

NCA Board of Directors
Teleconference Meeting
Minutes of December 18, 2014
(Approved January 15, 2015)

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), Sue Marino (SM), Steve McAdams (SMc), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Pam Rubio (PR) and Pam Saunders (PS). Donna Thibault (DT) was absent. David Helming, AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was absent.

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

Report of the President

Pam Saunders, President, reported that she attended the memorial service for Meredith Reggie. The NCA Board had sent a floral arrangement on behalf of the Board and the NCA membership.

Executive Session

At 8:09 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (DT)

At 8:15 p.m., Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (DT)

While in executive session, the Board appointed Steve Britton to fill the remainder of the vacated term due to Meredith Reggie's passing.

Working Dog Committee

The Board considered the recommendations of the Working Dog Committee (WDC) regarding the suggestion that NCA members receive entry priority for working tests. The WDC discussion generated comments such as all-breed clubs do not give priority to their members, the problem of verifying NCA membership and that it could discourage newer people to the sport. The committee voted against recommending priority for NCA members or giving price breaks to NCA members.

The Board continued the discussion of giving more value for NCA membership.

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Mary L. Price seconded that the Board ask the Working Dog, Steering, Regional Club and Specialty Show Coordinating Committees for

recommendations for enhancing the value of NCA membership. The motion passed. 9 Yes (LA, JC, MLC, RF, SM, SMc, MLP, PSR, PS); 1 No (PKR); 1 Absent (DT)

At 8:40 p.m., Robin Seaman and Keith Mallinson joined the meeting.

Specialty Show Coordinating Committee

Robin Seaman, Specialty Show Coordinating Committee Chair and Keith Mallinson, 2015 National Specialty Committee member, reported on the details of some construction work at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island, which is the site of the 2015 National Specialty. The construction will require that some of the layout for the 2015 National Specialty be changed. There was discussion about the proposed changes and the effect they may have on the National Specialty. The 2015 National Specialty Committee believes that the changes will work.

In response to a question from the Board, Robin reported that there have been no bids submitted for the 2017 National Specialty and the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee is investigating the Purina Farms site in Missouri and several sites in the Pacific Northwest for that year's show.

In response to a question from the Board, Robin reported that the new Approved Judges list has been published and only three international breeder judge members replied to the committee's invitation to be considered for the list.

Roger Frey, International Liaison, stated that several NCA international members had not received the e-mail invitation from the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee. Robin Seaman and Roger agreed that it was probably due to out-dated e-mail addresses. Roger asked if he could/should include the invitation in the International Liaison Newf Tide column. Roger also asked if international member judges could receive an extension on the deadline so that they could be included on the approved NCA National Specialty Judges list. Robin said yes, with a date to be determined after Newf Tide publication.

At 9:05 p.m., Robin Seaman and Keith Mallinson left the meeting.

NCA Election

Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, requested the Board's input as to the notification of the NCA membership since there were no additional nominations by petition. The one petition that had been previously received had been withdrawn.

It was agreed that, in addition to a statement on the *NCA Website*, a postcard should be sent to all members with the following statement: By unanimous consent, the Board declared the Nominating Committee's slate – Lynne Anderson-Powell, Steve McAdams, Mary L. Price, Pat Randall, Pam Saunders and Donna Thibault - elected, and to take

office at the next Annual Meeting of the Board; and directed the Recording Secretary to notify the NCA membership by postcard by February 1 that no balloting is required, in accordance with Article IV, Section 3 (c) of the Bylaws.

It was also agreed that a statement should be added to the postcard that Steve Britton had been appointed to fill the remainder of Meredith Reggie's term.

ShowSight Magazine

The Board considered a request from *ShowSight* magazine for articles to be in used in its Westminster issue which will feature the Newfoundland. It was agreed that due to the very short deadline that previously Board-approved articles will be used.

AKC ReUnite Trailers

The Board considered the request from the AKC ReUnite program for the digital NCA logo to be used on one of the AKC Pet Disaster Trailer and the NCA's preference to where the trailer should be based. There was a brief discussion that the NCA logo needs to be updated by a graphic artist to improve its appearance when in high resolution.

Roger Frey moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell that the Board instruct AKC ReUnite to place the NCA logo on an AKC Pet Disaster Trailer to be located in California or the West Coast. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (DT)

At 9:23 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (DT)

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy
NCA Recording Secretary