

NCA Board of Directors
Teleconference Meeting
Minutes of April 16, 2015
(Approved June 18, 2015)

Pam Saunders, President, called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. Eastern time. The following directors were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), Steve Britton (SB), 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). David Helming, AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was present.

Approval of the Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of March 19, 2015.

Donna Thibault moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board approve the minutes of March 19, 2015 as presented. Without objection, the motion passed.

Report of the President

Pam Saunders, President, led a short discussion of logistics for the face-to-face meeting at the 2015 National Specialty.

Report of the AKC Delegate

David Helming, AKC Delegate, reported that he had not yet received a reply from the AKC regarding his letter about Newfoundlands with a disqualifying color appearing in the AKC's "Meet the Breed" booklet.

David commented on an idea by Lynne Anderson-Powell that specific parent club contact information should appear in the AKC registration emails. He stated that the AKC Parent Club Committee may have it on their next agenda.

He also reported on his conversation with the AKC Inspection Committee regarding some communications the Board received concerning an *NCA Breeders List* member.

Executive Session

At 8:11 p.m., Sue Marino moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

At 8:17 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

Report of the 1st Vice President

Pat Randall, 1st Vice President, stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Report of the 2nd Vice President

Lynne Anderson-Powell, 2nd Vice President, stated that her report would be under committee reports.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Cuddy, Recording Secretary, reported that she had prepared the minutes of March 19, 2015 and the April 16, 2015 agenda packet. She informed the Board that the March applicants had received preliminary approval. She reminded Board officers that the annual officers' reports were due. Steve Britton volunteered to coordinate the sign-in process at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Pam Rubio, Corresponding Secretary, reported that she had distributed correspondence to the appropriate committees. In response to a question, it was ascertained that the Crufts certificates had been printed.

Report of the Treasurer

Mary L. Price, Treasurer, reported the following balances: checking account: \$21,640.28; savings account: \$59,000.06 and invested in CDs: \$109,145.69. The Juniors Fund account balance is \$4,079.64. The Uniform Trophy Fund account balance is \$10,749.42 for a total of \$204,615.09 for NCA operations.

Mary reported that the revised 2014 National Specialty financial report would be available for review at the May 3, 2015 face-to-face meeting. She informed the Board that all of the refund checks from the cancelled 2014 Breeders Education Committee's seminar have been mailed.

Committee Reports

Recognition Committee

The Board discussed the Recognition Committee request to order 200 Versatile Newfoundland patches and 250 Versatile Newfoundland pins.

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the request of the Recognition Committee to purchase 200 Versatile Newfoundland patches and 250 Versatile Newfoundland pins.

It was asked why these purchases were not included in the committee's budget and the supply allowed to fall so low. It was stated that committees should improve the accuracy of their budgets and inventory.

Pam Rubio and Lynne Anderson-Powell withdrew their motion.

Pam Saunders moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board approve the request of the Recognition Committee to purchase 200 Versatile Newfoundland patches @ \$1.99/each and instruct the Recognition Committee to include the cost of additional Versatile Newfoundland pins in the committee's budget due the end of May. The motion passed. 7 Yes (JC, MLC, SM, SMc, MLP, PS, DT); 3 No (LA, RF, PSR); 1 Abstain (SB)

Steve Britton moved and Roger Frey seconded, that effective July 1st, 2015, the Board approve the request of the Recognition Committee to purchase 250 Versatile Newfoundland pins @\$6.60/each. Without objection, the motion passed.

NCA "Wordle"

The Board briefly discussed the "wordle" magnet to be handed to NCA members at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Steve Britton moved and Roger Frey seconded that the Board ratify the action of the 2nd Vice President to purchase "NCA wordle" magnets at \$.21/each to pass out to NCA members at the Annual Membership Meeting. Without objection, the motion passed.

Regional Club Liaison

Sue Marino, Regional Club Liaison, reported on correspondence she had received in response to her request to determine the status of the Columbia River Newfoundland Club.

Steve Britton moved and Roger Frey seconded that the Board accept the dissolution of the Columbia River Newfoundland Club. Without objection, the motion passed.

The Board instructed Sue to inform the Pacific Northwest Newfoundland Club that they should send a formal request to the NCA Board to request the former territory of the Columbia River Newfoundland Club.

Executive Session

At 8:56 p.m., Sue Marino moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

At 8:58 p.m., John Cornell moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

While in executive session, the Board approved the request of Peggy Lange to be removed from the Newf Ambassador Committee.

