

Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
Minutes of Annual Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2014
Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

The NCA Annual Membership Meeting convened at 8:06 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. A quorum of 159 members was needed to conduct business. At the opening of the meeting, a quorum had been reached for the tenth year in a row.

Pam Saunders, President, called the meeting to order.

Welcome

Pam Saunders welcomed all members and guests to the meeting. Officers and members of the Board were introduced. NCA Honorary Members were introduced. International members were recognized and were urged to contact Josette Chrystall, International Liaison Committee member, during the National Specialty week.

Outgoing Board member, Sandy Gabel, was recognized with a plaque, in absentia, as thanks for her service and hard work on the NCA Board.

Approval of Minutes

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the April 30, 2013 Annual Membership Meeting were approved as presented in the 3rd Quarter 2013 issue of *Newf Tide*.

The following annual reports of the officers were included in the written agenda which was handed out at this meeting.

Annual Report of the President: Pam Saunders

As time goes by, it is hard to believe that another year has passed. I am thankful to the membership for electing me to the Board of Directors and to the Board of Directors for allowing me the honor of serving as the NCA President for another year. To serve with such amazingly dedicated Newfoundland enthusiasts is a very rewarding experience. We may not always agree but we all have one thing in common. We are truly devoted to Newfoundlands and the people who love them.

I would like to again say thank you to all the NCA members serving on committees. It is truly remarkable the dedication and hard work of these members. It is so wonderful to hear from people with other breeds, that the

Newfoundland Club of America is one of the best dogs clubs in the country. And we have our committee members to thank.

As we gather for this National we owe the Colonial Newfoundland Club a world of thanks for hosting this year's event. Friends, family, food, fun and Newfoundlands. What more could you ask for? My idea of a perfect week. Enjoy yourself, make wonderful memories and remember "Our Juniors Rock!!"

This year has been a challenge at times. The NCA Board of Directors works hard to make sure the NCA is the best club it can be and at times this is not an easy task. Some of our struggles are with complaints from not only NCA members but also non-members and the two main areas of complaints are from contract disputes and cyber-harassment. The contract disputes are sent to our Arbitration Committee to help resolve but the cyber-harassment is a tough one. I have taken some "heat" over the year for my views on this issue and may have offended some who feel they are doing the right thing. I believe we should be the first to defend and protect all Newfoundlands. I just don't believe the negative, abusive things I have seen posted on the internet is the right way to accomplish this. So I will repeat myself by saying, "For those of you who spend your time and energy trying to inform and educate, thank you. For those of you that feel the need to engage in the negative dialogues maybe just hug your Newfoundland instead."

Annual Report of the 1st Vice President – Pat Randall

I am honored to have served 2 years as 1st Vice President and liaison to the Charitable Trust Management Board. These individuals spend much time and energy both providing for the future health of the breed by funding research and scholarships as well as making the difficult decisions that arise in Newfoundland Rescue. The club and the breed are lucky to have people of this caliber to take on these responsibilities.

Annual Report of the 2nd Vice-President – Lynne Anderson-Powell

When I reflect on the past year as Second Vice President and Committee Liaison, I am overwhelmed by pride for our Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. Committees and their members who work tirelessly all year to make the NCA successful and to provide so much for the NCA membership and our Newfs!

The role of the Second Vice President is to provide a direct link between the NCA Board of Directors and the NCA Committees. As of this writing NCA has 39 committees (34 standing committees and 5 ad hoc committees) that are staffed by 40 Chairs/ Co-Chairs and 157 committee members. These NCA Committees do not include the committees of the Charitable Trust (Rescue Network, Junior Scholarship, Newfoundland Health Challenge and Research Advisory). All NCA Committees are appointed by the NCA Board of Directors. The organization and

membership of the NCA Committees is reviewed twice a year, at the Face-To-Face Board meetings held in the fall and at the National in April or May.

