

1 **Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.**  
2 **Board of Directors**  
3 **Teleconference Meeting**  
4 **Minutes of June 19, 2014**  
5 **(Approved July 17, 2014)**  
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7 Pam Saunders, President, called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. Eastern time. The  
8 following directors were present: John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Roger Frey  
9 (RF), Sue Marino (SM), Steve McAdams (SMc), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall  
10 (PKR), Meredith Reggie (MR), Pam Rubio (PR), Pam Saunders (PS) and Donna  
11 Thibault (DT). Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA) was absent. David Helming, AKC delegate,  
12 *ex-officio* was present. Also present was Chris Plum.  
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14 **Report of the AKC Delegate**  
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16 David Helming, AKC Delegate, reported the following from the June 9, 2014 AKC  
17 Delegates meeting in Newark, New Jersey:

- 18 • The amendment to modify the delegate eligibility requirements from the AKC  
19 Bylaws was defeated. The AKC Bylaws Committee will re-work the amendment  
20 for submission to the Delegates at a later date.
- 21 • There has been a great deal of negative feedback concerning the National  
22 Owner Handled Series being mandatory for clubs wishing to offer Best Puppy,  
23 Best Veteran, Best Bred-By Exhibitor competitions.
- 24 • AKC's Chief Financial Officer reported that he expects 2014 to be a good year  
25 financially for the AKC, but not as good as 2013.
- 26 • 2014 is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AKC agility events.
- 27 • The next AKC Delegates meeting will be in Newark, New Jersey on September  
28 8, 2014.

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30 **Approval of Minutes**  
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32 The Board considered the minutes of May 15, 2014.  
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34 Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the minutes of the May 15, 2014  
35 meeting be approved as amended. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (LA)  
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37 **Report of the President**  
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39 Pam Saunders, President, reported that she had received a letter from the Australian  
40 Newfoundland Club thanking the NCA for the donated *NCA Illustrated Guides* and  
41 Roger Frey for the outstanding presentations on Newfoundland breed judging and water  
42 test training and testing he gave while in Australia on a judging assignment. Roger  
43 reported that NCA member Josette Chrystall was also present and assisted with the  
44 water test seminar.  
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46 Pam informed the Board that progress is being made in cyber-bullying as an NCA  
47 member handled a recent situation very well and according to NCA recommendations.  
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49 **Report of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

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51 Pat Randall, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, reported that the Charitable Trust Management Board  
52 did not meet in June.  
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54 **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

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56 Lynne Anderson-Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, was absent.  
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58 **Report of the Recording Secretary**

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60 Mary Lou Cuddy, NCA Recording Secretary, reported that she had prepared the  
61 minutes of the May 15, 2014 meeting and the agenda packet for the June 19, 2014  
62 meeting. She reported the Board had approved the May membership applicants.  
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64 **Report of the Corresponding Secretary**

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66 Pam Rubio, Corresponding Secretary, reported that her recent illness prevented her  
67 report for the agenda packet. She stated that correspondence was forwarded to the  
68 appropriate committees.  
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70 **Report of the NCA Treasurer**

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72 Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances: checking account:  
73 \$10,611.69; savings account: \$50,965.47 and invested in CDs: \$108,729.69. The  
74 Juniors Fund account balance is \$3,803.64. The Uniform Trophy Fund account balance  
75 is \$9,182.21 for a total of \$183,292.70 for NCA operations. Mary informed the Board  
76 that the proposed budget for 2015 was ready for review. She thanked Lynne Anderson-  
77 Powell for her assistance in encouraging committees to submit their budgets in a timely  
78 manner.  
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80 At 8:22 p.m., Lynne Anderson-Powell joined the meeting.  
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82 Roger Frey moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the discussion of the proposed 2015  
83 budget be postponed until the Board's July 17, 2014 teleconference. Without objection,  
84 the motion passed.  
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86 **Committee Reports**

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88 **NCA Governing Documents Review Committee**  
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90 Steve Britton, NCA Governing Documents Review Committee Chair, submitted  
91 information to the Board regarding a state's amendment to its non-profit corporation  
92 statutes. It was agreed to table the discussion until later in the meeting.  
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### 94 ***NCA Policy Manual***

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96 Pam Saunders, *NCA Policy Manual* Chair, reported that the Judges Education  
97 Committee found an error in the proposed Breed Standard chapter. By unanimous  
98 consent, the Board tabled approval of the Breed Standard chapter until the July 17,  
99 2014 meeting.