2015 National Specialty

Donna Thibault, 2015 National Specialty Show Chair, updated the Board as to the National Specialty preparations. She informed the Board that research has shown that the first independent National Specialty was held in 1940 making this the 75th anniversary. She presented a request to have a commemorative cake available during Best of Breed judging.

Roger Frey moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the request of the 2015 National Specialty Show Committee to provide a cake at ringside during Best of Breed to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the first independent National Specialty. The cost of the cake will not exceed \$350. Without objection, the motion passed.

Meeting Recessed

At 9:20 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board recess until Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island. Without objection, the motion passed.

**NCA Face-to-Face Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Warwick, Rhode Island
May 3, 2015**

At 5:13 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

The following directors were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), Steve Britton (SB), 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). David Helming, AKC delegate, *ex-officio* was absent.

2014 National Specialty Report

There was a brief discussion about the 2014 National Specialty report and the recording of the original payments for the cancelled Breeders Education Committee. It was reported that it was difficult to develop the final report due to the passing of Jack Witt, 2014 National Specialty Treasurer, but the report has now been completed. The Colonial Newfoundland Club showed a loss for the show. It was commented that the choice of the show superintendent made a significant difference.

It was reported that 2015 will be the first year without the limited edition plate sales and that trophy donations will be crucial in the years to come.

Welcome

Donna Thibault, 2015 National Specialty Show Chair, welcomed the Board and thanked everyone for all the help and support.

Breeders Education Committee

It was reported that the information regarding the AKC Breeder Outreach program was for the Board's information and no action was required at this time.

Digital Distribution Committee

It was reported that the information regarding the Instagram post and NCA was for the Board's information and to draw attention to the post from the AKC praising the NCA for doing a terrific job of reaching out and providing great information to owners of the breed. There was a discussion about the many, many contributions from this committee and in particular, Marylou Zimmerman. The Board acknowledged its great appreciation for her work on behalf of the NCA and Newfoundlands.

Juniors Committee

There was a brief discussion of acknowledging juniors competing at all-breed events but no action was taken at this time.

NCA Policy Manual

The Board discussed the proposed General Education chapter, the fact that the committee had been dissolved and that the Rescue Prevention Committee had taken over its responsibilities. No action was taken.

The Board considered the proposed Health & Longevity Committee chapter.

Sue Marino moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the proposed changes to the Health & Longevity Committee chapter of the *NCA Policy Manual* as amended. Without objection, the motion passed.

Regional Club Liaison

Sue Marino, Regional Club Liaison, reported that she had received a formal letter of dissolution from the Columbia River Newfoundland Club. The Board was reminded that it had recommended to the Pacific Northwest Newfoundland Club that it send a formal request to the Board to add the Columbia River Newfoundland Club territory to their territory.

The Board clarified the process in which regional clubs will submit proposed bylaw changes to the Regional Club Liaison who will bring the proposed changes to the Board for review. The Board has the option of referring the proposed changes to the NCA Governing Documents Committee for input.

Rescue Prevention Committee

The Board was informed that the scheduled tutorial presentation was not yet ready and will be presented at a later date.

Steering Committee

It was reported that the Steering Committee approved the Board's use of the "wordle" and credited Marylou Zimmerman for developing it.

There was a suggestion that the results of the Health Priorities Survey conducted by the Steering Committee should be shared with the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board.

Mary L. Price moved and Pam Rubio moved that the results of the Health Priorities Survey conducted by the Steering Committee be shared with the Charitable Trust Management Board. Without objection, the motion passed.

There was a discussion regarding developing better ways to promote the NCA, our mission and accomplishments. It was agreed that social media was a very important part of this and all options should be considered for possible development.

Technical Resources Advisory Committee

The Board was reminded that the membership app demo had been forwarded to them by email. It will be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting and NCA members will then be able to download it to their devices.

There was a brief update on the development of a members-only section of the *NCA Website*. The committee has met by teleconference with several vendors of which one looks to be promising at this time. There was additional discussion of the information gathered from the vendors and what capabilities the members-only section will need to have. A full report will be given to the Board soon.

Specialty Show Coordinating Committee

A proposal was presented to the Board that the Newfoundland Club of Seattle and the Newfoundland Club of Northern California would work in conjunction with each other to host the 2017 National Specialty. Co-chairs, one from each club, have been selected and committees are currently investigating possible show sites in Northern California

and the Pacific Northwest. The clubs requested NCA Board approval for the two clubs working together to develop a bid that would be presented at the Board's July 16, 2015 meeting.

