



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Regular Board of Directors

Teleconference Meeting

All times Eastern Daylight Time

Minutes of July 16, 2015 (Approved 20 August 2015)

President Pam Saunders (PS) called the meeting to order at 8:03 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), Sue Marino (SM), Steve McAdams (SMc), Pat Randall (PKR), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pam Rubio (PR), Donna Thibault (DT) and Dave Helming.

During the meeting, David Helming, AKC delegate; Ingrid Lyden, Awards chair; Robin Seaman Grenier, Specialty Show committee chair & Specialty Show coordinator, and Nancy Duggan, Specialty Show Properties sub-committee chair were present while giving reports.

AKC Delegate Report

Dave Helming, the NCA's delegate to the AKC, reported the following:

- Continued difficulties using the AKC website, and AKC is working on improvements to its website.
- On a new policy for All Breed and Group shows, the AKC recommends that clubs have defibrillators on hand at major events; or, if not available at the venue, the club should know where to readily obtain one. And, if an EMT service is on site, it the club should ensure that the EMT service has one. He suggested that this practice also be followed at NCA National Specialties. Donna Thibault indicated that she received a letter on this subject regarding the 2016 National Specialty Show.

Approval of Minutes

The board approved the minutes from its Regular Teleconference Meeting held on June 18, 2015 as presented.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

President's Report

Pam Saunders, president, reported the following:

- About preliminary plans for the Meet the Breeds[®] presentation at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show.
- Requested that Corresponding Secretary Pam Rubio contact AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo about the New York, New York, AKC Meet the Breeds[®] event.

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- Requested the board of directors provide input on whether the NCA should purchase a special banner for use at AKC Meet the Breeds® events; discussion occurred.
- Presented information about purchase of AKC medallions for the AKC Eukanuba Championship Dog Show.
- Requested that the Corresponding Secretary contact Newfoundland Club of Florida requesting its assistance with the Meet the Breeds® event at the Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show.

As a result of the president's report, the board took the following actions:

The president requested that Corresponding Secretary Pam Rubio contact AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo to confirm the dates of the Meet the Breeds® event at the Jacob Javits Center in New York, New York; there were no objections to the request.

Pam Saunders moved and Pam Rubio seconded to authorize purchase of AKC Eukanuba Championship Dog Show medallions at the total cost of \$215; after discussion and without objection, the board adopted the motion.

1st Vice President's Report

On behalf of the CTMB, 1st Vice President John Cornell reported the following:

- That logo item presales (prior to National Specialty shows) for the NCA Charitable Trust items had no impact on the sale of National Specialty Logo items.
- In 2015, the NCA Trust did not offer logo items prior to the 2015 National Specialty show, but did sell items at the show.
- In 2015 NCA logo sales were consistent with previous years.
- Sale of any logo items is contingent on artwork and design.
- The CTMB will continue to offer presales of NCA Charitable Trust logo items with the National Specialty packet when appropriate. (No action was necessary.)

2nd Vice President's Report

The 2nd vice president gave her report later in the meeting – at the time of the other committee reports.

Roger Frey (RF) joined the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Recording Secretary's Report

Steve Britton, recording secretary, reported that he:

- Forwarded a membership candidate list to Aura Dean for publication in *Newf Tide*.
- Prepared written synopses of presented oral committee reports for Aura Dean and other club officers from last month's meeting.
- Drafted minutes, and prepared the July board meeting packet.
- Prepared a secretary's notice for publication in *Newf Tide*.
- Thanked board members for their promptness when reviewing report synopses and other documents.

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- He also thanked Pam Saunders, president, Aura Dean, *Newf Tide* Policy Committee chair; Cathy Hartke, Nominating Committee chair; and Mary L. Price, treasurer for their assistance with the secretary's notice. Its publication in *Newf Tide* provided a substantive savings, and it complied with the September mailing deadline required by the bylaws.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Pam Rubio, corresponding secretary, reported the following:

- Received the following communications from AKC:
 - Request concerning AKC Responsible Dog Owner's Day.
 - Information about Meet the Breeds[®] at the AKC Eukanuba Championship Dog Show.
 - Newfoundland's Earning Titles report.
 - Usual event and other reports forwarded to Robin Seaman Grenier, Specialty Show Coordinator.
- Received the quarterly OFA Reports.
- Receiving correspondence from a member that was critical of an NCA Committee and the board concerning the Working Dog judge's test.

As a result of the corresponding secretary's report, the board took the following actions:

Pam Rubio requested board permission to contact the Newfoundland Club of Florida about its participation in the Meet the Breeds[®] event at the Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show; there were no objections to the request.

Pam Rubio requested board permission to ask the Southeastern Newfoundland Club to participate in the AKC Responsible Dog Owners Day in Raleigh, North Carolina; there were no objections to the request.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mary L. Price noted the written treasurer's reports located in the board packet:

- For the period of June 5 – July 2, 2015 receipts of \$4, 465; disbursements of \$10,969.77. Net loss for the period of \$6,504.77.
- Total Cash Assets on July 2, 2015 - for NCA, Inc. - of \$191,555.17.
- The draft NCA budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

Annual Consideration of 2015 – 2016 Budget

Treasurer Mary L. Price presented a 2015 – 2016 annual budget draft.