A significant part of my job is to handle any openings on and appointments to the NCA Committees. Openings on the committees are posted in the NCA eNotes, on the NCA web pages as well as in *Newf Tide* when the timing makes that appropriate. NCA members who are interested in a specific position are asked to submit notice of their interest and a brief resume that outlines any of their experience and skills that might be useful to a committee. These resumes (generally submitted via email) are sent to the appropriate committee chair to solicit their committee's input to the Board. The resumes and the committee recommendations are presented in Executive Session to the Board prior to any appointments. NCA members are encouraged to submit their interest in joining an NCA Committee, at any time, even if there are no posted openings. While we can't guarantee a position on a committee, we will look at your interests, experience and skills and see if there is a place on a committee for you.

The most active part of my job is the coordination of agenda items submitted by the committees for the monthly NCA Board meetings. I work directly with the committee chairs and the NCA Recording Secretary to make sure these items are correctly documented, added to the agenda, that any committee participation in the meetings is scheduled. After each meeting, responses from the Board and any new items referred to the committees are relayed back to the committees. Given that the majority of the agenda are items from committee this keeps me very busy.

In addition to these activities, I also get to persuade the committees to send in their annual reports in December/January and their budget proposals in March/April. We were very successful this year and all except three committees will have their annual report in the *Newf Tide*, and the three without reports were excused due to extenuating circumstances. We hope to have the same success with the budgets as this will allow the Board to make informed decisions on funding the committees.

Finally, I want to thank all the committee chairs and committee members for their cooperation in getting all of this done. It has been a pleasure to work with such a committed, hard working group of volunteers!

As always the NCA Board and the NCA membership are indebted to these volunteers who so willingly do the work of the NCA. Without these folks there would be no NCA.

Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Pam Rubio

It has been an honor to serve as the Corresponding Secretary this past year. In that capacity, I have received a variety of correspondence, usually involving

information from the AKC, other Newfoundland clubs, reports, inquiries, etc. The correspondence is directed to the person/s or committee to appropriately deal with the situation at hand. The Board is notified of correspondence received and given copies of any necessary documents.

Annual Report of the Recording Secretary - Mary Lou Cuddy

Since the last annual meeting at the 2013 National Specialty held in Frankenmuth, MI, the Board of Directors has held a total of eleven meetings, including two face-to-face meetings. Nine of these meetings were conducted using teleconferences.

The Board held a face-to-face meeting on November 1-3, 2013 in Rosemont, IL and also just concluded a face-to-face meeting this week. The minutes of all the meetings have been or will be published in *Newf Tide* and are available on the *NCA Website* as are the agendas for those meetings.

The other major responsibility of the Recording Secretary is the NCA election. There were 792 ballots cast out of 1586 possible for an approximate voting turnout of 50%. The election results have been published in *Newf Tide*.

I would like to thank the Board for their support and for the honor of serving as Recording Secretary. I would also like to thank the membership for allowing me the honor of representing them for these past years and for re-electing me to another term.

Annual Report of the Treasurer - Mary L. Price

As of March 31, 2014 the following balances are: checking account: \$5,147.67; savings accounts: \$71,246.55; invested in CDs: \$108,720.64; and the NCA operations balance total is \$185,114.86. The Juniors Fund account balance is \$1,880.64 and the Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$8,343.46 for a total balance of \$195,338.96. A complete report is included in the agenda for tonight's meeting. The report is also available for viewing on the *NCA Website* or by contacting me for a copy.

Annual Report of the AKC Delegate - Mary W. Price & David Helming

Mary W. Price: During the calendar year 2013, I attended the March and June meetings of Delegates to the American Kennel Club. The annual meeting of the organization was held in Newark, New Jersey, on March 12th, at which time attendees voted for persons to serve four-year terms on the AKC Board of Directors. From a slate of seven candidates, elected to the Class of 2017 were incumbents Lee Arnold, Carl Ashby, and Alan Kalter, and newcomer Harvey Wooding, who represents the Westminster Kennel Club. Also, at this meeting, Delegates approved an amendment to the AKC Charter and By-laws which adds

to the stated objectives the support of the advancement of canine health and well-being. Also, Delegates voted to make Agility Clubs eligible for AKC Membership.

