



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELECONFERENCE MEETING ALL TIMES EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

Minutes of August 20, 2015 (Adopted 17 September 2015)

CALL TO ORDER

1st Vice President John Cornell (JC) 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 (PKR), Mary L. Price (MLP) and AKC Delegate Dave Helming.

During the meeting, Robin Seaman Grenier, Specialty Show Coordinator and Aura Dean, chair of the Newf Tide Policy Committee presented reports. Also attending the meeting were Kevin Gallagher, Nancy Gasser, Chris Lyden, Julie Siefert Poulin and Jeannette Voss;

The 1st vice president declared a quorum was present.

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT

Dave Helming, AKC delegate, reported the following:

- He planned to attend the next AKC delegate's meeting in Newark, New Jersey.
- There were overwhelming objections from AKC parent clubs concerning the proposed awarding of a single championship point to puppies who earn a 4 Month – 6 Month Beginning Puppy Certificate of Merit. Generally, the objections were from parent clubs that have height restrictions in their breed standards. Overall, he reported that the other proposed adjustments to the 4 Month – 6 Month Beginning Puppy Program were sound and the NCA should support those changes.
- AKC has hired a new vice president for its Internet Technology Department. Progress is being made to its new website and to the AKC Marketplace platform.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board approved the minutes from its Regular Teleconference Meeting held on July 16 2015 as presented.

AMENDED AGENDA ADOPTED

Without objection, the board adopted an amended agenda. Robin Seaman Grenier, specialty show coordinator, Chris Lyden, and Kevin Gallagher will join the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

For distribution.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

1st Vice President's Report

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

- The Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) approved - for publication - its June 2015 and July 2015 CTMB meeting minutes.
- The CTMB approval two AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund grants. The first, for \$10,000 (for a cancer study), and the second, for \$5000 (for the funding of a Best Practices, in the Treatment of Atopic Dermatitis).
- The CTMB approved Mary Jane Spackman to represent the NCA Health Challenge, and Diane Lynch, assistant rescue chair, to attend the allergy seminar put on by Black Diamond Productions.

On behalf of the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB), the NCA 1st vice president presented the following resolution:

That the NCA Board of Directors requests its AKC delegate submit the NCA's policy – *The Newfoundland Club of America believes that breeders of Newfoundlands should make and support a lifetime commitment to all Newfoundlands they breed, [NCA Rescue policy; 2013]* - to the *Responsibility* section of the new AKC H. E. A. R. T. program.

Roger Frey moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to adopt the (above) resolution as read. Without objection, the board adopted the motion; absent SM, SMC, PR, PS and DT.

2nd Vice President's Report

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

- An informational committee report from the Digital Distribution committee report was in the board packet, and she encouraged board members to review it.
- Members of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee and members of the Specialty Show Committee are scheduled to join the teleconference at the specified times.

Recording Secretary's Report

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

- Prepared/compiled written synopses for officers and committee chair reports.
- Prepared July 16, 2015 meeting minutes.
- Prepared the ballot for voting on membership applications.
- Forwarded a membership applicants list to Aura Dean for publication in *Newf Tide*.
- Prepared the August 2015 agenda packet.
- Forwarded an objection to a membership applicant to board members.
- Forwarded general information from AKC when warranted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mary L. Price noted her written treasurer's reports in the board packet, it reported:

- For the period of June 30 – August 6, 2015 receipts of \$75,565.11; disbursements of \$15,350.63. Net gain for the period of \$60,214.48.
- Total Cash Assets as of August 6, 2015 - for NCA, Inc. - of \$253,196.53.

The treasurer also reported:

- The November 20 – 22, 2015 face to face board meeting location is scheduled for the Holiday Inn & Suites, 10233 W Higgins Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018 (near Chicago's O'Hare Airport)

Working Dog Committee Report

On behalf of the Working Dog Committee (WDC), 2nd Vice President Lynne Anderson-Powell presented a report from the committee proposing the placement of an electronic form on the NCA website. The electronic form is for working test judges to complete after adjudicating a test.

