP, DT); 2 Absent (RF, MR)

The Board continued a discussion of the increased application fee.

Pam Saunders moved and Steve McAdams seconded that the Board reconsider the previous motion regarding the increasing of the NCA membership application fee to \$50. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

*Pam Saunders moved and Steve McAdams seconded that the Board increase the NCA membership application fee to \$45, effective January 1, 2015. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)*

The Board also considered previous discussions in which it was mentioned that the late renewal fee was only \$5.00 per household and that more than 40 *Newf Tides* were sent at \$3.29 for domestic first class postage and over \$10.00 for international postage to members who renewed so late that they were not included on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2014 mailing label file.

*Mary L. Price moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the late fee for NCA renewals be increased to \$25 per household effective January 1, 2015. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)*

## **Health & Longevity Committee**

The Board returned to a discussion regarding a veterinary/health column in *Newf Tide*. This concept had been referred to the Health & Longevity Committee (H&L) after the Steering Committee recommended that such a column be developed in response to comments made in the Steering Committee's recent survey. It was stated that H&L would not necessarily have to write the columns but could use articles in professional journals with their permission. It was agreed to let the committee develop protocol for material used in the column.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the Health & Longevity Committee develop a veterinary/health column in *Newf Tide*. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

At 4:15 p.m., David Helming joined the meeting by teleconference.

### **Report of the AKC Delegate**

David Helming, AKC Delegate, reminded the Board of the Meet the Breeds event being held during the Westminster Kennel Club show. He was informed that the letter had already been forwarded to the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club.

David reported on the information he was given about the AKC archives. There is no cost to store materials or to retrieve items in the AKC archives but any retrieval requests are filled very slowly.

David reported on the exchange of information he had with the staff of Michael Liosis, Director of AKC Club Relations, concerning international members and parent clubs. International members can belong to AKC parent clubs but are barred from voting and holding office. David encouraged the Board to work closely with the AKC when developing changes to the *NCA Constitution & Bylaws*. The Board requested that David investigate how strongly AKC will hold to the non-voting requirement.

David brought to the Board's attention that the AKC was soliciting comments on the proposed changes to the AKC Judges approval process until November 17, 2014. Some Board members commented on the short timelines that AKC imposes when it asks for feedback from the fancy. It was generally felt that the proposed process is an improvement over the current system.

He also reported that 42 AKC PAC-supported candidates out of 50 won their offices which is considered a good success rate. David suggested that the NCA consider another donation to the AKC Legislative Support Fund and also encourage members to donate as this is a good cause and is proving to be successful.

David also informed the Board that he will be attending the December AKC Delegates meeting in Orlando, Florida, which is being held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba Championship show.

At 4:33 p.m., David Helming left the meeting.

Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board grant \$500.00 to the AKC Legislative Support Fund. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

### **Health & Longevity Committee**

It was reported that Dr. Hughes will present a seminar at the 2015 National Specialty speaking on genetic diversity. The committee is still arranging for a cardiologist.

### **Breeders List Committee & Health & Longevity Committee**

The Board was informed that the list of refunds for the cancelled seminar with Dr. Battaglia at the 2014 National Specialty, along with the books donated by Dr Battaglia, will be sent to the Treasurer within a few days for processing. There was a discussion about the extended delay in sending these items out.

### **Membership Committee**

The Board considered the request by the Membership Committee for a policy regarding late renewals and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter issue of *Newf Tide*. As was mentioned earlier in the Financial Oversight Committee discussions, over 40 members renewed their membership after the mailing labels for *Newf Tide* had been sent to the publisher, resulting in additional expense to the NCA for the postage.

*Pam Saunders moved and Sue Marino seconded that NCA members whose dues are not received by the July 31<sup>st</sup> date are not guaranteed receipt of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter issue of Newf Tide and no refund would be given for the missed issue.* Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

### **AKC ReUnite**

There was a clarification on the NCA donation to the AKC ReUnite program which funds emergency trailers that can be sent to disasters to assist in the care of dogs. The Board had approved a \$1,000.00 donation but \$500.00 had been sent. The additional \$500.00 has since been sent also.

### **Working Dog Committee**

The Board considered the proposed Draft Dog Excellent test regulations. The Board stated its appreciation and thanks for the excellent proposal the Working Dog Committee developed.