At the Board meeting following the general assembly, Mr. Kalter was re-elected as Chairman and Dr. William Newman as Vice Chairman. The following are the executive officers elected by the Board: Dennis Sprung, President/Chief Executive Officer; Daryl Hendricks, Chief Operating Officer; Peter Farnsworth, Chief Financial Officer; James Crowley, Executive Secretary. With the retirement of John Lyons in late December, Mr. Hendricks assumed his duties in early January. Mr. Farnsworth replaces James Stevens as CFO.

The next meeting of AKC Delegates was held in Raleigh, North Carolina, on June 11th. (Personally, I have always favored this meeting location as it offers a chance for tours of the AKC offices there and the presence of more AKC staff at the meeting location.) Delegates defeated a proposed By-Laws amendment to prohibit former AKC employees from serving on the AKC Board but did approve a Field Trial amendment affecting Irish Setters. Also, at this meeting Christopher Walker was introduced as a new staff person to direct and improve AKC's presence on social media, and it was announced that AKC has hired a professional public relations firm.

Attendance at the Parent Club Committee meetings, usually held on the day prior to the meeting of all Delegates, is always informative. This time, in June, was no exception, as the initial announcement was made of the AKC Reunite Pet Disaster Relief Program. The hope is to make available well-stocked trailers, based around the nation, which can be quickly sent into communities suffering from any type of disaster. The trailers will be pre-stocked with essential non-perishable necessities for sheltering pets, providing a temporary home-base for displaced animals during a disaster and its aftermath. Having these units ready for immediate use will save much valuable time when an emergency arises. A full-blown presentation of the program was made to Delegates at the September meeting, and fund-raising efforts are underway. I am pleased to report NCA's donation of \$1,000.00 to this worth-while mission.

Before I conclude this portion of the report, I wish to again thank our members who so willingly participate in the various Meet the Breeds events. In addition to the huge venues like the Jacob Javits Center in New York City and the AKC/Eukanuba show at the Orlando Convention Center, more and more mini-versions of Meet the Breeds are being held by clubs at all-breed shows. To all who participate, you deserve the gratitude of our entire NCA membership.

The June meeting in Raleigh was my last as the Delegate of the Newfoundland Club of America. Thank you for the honor of representing our club for twenty-nine years. Now, please welcome our new delegate, David Helming! He is a man for all seasons and reasons, having served the NCA in every capacity from

president to specialty show grounds keeper. David is a perfect choice to serve as our club representative.

David Helming: Thank you Mary for the kind introduction and, on behalf of the NCA membership, thank you for 29 years of outstanding service as the NCA Delegate to the American Kennel Club. Your contributions in this position have been significant and the NCA has been fortunate to have had you represent the club in this important relationship. I am honored to have been chosen by the Board to replace Mary and look forward to serving the NCA in this capacity. Leading in to this appointment, I have served as a Delegate to the AKC on behalf of the Hutchinson Kennel Club since 2006.

The September meeting in Newark, NJ was my first as Delegate of the Newfoundland Club of America. Mr. Kalter, Chairman, reported that the AKC will be increasing the emphasis in all types of media to promote pure bred dogs and responsible breeders. This effort is targeted to counteract the millions of dollars being spent by Animal Rights groups against pure bred dogs and breeders. A presentation was made by Tom Sharp, AKC Reunite CEO, on the work of AKC Reunite (formally AKC CAR) highlighting that over 5 million pets have been enrolled and 400,000 happy reunions have occurred between pets and owners since 1995. Following his review, as mentioned earlier by Mary, a comprehensive report was given on the successful AKC Disaster Relief Trailer program which the NCA is supporting. For NCA members who are also members of all breed clubs, it was encouraged that these clubs work together where possible to provide a trailer to emergency management groups that serve multiple location where these all breed clubs represent.

