



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Regular Board of Directors

Teleconference Meeting

All Times Eastern Daylight Time

Minutes of September 17, 2015 (Approved October 15, 2015)

CALL TO ORDER

President Pam Saunders (PS) called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. Recording Secretary Steve Britton (SB) was present.

The following officers and directors answered the roll call: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Roger Frey (RF), Pat Randall. Treasurer Mary L. Price (MLP) was absent.

During the meeting, Robin Seaman Grenier, Specialty Show Coordinator and Aura Dean, chair of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee presented reports. Also attending a portion of the meeting were Nancy Gasser, Jeannette Voss and David Helming, AKC delegate.

The president declared a quorum of board of members was present.

The board honored the passing of member Rhoda Lerman with a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board approved the minutes from its Regular Teleconference Meeting held on September, 17 2015, as amended.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

President's Report

Pam Saunders president reported the following:

- Contact with Donna Zink, chair of the NCA Rescue Prevention Committee. Pam and Donna discussed details regarding the board's review and approval to the *On-line Tutorial* series. Currently, there are 108 articles within this project. Due to the large volume of articles in the series, Pam and Donna further discussed the possibility of providing a URL that would enable board members to read and review the articles without placing them in the board packet.
- Contact from Carla Gengler, chair of the NCA Mediation Committee. The committee currently is working with a non-member and a NCA member breeder to resolve a breeder/puppy buyer dispute.

1st Vice President's Report

On behalf of the Charitable Trust Management Board, 1st Vice President John Cornell reported the following:

For distribution.

- That since the publishing of the September 2015 board agenda packet, the Dogs of the Dow investment stocks had recovered - somewhat - from the recent stock market correction.
- Clyde Dunphy sent AKC CHF posters to Sue Marino for distribution to regional Newfoundland Clubs - intended for educational use.
- The CTMB adopted a motion authorizing the trust's annual meeting report publication as a *Newf Tide* insert. CTMB will cover a portion of the extra cost.
- Reported on the launch of the Precious fundraising program.
- The Newfoundland named Penney that had a SAS valuvoplasty passed away at about age five. There is a related article in the fourth quarter *Newf Tide* scheduled.
- On a letter received from CTMB Chair Clyde Dunphy concerning the recent AKC CHF Health Conference.

Sue Marino, NCA regional club liaison, commented that she had not yet received the AKC CHF posters from the CTMB.

After receiving the 1st vice president's report, Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to enter an executive session; without objection, the board adopted the motion.

Executive Session

While in the executive session, the board:

- Received a sensitive communication reported by the 1st vice president; no action was taken.
- Received pending membership applications.
- Postponed its follow-up to a correspondence sent to a member to its October meeting.
- Received a CTMB recommendation concerning future AKC CHF Health Conference participation by NCA (Inc.) members. The board postponed this item to the November face-to-face meeting.

At 8:45 p.m. and without objection, the board returned to its regular session.

David Helming, AKC delegate, joined the conference call at 8:48 p.m.

2nd Vice President's Report

Lynne Anderson-Powell, 2nd vice president, reported:

- On receiving the NCA Working Dog Committee (WDC) Report. The report informed the board about the built in security features in *Google Documents*; thus, addressing the questions board members referred to the WDC at the August board meeting; the WDC had proposed a method of using *Google Documents* to address the reception of particular WDC event and judging reports online.
- Further, that other committees are using *Drop Box*, and *Wiggio* to share work product within the committees; would the NCA benefit if it standardized which platforms it used for file sharing and document retention.

- That in the future, to avoid duplication of various platforms, the board should seek guidance on a standardized platform application list.
- **Specialty Show Committee Report**

Robin Seaman Grenier, chair of the NCA Specialty Show committee, joined the teleconference at 9:00 p.m. She reported the following:

- The committee met on September 8, 2015 and unanimously recommended that the NCA reserve the Bavarian Inn Hotel in Frankenmuth, the Harvey Kern Pavilion and its adjacent park for the site of the 2018 and 2019 NCA National Specialty dog shows.
- The proposed dates for the shows are April 29 – May 5, 2018, and April 28 – May 4, 2019.
- That the committee has interest to propose additional members to the specialty show committee at a future time.

Robin left teleconference after presenting the Specialty Show committee report.

AKC Delegate's Report

Dave Helming, the NCA's Delegate to the AKC, reported:

- The NCA Regional Specialty hosted by the New-Penn-Del Newfoundland Club at the Morris and Essex Kennel Club show has (had) 62 entries.
- On attending the recent delegates meeting in Newark, New Jersey.