Steve McAdams moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board approve the proposal of the Newfoundland Club of Northern California and Newfoundland Club of Seattle to work together to develop a proposal for hosting the 2017 National Specialty show. The motion passed. 11 Yes (LA, SB, JC, MLC, RF, SM, SMC, MLP, PKR, PS, DT); 1 Abstain (PSR)

Executive Session

At 6:54 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

At 8:37 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

While in executive session, the Board:

- Approved the May 3, 2015 Applicants List
- Awarded the NCA Members of the Year to Susan Kerby and Aura Dean
- Awarded the Good Sportsmanship Award to Donna Thibault
- Approved contacting an NCA Breeders List member regarding comments received regarding standard of care
- Approved a letter to be sent to AKC regarding NCA international members' voting rights

David Helming, AKC Delegate, joined the meeting.

AKC Delegate

David reported that a number of comments had been received by the AKC in regards to the proposed judging approval process and that comments are being accepted until May 31, 2015. He also informed the Board that the AKC Parent Club Committee will be bringing forward the suggestion to include the AKC Parent Club information with the registration materials.

Unfinished Business

Breeders Education Committee Seminar

It was reported that the committee is in contact with Dr. Carmen Battaglia regarding the books that were to be distributed to those members who had signed up for the cancelled 2014 Breeders Education Committee's seminar.

New Business

NCA Members May Attend NCA Board Teleconferences

The Board was informed that StartMeeting™ has the capabilities to host any NCA members who wish to listen in on NCA Board teleconferences. There was some discussion of the two options that would accommodate NCA members but would allow the Board to control executive sessions and permission for members to speak. Additional details will be released to the membership once an option is chosen.

Roger Frey moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board invite NCA members to use the online program StartMeeting™ to attend NCA Board teleconference meetings. Without objection, the motion passed.

At 9:37 p.m., by consensus, the Board recessed until Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

NCA Face-to-Face Meeting Crowne Plaza Hotel Warwick, Rhode Island May 3, 2015

At 8:39 p.m., the meeting reconvened, following the meeting of the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust.

NCA Charitable Trust

The Board considered the recommendations of the Charitable Trust Management Board.

Sue Marino moved and Steve Britton seconded that the Board accept the recommendations of the Charitable Trust Management Board to appoint Roger Powell and Christopher Plum to the Charitable Trust Management Board. Without objection, the motion passed.

The Board discussed the excellent handout that the Charitable Trust Management Board had developed for the Annual Membership Meeting which outlined its recent accomplishments and accolades.

Steve McAdams moved and Steve Britton seconded that the Board recommend to the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee that the Charitable Trust Management Board's "recent accomplishments" report be included in the next issue of *Newf Tide*, either as part of the magazine or as a "blow-in". Without objection, the motion passed.

Executive Session

At 8:42 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Steve Britton seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

At 10:30 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

While in executive session, the Board:

- Approved the recommendation of the Charitable Trust Management Board and appointed the following:
 - Junior Scholarship: Lynne Hamilton, Chair
 - Newfoundland Health Challenge: Mary Jane Spackman, Chair
 - Newfoundland Rescue: Mary L. Price, Chair, Diane Lynch, Assistant Chair
 - Research Advisory Committee: Tamzin Rosenwasser, Chair, Edith Markoff, Cherrie Brown, Sharon Gwaltney-Brant, Allan Robins, Steve Petsch
- Changed the name of the AKC Legislation Committee to the Legislation Committee
- Changed the name of the Arbitration Committee to the Mediation Committee

While in executive session, the Board appointed the following committees:

Legislation Committee: Janice Anderson (Chair & AKC Legislation Liaison), Amy Davis, Debbie Dennison, Brooke Elkan- Moore, Joan Fenwick, Denise Hatakeyama

Mediation Committee: Carla Gengler (Chair), Suzi Bidwell, John Cornell, Pamela Jackson, Ken Price

Awards: Ingrid Lyden (Chair)

Breeders Education Committee: Lynne Anderson-Powell (Chair), Janice Anderson, John Cornell, Sue Jones, Jean McAdams, Pat Randall Pam Rubio, Susan Wagner

ad hoc Breeders List Guidelines Committee: Carla Gengler (Chair), John Cornell, Cindy Flowers, Pamela Jackson, Johanna Matsuda, Naomi Young Meyer, Pam Rubio