The December Delegate meeting was held in Orlando, Florida during the week of the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational show. Prior to the Delegate's meeting an informative Q&A was held with the 4 candidates who are seeking to be elected as AKC Board members in the 3 open positions at the March 2014 Delegate's meeting. Mr. Kalter reported that, basically driven by Agility Trials, there were approximately 3.2 million total entries at AKC events in 2013 making it the highest year ever. Mr. Sprung, AKC President & CEO, reported that the "AKC Breeder of the Year" recognition program has been expanded to include performance events. He also highlighted that a new AKC recognition award program – "The Bailey Award" has been established to recognize the: Best Promotion of a National Specialty, Best Club Spokesman, Best Breeder Spokesperson, Best Club Public Relations effort, Best New Public Relations/Outreach Idea (awarded in 2013 to the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Task Force) and Best Outreach to the general Public.

At this meeting, Mary Burch, Director -AKC Canine Good Citizen Program gave an interesting program on the highly successful CGC Program which now has 3 components – AKC STAR Puppy, AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and a new title "AKC Community Canine" which is an advanced CGC title which will become

available this year. She announced that there now over 650,000 STAR or CGC dogs. At the conclusion of this meeting, Carl Ashby, Chairman of the AKC Political Action Committee (PAC) reported that this year, the second Club's President Challenge will be kicked off at the March Delegate's meeting which it was. This objective of this program is to raise funds from individual AKC club members which can be used to support candidates running for political office that are "dog friendly and supportive" to the dog fancy and sport. The first challenge raised \$ 44,000 and the goal for the 2014 Challenge is to raise \$ 75,000. I encourage you to consider donating to this effort. As a member of the AKC PAC, I am pleased to report that PAC works closely with the proactive AKC's Governmental Relations Department in this effort. The success rate of AKC PAC supported candidates has been nearly 90%. At the March meeting, Ron Menaker, Charles Garvin and James Dok were elected to the AKC Board and Alan Kalter was re-elected AKC Chairman. CFO Peter Farnsworth reported that the AKC's 2013 Operating Revenue was \$ 9 million higher than 2012 and that investment gains were \$6 million higher than 2012.

As the NCA's Delegate to the American Kennel Club, I will work closely with the NCA Board on matters pertaining to the American Kennel Club regarding the Newfoundland Breed and our Club.

Annual Report of the Charitable Trust

Clyde Dunphy, Charitable Trust Management Board Chair, welcomed the membership to the meeting, thanked the Trustee for its support and introduced the officers and members of the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB). The CTMB manages the everyday aspects of the Charitable Trust and the Trustee makes the policies and major decisions. Clyde stated that 2013 had been a good year for the Charitable Trust.

The OFA rescue survey received 623 responses during the three month period. This survey will give the CTMB input as to where NCA members thought rescue funds should be spent. Clyde reminded members that grants are available in certain rescue situations where there is a good diagnosis and prognosis for the Newfoundland in question. He thanked the membership for its support of the rescue program.

Clyde reminded members that the Charitable Trust financial report appears in *Newf Tide* and encouraged members to look at what their donations are accomplishing. He also encouraged members to donate to the NCA Endowment Fund which is already at \$31,944.20.

The OFA health survey had shown that members wanted the Charitable Trust to do more for health research. In conjunction with the AKC Canine Health Foundation, the NCA has funded over 20 research projects with the Donor-Advised Funds to date. The Charitable Trust is a "silver" sponsor of the new bloot

research projects. In closing, Clyde reported that a noted researcher in bloat research told him that the NCA members, breeders and exhibitors were the most enjoyable to work with than any other breed.

It was announced that Jessica Cobban received a Junior Scholarship in the amount of \$1500.00. She was awarded the scholarship after submitting an outstanding essay about her activities with her Newfoundland.

Committee Reports

Awards

Ingrid Lyden, Awards Chair, informed the membership that the tabulations of the awards are now done from AKC reports and are no longer being tabulated by a team of counters.

