

NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Board of Directors

Teleconference Meeting

Minutes of July 17, 2014

(Approved August 21, 2014)

Pam Saunders, President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 absent.

Report of the AKC Delegate

Dave Helming, AKC Delegate, was absent.

Approval of Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the June 19, 2014 meeting.

Steve McAdams moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the minutes of the June 19, 2014 meeting be approved as presented. Without objection, the motion passed. 3 Absent (SM, MR, PSR)

Report of the President

Pam Saunders, President, reviewed agenda items that were time-sensitive and would need to be addressed at this meeting.

Report of the 1st Vice President

Pat Randall, 1st Vice President, had no report at this time.

Report of the 2nd Vice President

Lynne Anderson-Powell, 2nd Vice President, reported that her items would be addressed under committee reports.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, reported that she had prepared the June 19, 2014 minutes and the July 17, 2014 agenda.

Mary Lou informed the Board that she had received a request that the April 8, 2014 Annual Membership meeting minutes be amended. The Board reviewed the discussion of electronic distribution of NCA notices that had taken place at that meeting.

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the April 8, 2014 Annual Membership Meeting will be amended to add the sentence "The motion passed by consent." to the discussion regarding the electronic distribution of NCA notices and to clarify two sentences in the discussion.

The Board considered dates and places to hold the November face-to-face meeting.

Mary L. Price moved and Roger Frey seconded that the NCA Board's fall face-to-face meeting be held in Chicago, Illinois on November 7-9, 2014. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (MR)

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Pam Rubio, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she had forwarded the correspondence received to the appropriate NCA committees.

Report of the NCA Treasurer

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances: checking account: \$7,295.91; savings account: \$50,966.45 and invested in CDs: \$108,887.16. The Juniors Fund account balance is \$3,803.64. The Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$10,592.21 for a total of \$181,545.37 for NCA operations.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2015 budget. There was much discussion regarding some budget items.

Pam Rubio moved and Steve McAdams seconded that the proposed 2015 budget be approved as amended. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (MR)

Committee Reports

Database Operations Committee

The Board considered the response of the Database Operations Committee to a referred question regarding non-OFA health test results being accepted into NCA Database. There was discussion concerning the qualifications and validation of non-OFA health test results.

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board request the Health & Longevity and Breeder Education Committees to develop a list of non-OFA health test results for inclusion in the NCA Database and to develop suggestions for criteria and validation for such results with a report due back to the Board by the

November face-to-face agenda deadline. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (MR)

NCA Governing Documents Review Committee

The Board considered the new proposed job description for the NCA Governing Documents Review Committee.

Pam Rubio moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board approve the proposed job description for the NCA Governing Documents Review Committee as amended. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (MR)

Recognition Committee

The Board reviewed the proposed Working Achievement patch as presented by the Recognition Committee. The Board developed several recommendations for the committee to consider and thanked the committee for their efforts to date.

Specialty Show Coordinating Committee

The Board reviewed the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee's proposed International Member Breeder Judge application form.

Sue Marino moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board approve the International Member Breeder Judge form as proposed by the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee. The motion passed. 10 Yes (LA, JC, MLC, SM, SMc, MLP, PKR, PSR, PS, DT); 1 No (RF); 1 Absent (MR)

Regional Club Liaison

Sue Marino, Regional Club Liaison, informed the Board that the North Central Newfoundland Club planned to take the Board's suggestions for their Constitution and Bylaws proposed changes to their Board and that a report had not yet been received from them.

Executive Session

At 10:14 p.m., Donna Thibault moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (MR)

At 10:39 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell 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 July Applicants List.
- Discussed a possible concern with a regional club's election process.

Pam Rubio moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board direct the High Country Newfoundland Club to conduct another election of its Board in which the ballots will be mailed a minimum of 15 days before its next general meeting and said ballots will be accepted up to the date of that general meeting and counted at that meeting in order to comply with its bylaws. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (MR)

Landseer, European Continental Type

The Board discussed a letter from the AKC informing the Board that the AKC was considering the acceptance of the Landseer, European Continental Type (ECTL), an FCI-recognized breed, into the AKC Foundation Stock Service program. There was extended discussion concerning the differences between the ECTL and the Newfoundland, including temperament and country of origin, and the great possibility that the general public would not understand the differences between the two breeds and could be under the assumption that they were buying a Newfoundland when in fact, they were buying an ECTL. It was agreed that breeders of the white & black Newfoundland would experience huge problems if the ECTL were to be approved. There was discussion about possibly applying for a trademark on the name, "Landseer", which could possibly force the fanciers of that breed to use a different name. It was agreed that in response to AKC's letter requesting confirmation that accepting the ECTL into the AKC's Foundation Stock Service would not be a conflict, the response would be prepared by the NCA President and include NCA's beliefs that there is a conflict and the breed should not be approved.

Sue Marino moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board research the possibility of filing a trademark on the term "Landseer". Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (MR)

Westminster Kennel Club

The Board reviewed the script and information regarding Newfoundlands that is provided to viewers during the televised broadcast of the Westminster Kennel Club show.

Donna Thibault moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board approve the continued use of the Westminster Kennel Club script for the Newfoundland, as is, during the televised Westminster show. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (MR)

NCA Policy Manual

The Board discussed whether the *Breed Standard* should not be included in the *NCA Policy Manual*. It was suggested that an "official documents" book be developed so that items such as the *Breed Standard*, *Constitution & Bylaws*, and *Illustrated Guide* would be located in one place.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the *Breed Standard* chapter will be taken out of the *NCA Policy Manual* and that an “official documents” book be developed and contain the current *Breed Standard*, *Illustrated Guide* and *NCA Constitution & Bylaws* and any other documents the Board wishes to include. 1 Absent (MR)

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that approval of the proposed Breeders Education and Companion Dog chapters of the *NCA Policy Manual* be tabled until the August 21, 2014 meeting. 1 Absent (MR)

Adjournment

At 11:09 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (MR)

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy
NCA Recording Secretary