Donna Thibault moved and Steve McAdams seconded that the Board approve the proposed Draft Dog Excellent test regulations as presented with thanks to the Working Dog Committee for its excellent work. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

Steve McAdams moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board direct the Working Dog Committee to report back to the Board at the May 2016 National Specialty on the success of the Draft Dog Excellent test. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

### **General Education Committee**

The Board returned to a discussion of the proposed General Education chapter in the *NCA Policy Manual*. There was an extended discussion of the overlap between the

General Education Committee and the Rescue Prevention Committee. It was stated that the General Education Committee has not developed any new projects in some time and it was asked if the committee has become redundant.

### **Executive Session**

At 4:20 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

At 5:30 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

While in executive session, the Board:

- Considered the future of the General Education Committee
- Reviewed a submission for the NCA Good Sportsmanship Award

At 5:30 p.m., the meeting was recessed until Sunday, November 9, 2014 following the NCA Charitable Trust meeting.

### **NCA Face-to-Face Meeting, *continued* November 9, 2014**

At 9:58 a.m., the meeting was reconvened. The following directors were present: John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Sue Marino (SM), Steve McAdams (SMc), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pam Rubio (PR), Pam Saunders (PS) and Donna Thibault (DT). Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA) and Pat Randall (PKR) participated by teleconference. Roger Frey (RF) and Meredith Reggie (MR) were absent. David Helming, AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was absent. Member guest Clyde Dunphy was present.

### **AKC Canine Health Foundation Donation**

Following a discussion held in the meeting of the NCA Charitable Trust previous to this meeting being reconvened, the Board considered a donation to the AKC Canine Health Foundation in order to take advantage of the matching donation offer by AKC.

Sue Marino moved and Steve McAdams seconded that NCA, Inc. accept a grant from the NCA Charitable Trust in the amount of \$10,000.00 and to approve the donation to the Newfoundland Donor Advised Fund at the AKC Canine Health Foundation in order to participate in the AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Matching Challenge. AKC will provide a matching \$10,000.00 grant to the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

### **Westminster Kennel Club Show Ad**

The Board resumed discussion on using the Rescue Prevention Committee's card and adapting it for use as the ad in the Westminster Kennel Club show catalog.

Pam Rubio moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board recommend that the Rescue Prevention Committee's card be adapted for use as an ad in the Westminster Kennel Club show catalog. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

### **Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Pat Randall, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, reported that he had nothing to add to the information given to the Board by Clyde Dunphy, Charitable Trust Management Board Chair, during the NCA Charitable Trust meeting.

At 10:12 a.m., Donna Zink joined the meeting.

### **Rescue Prevention Committee**

The Board updated Donna Zink, Rescue Prevention Committee Chair, on discussions held previously in this meeting regarding the General Education and the Rescue Prevention Committees (RPC). The Board asked Donna for her input on the two committees and the overlapping of responsibilities. There was additional discussion about the committees' responsibilities and if the RPC would be willing to expand its scope to include additional responsibilities if the General Education Committee was discharged. There was discussion about a name change to more accurately reflect the work that the RPC would be doing. It was agreed that Donna would come back to the Board with suggestions for a revised committee name by the January 1, 2015 agenda deadline.

In regards to other RPC business, Donna requested that the Board consider allowing the RPC to set up a small sub-committee to act as a liaison between the RPC, regional clubs and rescue groups. She also made a suggestion to the Board for a co-chair for the RPC.

Donna expressed her appreciation that the Board would be using the RPC card as the Westminster Kennel Club ad.

At 10:30 a.m., Donna Zink left the meeting.

### **General Education Committee**

Without further discussion, the Board voted on the question to discharge the General Education Committee.

*John Cornell moved and Steve McAdams seconded that the Board discharge the General Education Committee with thanks for their efforts and hard work. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)*

*Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board transfer from the General Education Committee to the Rescue Prevention Committee the responsibility of interfacing with the AKC Public Education Coordinator, NCA regional clubs and NCA committees. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)*

### **Executive Session**

At 10:37 a.m., Donna Thibault moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

At 10:40 a.m., John Cornell moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

While in executive session, the Board:

- Appointed Connie Bonczek as co-chair of the Rescue Prevention Committee
- Awarded Honorary Membership to Jean Quandt

### **2017 National Specialty**

There was a brief discussion regarding interest from the regional clubs in hosting the 2017 National Specialty. It was agreed to ask the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee for an update.

### **Adjournment**

At 10:43 a.m., Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the motion passed. 2 Absent (RF, MR)

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy  
NCA Recording Secretary