Ingrid presented the following awards:

Top Show Dog: GCh. Rosewood's Royal Flush (Michelle Morris)

Top Show Bitch: GCh. Pouch Cove's Seabrook Enough Said (Kathy Griffin & Peggy Helming)

Top Obedience Dog: GCh. OTCH Freedom's Victory At Princeton 1776, UDX, OM2 (Dave Parison, Tamzin Rosenwasser & Meredith Reggie)

Top Producing Sire: GCh. Bear N Mind's The Guardian, CD, ROM (Dwight & Christine Gorsuch)

Top Producing Dam: GCh. Beach Bears Hellion of Troy (Kimberley Chonko, Jessica Chonko, Kerrie Kuper & Russell Francis)

Register of Merit Newfoundlands

Council Cup's Dejavu, ROM (Mary P McDowell)

Ch. Bear Trax Midnite Report, ROM (Jan S Boggio & Reginia Schneider)

Ch. Shadrack's Aim Us High, CD, DD, ROM (Steven McAdams & Jean McAdams)

Ch. Seabrook Simply Stated Pouchcove, ROM (Kathy Griffin & Peggy Helming)

VN GCh. Bear N Mind's The Guardian, CD, TDD1, WD2, WRD, ROM (Christine Gorsuch & Dwight Gorsuch)

Ch. Naiad Shining Caddis Of Mt. Evans, ROM (Monte McMechen & Megan McMechen & Shine Sturtz)

Ch. Windhavens Foxy Cleopatra, ROM (Laura Vande Ven)

Ch. Windhavens Stars And Stripes, ROM (Laura Vande Ven)

Ch. King Of Helluland Calamity Jane, ROM (Andrea Turner-Cook & Karen Y Martin)

VN GCh. Top Shelf Bottoms Up Brenrich, CD, RA, DD2, WRD, ROM (Debra Wigal & Becky Reynnells)

GCh. Beach Bears Hellion Of Troy, ROM (Jessica Chonko & Kerrie Kuper & Kimberly Chonko & Russell Francis)

Darbydale's Girl Talk, ROM

Ch. Bear N Mind's Here We Go Again, ROM (Christine Gorsuch & Dwight Gorsuch)

Bear Trax Go West Pouchcove, ROM (Gail & Russ Paceley)*

Ch. Seabrook Simple Dreams, ROM (Kathy Griffin)*

*At the May 15, 2014 meeting of the Board, it was agreed that that the two dogs whose Register of Merit titles were not announced at the Annual Membership Meeting would be included in the 2013 ROM listing and the certificates and rosettes will be awarded at the 2015 Annual Membership meeting.

Oldest Living Newfoundland: Portside's Cris-Sea, CD (Eugenea Roben) (15 years, 10 months, and 18 days)

Others Honored as 14 Years and Older

- Finnigans Fortune Teller (Sandy McFarlane, Nancy Wheeler & Laura McHenry) (15 years, 10 months, and 14 days)
- Ch. Bodega's Endeavour (Pamela Jackson) (14 years, 6 months)
- Bodega's Nequich (Ronald & Diana Moore & Pamela Jackson) (14 years, 5 months)
- Capriccio's Autumn Leaves (M. Luise Parsons, Pamela Rubio & Linda Maggy) (14 years, 4 months)
- Norwests Goodness Gracious, CD, DD, RE, Can CDX, Can DD, Can RE (Diana Wilman, Angela James, Sandra McFarlane & Nancy Wheeler) (14 years, 2 months)
- Stonehill Glenauldyn Full Circle (Nancy Duggan & Jill Britton) (14 years, ½ month)

Juniors Awards

Cissy Sullivan, Juniors Committee Chair, informed the membership that the following awards are for NCA Junior Members for their participation during the year of January 2013-December 2013. She presented the following awards.

Top NCA Junior in AKC Obedience: Mattie Cobban

Top NCA Junior in Rally: Mattie Cobban

Juniors participating in Rally: Kaitlyn Benedict, Jessica Cobban

Top NCA Junior in AKC Conformation: Kaitlyn Benedict

Juniors Participating in Conformation: Becker Reep

Top NCA Junior in AKC Junior Showmanship: Becker Reep

Juniors participating in Junior Showmanship: Kaitlyn Benedict, Jessica Cobban, Mattie Cobban, Mariah Huge

Junior Members of the Year: Mariah Huge, Becker Reep

Junior Scholarship Award: Jessica Cobban

Versatile Newfoundlands

On behalf of the Recognition Committee, Bethany Karger presented the 2013 Versatile Newfoundland awards as follows:

- VN Ch. Bluemoon's Foreign Affair, CD, WRD1, DD (Christine Brigham)
- VN Ch. Rowens Pilot, CD, WRD1, DD, CGC (Patricia Owens & Robert L. Owens & Carole A. Wilson)
- VN Ch. Top Shelf's Rob Roy At Pouchcove, CD, RA, WRD, TDD, Can DD, Can WRD (Jennifer Zabloutny & James Zabloutny)
- VN Ch. Waterbear Southern Lady, CD, RN, WRD, DD (Terry Lane & Suzanne Lane)
- VN Ch. Castanewfs Mends Abroken Heart, CD, WRD, DD (Kevin Gallagher & Laura Gallagher)
- VN Ch. Shadrack's Second In Command, CD, WRD, DD (Gerry Heinz, Judy Heinz, Steven & Jean McAdams)
- VN Ch. Allison Acres Morgan Tattoo, CD, RE, WRD1, DD (Connie Allison & Linda Hiestand)
- VN Ch. Jolly Roger's Safe Harbor, CD, RA, WRD, TDD, CGC (Bethany Karger & Bruce Karger)
- VN GCh. Timberknoll's Embrace the Journey, CD, RN, WRD, DD (Sue Lynn Morton & Robin Love)
- VN Ch. Saltydog's So Far It's Rose, CD, RA, WRD, DD3, TDD, CGC (Lori Littleford & John Pearson)
- VN GCh. Aukai - 911 Dragon Rider's Saphira, CD, WRD, DD2 (Patti J. Emmerling & Kent M. Emmerling)
- VN Ch. Bright Star's Make A Wish, CD, RN, WRD2, DD, (Greg Matzke & Sue Matzke & Roger Danielsen)
- VN GCh. Castanewf's Rendition, CD, WRD, DD (Marge Bbehnke & Denise Castonguay & Gary Behnke)

Working Achievement Awards

On behalf of the Recognition Committee, Bethany Karger presented the 2013 Working Achievement awards as follows:

WA VN GCh. Top Shelf's Hit And Run CDX, RE, WRD, DD3, TDD (Melanie Reynnells & Debra Wigal)
WA VN Ch. Cypress Bay's Nordic Thunder CDX, GN, WRD3, WRDX, DD1, TDD (Andrea and Gary Ottey)
WA Old Bay Sonic Wave CDX, AXP, OJP, WRD4, TDD (Christie Smith)

TOD/TODD Awards

On behalf of the Recognition Committee, Bethany Karger presented the 2013 TOD/TODD awards as follows:

Dalken's Darkest Ember, TOD (Dallas A. Anderson)
Sobaka Riverhouse Raven, TOD (Dallas A. Anderson)
Am Can Ch. Nautica's Knock On Wood, TOD (Dawn & Greg Fretts)
Am Can Ch. Nautica's Deck The Halls, Can DD, TOD (Dawn & Greg Fretts)
Am Can Ch. Nautica's Turning Point, DD, Can DD, TOD (Dawn & Greg Fretts)
Nautica's Deck The Halls, TOD (Dawn & Greg Fretts)
Pandaga's The Pinta, TOD (Jacqueline Brellochs)
Dalken's Race Away Danica, TOD (Rachael Werner & Dallas A Anderson)
Ch. Voyager's Blue Alert, DD, TOD (Shane & Kelli McNichols)
VN GCh. Timberknolls Embrace The Journey, RN, CD, WRD, DD, TOD (Sue Lynn Morton & Robin Love)
VN Ch. Timberknoll Takes the Slopes WRD, DD, CD, WD, CGC, TOD (Tina Bowers, Patti Sutherland and Benita Edds)
TimberKnolls Mountain Magic, BN, RN, TODD (Anne & David Nored, Benita Edds & Patti Sutherland)
Am Can Ch. Shadrack's Winter Games, Am/Can CD, DD, Can DD, ROM, TODD (Dawn & Greg Fretts)
Can Ch. Nautica's Probabilities, Am CD, Can CD, TODD (Dawn & Greg Fretts)
Shackrack's Winter Games, TODD (Dawn & Greg Fretts)
Can Ch. Marcarpents Incantation, CD, DD, Can CD, Can DDX, Can BDD, TODD (Dawn Fretts)
Pandaga's Tahoma, TODD (Jacqueline Brellochs)
Am Can Ch. Haytee's No Passport Required, TODD (Pauline Turnbull)
Blackwatch's Desilu I'm the Only One, TODD (Theodore & Judith Meeker, & Joan Gunn)
Ch. Top Shelf's Isabella at Maude's Meadows, TODD (Tracy and Bruce Willoughby)