Awards Committee Report

At 9 p.m., Ingrid Lyden, Awards Committee chair, joined the conference call and presented a scheduled Awards Committee Report. She reported:

- That she was requesting clarified about the expenses charged to, or managed by the Awards committee. She further inquired if some other committee should be charged for this expense, or should it be categorized separately. Her concern

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was over the annual cost of Registry of Merit rosettes awarded at the annual meeting and Best of Breed medallions awarded at Regional Specialty and/or International Shows.

- Ingrid also inquired about communication between herself and the board when the board presents special awards, and with the follow-up preparation by the Awards Committee chair.
- There was also discussion about the AKC Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show medallions currently handled through another committee.

After the board received the Awards Committee Report, Pam Saunders presumed a motion and without objection, it was adopted. The board will consider the Top Show Dog, Top Sire, Top Dam, etc., awards at its September meeting.

Ingrid Lyden left the teleconference at 9:18 p.m.

Budget Consideration

The board returned to its review of the proposed annual budget draft.

Specialty Show Committee Report

Robin Seaman Grenier and Nancy Duggan joined the conference call at 10 p.m.

- Robin and Nancy reported that the club's inventory of the Best of Opposite Robert Curry Memorial trophy replica and the Best of Winners Kitty Drury Memorial trophy replica were almost depleted.
- The Specialty committee has suggested replacing both replica trophies with medallions.
- Nancy received quotes from two vendors, and is getting an additional quote from a third firm. The third firm has supplied the medallions given by the Great Lakes Newfoundland Club for earned draft titles at the National Specialty.
- Robin also suggested - if the board wanted to retire these trophies - the originals could be used at the 2017 National Specialty which marks the fiftieth anniversary of the first independent specialty show in New Lenox, Massachusetts.
- Robin also requested the board refer a motion listed under Unfinished Business about National Specialty show sites to the Specialty committee.

Robin Seaman Grenier and Nancy Duggan left the teleconference at 10:17 p.m.

Annual Budget Consideration & Approval

The board again considered the proposed budget draft.

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Pam Rubio seconded to adopt the proposed 2015 – 2016 NCA Budget - as amended; after discussion and without objection, the board adopted the amended budget.

Semi-annual Face to Face Board of Directors Meeting

The board discussed various weekends in the months of October and November to convene its semi-annual face to face meeting, and further discussed potential conflicts on those dates.

Roger Frey moved and Pam Rubio seconded to hold the board's semi-annual face-to-face board meeting in Chicago, Illinois; after discussion and without objection, the board adopted the motion.

Steve Britton moved and Roger Frey seconded to amend the motion just adopted by adding the words, *on November 20, 21 and 22*; after discussion and without objection, the board adopted the amended motion.

2nd Vice President's Report

Lynne Anderson-Powell noted written informational reports from the Rescue Prevention General Education committee, and the Digital Distribution committee, published in the board meeting packet. Lynne encouraged board members to peruse these reports.

Breeders Education Committee (BEC)

2nd Vice President Lynne Anderson-Powell, Breeders Education committee chair, reported on a request from the Breeders Education Committee. The following motion was offered:

On behalf of the Breeders Education Committee (BEC), Lynn Anderson-Powell requested (second John Cornell) that the board permit the committee to collaborate with the Charitable Trust Management Board on surveys to gain more complete understanding of what areas of concern or interest with regard to breeding that NCA breeders and members would like to see the BEC, CTMB and NCA to address. After discussion and without objection, the board adopted the request.

Executive Session

John Cornell moved and Pat Randall seconded to enter executive session. Yes (LA, SB, JC, MLC, SM, SMc, MLP, PKR, PSR, PS, DT); No (RF).

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Pam Rubio seconded to leave executive session. Yes (LA, SB, JC, MLC, SM, SMc, MLP, PKR, PSR, PS, DT); No (RF).

While in executive session the board discussed new member applications.

While in executive session, the board took the following actions:

- Approved the wording of a letter to a member listed on *the NCA Breeders List*, requesting comments on an anonymous communication concerning care and conditions of the member's dogs.
- Directed Lynne Anderson-Powell, 2nd vice president, to write a letter that acknowledged a member's reappointment to the Working Dog Committee.

Unfinished Business

Pat Randall requested postponing the motion about the NCA database to the semi-annual face-to-face meeting; without objections, the board postponed the motion to the 2015 November face-to-face meeting.

At the request of Robin Seaman Grenier, NCA National Specialty Show Coordinator and without objections, the board referred the following agenda item to the Specialty Show Committee:

[P]ropose that all future NCA National Specialties following the 2017 National Specialty be held at the same central location. Possible locations could be Frankenmuth, or Purina Farms.

New Business

Lynne Anderson Powell requested the board ask Mary Lou Zimmerman, NCA webmaster, to publicize NCA Wordle items sales with CafePress® in NCA Electronic Communications and on the NCA Website; there were no objections to the request.

Roger Frey requested the board ask Mary Lou Zimmerman, NCA webmaster, to advertise NCA Logo Pins, and NCA Magnetic Car Decals in NCA Electronic Communications and on the NCA Website; there were no objections to the request.

Pat Randall left the meeting at 12:36; Roger Frey left the meeting at 12:37.

Adjournment

Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded the meeting adjourn; at 12:39, and without objection the meeting adjourned.

Steven J. Britton

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Recording Secretary