### 100 101 **Report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

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103 Lynne Anderson-Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, informed the Board that she notified  
104 committees and committee members of actions taken by the Board.  
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### 106 **Recognition Committee**

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108 Lynne Anderson-Powell informed the Board that the 2014 National Specialty show  
109 superintendent had been given the corrected information for the Register of Merit,  
110 Versatile Newfoundland and Working Achievement rosettes. The corrected rosettes will  
111 be sent to Joan Locker-Thuring, Recognition Committee Chair, for distribution. Due to  
112 the confusion over the proper files, MB-F, Inc. will cover the replacement costs for the  
113 Working Achievement rosettes and the NCA will cover the replacement costs for the  
114 Versatile Newfoundland and the Register of Merit rosettes.  
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116 There was a short discussion concerning the new Therapy Dog and Dock Diving titles.  
117 The Board was reminded that current policy states that all NCA, AKC, and CKC titles  
118 may be listed on NCA certificates and rosettes, thus these new titles will be included.  
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### 120 **Regional Club Liaison**

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122 Sue Marino, Regional Club Liaison, presented some questions concerning the proposed  
123 changes in North Central Newfoundland Club's Constitution and Bylaws. After  
124 discussion, it was agreed that the Board will request further clarifications from the club  
125 before granting final approval.  
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### 127 ***ad hoc* Regional Club Review Committee**

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129 Sue Marino, *ad hoc* Regional Club Committee Chair, reported that the bylaws of the  
130 club in question give no clear timeframe in conducting a hearing. The committee will  
131 continue to gather information in the matter under review.  
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### 133 **Executive Session**

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135 At 9:20 p.m., Sue Marino moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board  
136 go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

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138 At 9:54 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board  
139 come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

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141 While in executive session, the Board:

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- 143 • Reviewed additional information from the *ad hoc* Regional Club Review
  - 144 Committee.
  - 145 • Considered correspondence in regards to the Juniors Committee appointments.
  - 146 • Reviewed the June NCA Applicants.
  - 147 • Continued the discussion of a state's amendment of its non-profit corporation
  - 148 statutes.

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150 Chris Plum, Steering Committee Chair, joined the meeting.

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152 **Steering Committee**

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154 Chris Plum, Steering Committee Chair, presented a recommendation from the Steering  
155 Committee that a veterinary column, written by veterinarians, be included in *Newf Tide*.  
156 Chris reminded that Board that health issues are at or near the top of every survey  
157 recently taken. Discussion about format, authors and peer review was held.

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159 By unanimous consent, the Board referred a Steering Committee proposal for a  
160 veterinary column in *Newf Tide* to the Health & Longevity Committee for its  
161 recommendations with a response due to the Board by the agenda deadline for the  
162 Board's fall face-to-face meeting.

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164 **Regional Club Liaison**

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166 As a result of the discussion held in executive session, the Board instructed Sue Marino  
167 as Regional Club Liaison to contact regional clubs in New York to determine their  
168 corporate status.

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170 **Working Dog Committee**

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172 The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the draft test judges exams. Sue Marino,  
173 Working Dog Committee Chair, reported that the committee is working on the revisions  
174 to the water test judges exams and hopes to be able to present those tests to the Board  
175 soon.

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177 Pam Rubio moved and Meredith Reggio seconded that the Board approve the proposed  
178 Draft Test judges exams as corrected. Without objection, the motion passed.

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180 **Membership Committee**

181 There was a brief discussion concerning the progress of the proposed NCA  
182 membership “app” for smartphones that was recently presented to the Board. The NCA  
183 needed to obtain a Dun & Bradstreet number for Apple’s™ approval of the app. There  
184 was discussion about the option for members to opt-out and the article that will need to  
185 go into *Newf Tide*.  
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187 Mary Lou Cuddy, Membership Chair, presented two pieces of correspondence from  
188 members regarding the dues structure and the changes in the international member  
189 postage levy.  
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191 Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded that the Board forward  
192 correspondence from two NCA members regarding the dues structure and the increase  
193 in international postage for *Newf Tide* to the Financial Oversight Committee with a  
194 report due to the Board by the September 4, 2014 agenda deadline. Without objection,  
195 the motion passed.  
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## 197 **New Business**

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

199 It was stated by several Board members that this proposal would require significant  
200 discussion. By unanimous consent, the proposed changes to the NCA policy on dog  
201 aggression were tabled to either the July 17, 2014 meeting (time permitting) or the fall  
202 face-to-face meeting.  
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### 206 **Westminster Kennel Club Show Information and Script Review**

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208 By unanimous consent, discussion on this item was postponed to the July 17, 2014  
209 meeting.  
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### 211 **“Completion of Title” Rosettes**

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213 A Board member informed the Board of comments received about the lack of  
214 “Completion of Title” rosettes at the 2014 National Specialty. It was stated that offering  
215 these rosettes is appreciated by exhibitors, particularly the newer exhibitors.  
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217 Mary Lou Cuddy moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that a proposal to  
218 require that “Completion of Title” rosettes be presented at National Specialties be  
219 referred to the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee with a report due back to the  
220 Board by the August 7, 2014 agenda deadline. Without objection, the motion passed.  
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### 222 **NCA Database and Independent Sources of Health Certificates**

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224 There was a brief discussion of including independent (non-OFA) health certificates in  
225 the NCA Database and the criteria that these certificates should meet. It was reported  
226 that one of the original purposes of the NCA Database was to include these certificates.

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228 Pat Randall moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board refer its discussion of the  
229 NCA Database and the clarification and criteria of health certificates from independent  
230 sources (non-OFA sources) to the Database Operations Committee with a report due to  
231 the Board by the July 3, 2014 agenda deadline. Without objection, the motion passed.

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233 **Adjournment**

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235 At 10:33 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Roger Frey seconded that the meeting be  
236 adjourned. Without objection, the motion passed.

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238 Submitted by,

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240 Mary Lou Cuddy

241 NCA Recording Secretary