NCA Good Sportsmanship Award

The NCA Good Sportsmanship Award was presented to: Pam Rubio

NCA Honorary Memberships

NCA Honorary Memberships were presented to: Aura Dean, Dr. Ulreh Mostosky, Mary L. Price

***Newf Tide* Policy Committee**

Aura Dean, *Newf Tide* Policy Committee Chair, thanked everyone who helped to make *Newf Tide* better than ever; including Meredith Reggie, *Newf Tide* editor. She reminded members that contributions to the magazine are very much appreciated and to please check Meredith's columns in *Newf Tide* for submission instructions.

New Business

Proposed Change to the "NCA Policy on Dog Aggression"

Tamzin Rosenwasser proposed a change to the "NCA Policy on Dog Aggression."

The current policy reads, "Any dog, that in the opinion of the Event Committee, attacks a person or a dog at an NCA working event, resulting in an injury and is believed by that Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified. When the dog is disqualified by the Event Committee pursuant to this section, a report shall be filed with the NCA Board. The disqualified dog may not again compete at any NCA working event, not be on the grounds of an NCA working 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."

The suggested changes are, "Any dog or bitch, that in the opinion of the Show or Event Committee, based on evidence consisting of accounts of the parties involved, and of any witnesses, and of evidence of injury, and is therefore believed by that Show or Event Committee to present a hazard to persons or other dogs, shall be disqualified and/or expelled from the show or event site. When the dog or bitch is disqualified and/or expelled from the show or event site by the Show or Event Committee pursuant to this section, a report shall be filed with the NCA Board. The disqualified or expelled dog or bitch may not again compete at any NCA event, nor be on the grounds of any 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 or bitch's eligibility and privileges have been restored."

Tamzin stated that she and one of her dogs were about 30 or 40 yards away from the door of her hotel room at Frankenmuth, when two dogs burst out of the door of their hotel room, headed directly to her dog, and without preamble of any kind, knocked her dog down and bit her dog on her right side. The owners of the

two dogs were in the room, and came out to get their dogs. Those dogs were not entered in any Specialty events.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Board would consider the change.

Top 20/10 Event

Jo Nussle withdrew her motion that the Top 20/10 event have a separate restricted fund from the National Specialty fund. The Board agreed to refer the motion to the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee for its recommendation.

Electronic Transmission of NCA Notices

Steve Britton moved and Jack Dean seconded that to reduce printing and mailing expense, beginning in 2014, the NCA membership renewal form contain a check-off box/signature line field - authorizing electronic transmission of written notices to an individual member's household.

The rationale being that *Newf Tide* and the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee normally provide the NCA a cost effective method for transmitting mandated written notices, for a nominal cost. Occasionally, factors, some existing outside of the NCA and *Newf Tide*, make it difficult for the publication to timely meet some notices mandated by the Bylaws.

It was stated that the 2014 membership renewal form has already been approved by the Board and is ready to go to the printers. It was said that the new proposed mobile application may help with this issue. Steve Britton stated that he would not object to the substitution of the online development of mobile app to transmit NCA notices.

The motion passed by consent.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Dannyquest

The winner of the Dannyquest raffle was Linda Boswell. The statue "Kindred Spirits" was donated by Marc Saunders of Gossamer Designs.

Adjournment

At 9:40 p.m., without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy
Recording Secretary