Breeder Referral Committee: Naomi Young Meyer (Chair)

Companion Newf Committee: Susan Putt (Chair), Carolyn Kuhn, Chris Rakyta

Database Operations Committee: Debbie Bridge (Chair), Cheryl Dondino, Barbara Finch, Dejah Petsch

Digital Distribution Committee: Marylou Zimmerman (Chair), Dan Zimmerman

“Distinguished Member” Committee: Sue Miller (Chair), Naomi Young Meyer

Electronics Publications Policy Committee: Open (Chair), Aura Dean, Judi Randall, Marylou Zimmerman

Financial Oversight Committee: Sandy Gabel (Chair), Mary Ann Barnhill, Mary L. Price

Governing Documents Committee: Steve Britton (Chair), Pam Saunders

Health & Longevity Committee: Pam Rubio (Chair), Denise Hatakeyama, Andre Lapeyre, John O'Neill, Vu Nyugen, Pat Randall, Tamzin Rosenwasser, Mary Jane Spackman, Bruce Willoughby, Jenny Zabloutny

Historian & Archives Committee: Mary Jane Spackman (Chair)

International Liaison Committee: Roger Frey (Chair), Josette Chrystall

Judges Education Committee: Denise Castonguay (Chair), Lynne Anderson-Powell, Barbara Finch, Roger Frey, Kathy Griffin, Kim Griffith, Peggy Helming, Sue Jones, Ingrid Lyden, Jean McAdams, Betty McDonnell, Robin Seaman, Debra Thornton, Deb Wigal

Juniors Committee: Open (Chair), Sue Wagner (Co-Chair), Tara Bertrand, Linda Larsen, Sheila (Luca) Mallinson, Donna Thibault

Membership Committee: Mary Lou Cuddy (Chair), Bill Cuddy

NCA Breeders List Committee: Johanna Matsuda (Chair), Lynn Nuss, Patte Testa

Newf Ambassador Committee: Joan Fenwick (Chair), John Affel, Raymond Gunn, Cathy Hartke, Joan Locker-Thuring, Sandee Lovett, Deborah Rothwell

Newf Tide Policy Committee: Aura Dean (Chair), Patti Emmerling, Nancy Gasser, Beth Sell, Julie Poulin Siefert, Jeannette Voss

Performance and Companion Events Committee: Anna Lorenz (Chair), Cherilyn Antin, Barbara Lucas Grob, Ann Lapeyre,

ad hoc NCA Policy Manual Committee: Pam Saunders (Chair),

Recognition Committee: Joan Locker-Thuring (Chair), Dona Baker-Austin, Lori Eldridge, Barbara Hearn, Bethany Karger, Linda Mahuson

Regional Club Committee: Steve Britton (Chair)

Regional Club Liaison: Sue Marino

Rescue Prevention Committee: Donna Zink (Co-chair), Connie Bonczek, Brooke Elkan-Moore, Kayte Justice, Lisa Lathrop, Chris Owen, Starr Willetts

Specialty Show Coordinating Committee: Robin Seaman (Chair), Steve Britton, John Cornell, Nancy Duggan, Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Cindi Goodwin, Peggy Helming, Amy Lane, Diane Lavin, Sandee Lovett, Renee Marquardt, Kathy Paxton,

Steering Committee: Chris Plum (Chair), Roger Frey, Bill Matlock, John O'Neill, Mary Jane Spackman, Jenny Zabloutny, Marylou Zimmerman

Sunshine Committee: Susan Aspeotes (Chair)

Technical Resources Advisory Committee: Bill Matlock (Chair), Lynne Anderson-Powell, Dan Carr, Rick Mahuson, Yvonne Niesen, Sheri Russell, Matt Sidesinger, Mike Taylor, Dan Zimmerman

Working Dog Committee: Sue Marino (Chair), Tom Brant, Benita Edds, Dwight Gorsuch, John Jackman, Cindi Kursner, Patti Pigeon, Sue Raney, Pam Saunders

Publicity Committee

Pam Rubio moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board discharge the Publicity Committee with thanks. Without objection, the motion passed.

Newfoundland Standard Translation

By consensus, the Board agreed to direct the Corresponding Secretary to contact the person requesting permission to translate the *Newfoundland Standard* into German to submit the translation before publication to the NCA Board for approval.

Adjournment

At 10:47 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the motion passed.

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy
NCA Recording Secretary