From the AKC Delegate's meeting, David Helming noted:

- Dennis Spung, president of AKC, gave a report on AKC's follow-up response to 9/11 (in 2005). He reminding delegates of what AKC's response was during the aftermath to 9/11.
- AKC Dog registrations are up, 1.2%, but there has been a slight decrease in the numbers of registered litters. AKC total income is up, \$1.8 million and total AKC operational income is up 5.6%. In part, the revenue increase is due to an increase to online advertising.
- Due to the recent stock market correction, the AKC portfolio has recovered some of its losses, and the total value of the AKC investment portfolio is only down \$240,000.
- At the delegates meeting, Patricia Laurens, delegate to the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America reported delivery of 30 AKC Reunite emergency response trailers, eight more are awaiting delivery and 20 additional trailers are ordered.
- Marjory Tuff, AKC delegate to the American Shetland Sheep Dog Association, commented that clubs need to do more to encourage Junior Showmanship activities. She suggested reducing or eliminating Junior Showmanship entries fees at shows. (Dave Helming commented - to the NCA board - that the NCA's Junior Showmanship activity at the 2015 NCA National Specialty on the caring for and show preparation of Newfoundlands was an exemplary activity that the NCA should somehow highlight with AKC).
- The AKC continues to look at ways to improve the Certificate of Merit program for the four to six month puppy program.

- There is a proposed amendment to the AKC bylaws pending. The proposal would eliminate AKC board term limits.
- There are a number of proposed amendments pending to the *AKC Dog Show Rules*.
- About the candidates for the AKC Lifetime Achievement award.

Special Committee Of The Board – *Newf Tide* Editor Recruitment

At 9:30 p.m., Aura Dean, chair of the Newf Tide Policy Committee (*NTPC*) joined the teleconference meeting. Also joining the meeting were committee members Nancy Gasser and Jeannette Voss.

Roger Frey, chair of the special board committee on *Newf Tide* editor recruitment, reported that two members and one non-member submitted bid proposals for the vacant *Newf Tide* editor position.

- The committee compiled a list of potential editor applicants.
- The committee contacted a number of persons from the list, encouraging them to submit bid packages.
- Aura Dean, chair of the *NTPC* attended the special committee's meeting, and he attended the *NTPC*'s recent meeting.
- Roger Frey forwarded all received bid packages to the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee for review.

Executive Session

At 9:35, without objection, the board, with the aforementioned members of the *NTPC* present, entered an executive session to consider bid proposals for the vacant *Newf Tide* editor position.

At 10:34, the board returned to regular session.

While in executive session, the board agreed to call a special teleconference meeting on October 1, 2015, at 8 p.m. EDT.

Recording Secretary's Report

Steve Britton, recording secretary, reported that since the last board meeting he:

- Prepared/compiled written synopses of last meeting's officer and committee reports.
- Prepared meeting minutes.
- Contacted AKC concerning an interpretation of its Parent Club policies.
- Contacted NCA Board members about a minor grammatical amendment to July 16, 2015 board minutes prior to *Newf Tide* publication.
- Prepared an agenda and meeting packet.
- Forwarded some AKC information on behalf of our club's AKC delegate.
- Forwarded general information from AKC when warranted.

Without objection and after discussion, the board ratified action taken earlier by the recording secretary. Prior to publication in *Newf Tide*, the recording secretary approved an amendment to the July 17, 2015 board minutes. In a summary of the Awards

committee report (on page four of the aforementioned minutes), the amendment struck-out the word *clarified*, (before the word *about*), and inserted the word *clarification*.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Pam Rubio, corresponding secretary, reported that she:

- Received event notices from AKC that were forwarded to Robin Seaman Grenier.
- Received an invitation from a hotel in Spokane, Washington offering their site as a host hotel for future national specialties.
- Received a request for contact information for Louise Esiason from a long time college friend. Mary Lou Cuddy kindly supplied that information, which the corresponding secretary passed on.
- AKC Lifetime Achievement Award Nominees.

In response to the AKC delegate's and corresponding secretary's report, Roger Frey moved and Sue Marino seconded to allow the NCA's AKC Delegate to vote as he sees fit for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards; without objection, the board adopted the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Recording Secretary Steve Britton noted in Mary L. Price's absence, her written treasurer's report in the board packet. The recording secretary also noted he had received the customary electronic receipt/disbursement report and account reports from the treasurer, but those reports were unavailable for publication in the September 2015 board packet.

NEW BUSINESS

NAIA Conference

Pam Saunders moved and Pam Rubio seconded to send Lynne Anderson-Powell, chair of the Breeder's Education Committee, to the NAIA Conference. After discussion, the board adopted the motion without objection.

2018 & 2019 National Specialties

Without objection and after discussion, the board accepted (adopted) the following recommendations reported by Robin Seaman Grenier, chair of the Specialty Show Committee:

Steve McAdams moved and Pam Rubio seconded;

- to hold the 2018 National Specialty Dog Show in Frankenmuth, Michigan on April 29 – May 5;
- to hold the 2019 National Specialty Dog Show in Frankenmuth, Michigan on April 28 – May 4.

Roger Frey moved and Sue Marino seconded to reconsider the motion on holding the 2018 and 2019 National Specialties in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

During discussion, Roger Frey informed the board that he was aware of two regional clubs that were contemplating forwarding a proposal to host a future national specialty.

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Following further discussion, the board permitted Roger Frey to withdrawal the motion to reconsider.

Without objection, the board agreed to ask Robin Seaman Grenier if it was plausible to hold off on confirming the pending Frankenmuth national specialty dates until the regional clubs that are contemplating forwarding proposals for hosting a national specialty could respond - at the 2015 fall face-to-face meeting. The president requested Lynne Anderson-Powell to check with Robin Seaman Grenier about these details.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business presented, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Steven J. Britton

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