Generally, the board expressed that the committee's recommendation has potential; however, the board also expressed concerns whether the responses should be in a password protected area of the NCA website, and whether a response is verifiable. The board took the following action:

Steve Britton moved and Pat Randall seconded the board refer the recommendation from the Working Dog Committee (WDC) back to the WDC. Without objection, the board adopted the motion. Further, the board asked the WDC to respond to the referral in time for its October 15, 2015 board meeting; absent SM, SMc, PR, PS and DT.

Pam Rubio joined the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Briefly, Sue Marino joined the meeting; Sue informed the board that her flight to a water test judging assignment was delayed, and she would rejoin the meeting later, if able; she left the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Technical Resources Advisory Committee Report

The second vice president presented a partial report on behalf of the Technical Resources Advisory Committee. The committee recommended the board approve an expenditure of \$40 per month for testing the Wild Apricot Apps Online Membership Package. The intent is to eventually link the app to the club's website and database. The committee suggested Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Cuddy and Marylou Zimmerman participate in the trial.

Steve Britton moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the expenditure of \$40 per month to test and verify the application of the Wild Apricot Apps Online Membership Package. The board invited Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Cuddy and Marylou Zimmerman to participate in this project. After discussion, the board adopted the motion. In favor: LA, SB, JC, MLC, RF, MLP, PR; against: PKR; absent: SM, SMc, PS and DT.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Pam Rubio, corresponding secretary, reported that she:

- Received and forwarded correspondence from AKC.
- Received and reported correspondence from a non-NCA member expressing concern about a rescue dog in Spain.
- Received correspondence from and reported a response to the Newfoundland Club of Florida regarding the AKC Eukanuba Championship Dog Show Meet the Breeds event.

The corresponding secretary asked the board for guidance on answering the correspondence from the non-member. The board advised Pam Rubio to respond by thanking the person for her correspondence.

***Newf Tide* Policy Committee Report**

At 9 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, Julie Poulin Siefert, Beth Sell and Jeannette Voss.

Aura Dean reported the following:

- In addition to providing oversight for the production of *Newf Tide*, for the past year, the NTPC has relied on an interim editor. The current arrangement has necessitated increased involvement and assistance of NTPC members for the production of *Newf Tide*.
- Without a permanent editor, the NTPC members are unable to continue and move forward with future issues.
- On the board's behalf, the NTPC solicited bids for a new editor using a newly revised bid proposal document.
- The NTPC intended to propose a candidate for the position at tonight's August 20, 2015 board meeting, but due to recent changes in the editor finalist's work commitments, he withdrew his bid.
- The NTPC is asking for the NCA Board of Director's assistance to fill the editor position.
- Unrelated to the editor position, the NPTC needs more information from the Charitable Trust Management Board chair before it can firmly estimate the cost of sending the annual trust report in *Newf Tide*.

In response to the NTPC report, the board took the following action:

Roger Frey moved and Pam Rubio seconded to recommend that the NCA president call a special board meeting as soon as possible to discuss the *Newf Tide* editor position. Without objection and after discussion, the board adopted the motion; absent SM, SMc, PS and DT.

Aura Dean, Nancy Gasser, Julie Poulin Siefert, Beth Sell and Jeannette Voss left the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Specialty Show Coordinator's Report

At 9:38 p.m. Robin Seaman Grenier joined the teleconference. At that time, also joining the meeting were Kevin Gallagher and Chris Lyden.

- Kevin and Chris presented a written proposal to hold the 2017 National Specialty Show at the Salishan Spa and Golf Resort, 7760 North US Highway 101, Gleneden Beach, Oregon 97388 (near Lincoln City, Oregon.)
- The proposed dates for the show are Monday, April 10, 2017 - Sunday, April 16, 2017.
- RV parking is approximately 2 miles south of the show site at Sand and Sea RV Park.
- Kevin, Chris and Robin answered board members questions about the particular logistics for the proposed show site.
- Kevin & Chris are co-chairing the show on behalf of the Northern California Newfoundland Club and the Newfoundland Club of Seattle (joint show host clubs).

As a result of the report, Steve Britton moved and Roger Frey seconded that the board approve the written proposal for the 2017 NCA National Specialty Dog Show. Without objection, the board adopted the motion unanimously. Absent: SM, SMC, PS and DT.

Robin Seaman Grenier, Kevin Gallagher and Chris Lyden left the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Continued Consideration of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee Report

The board returned to its consideration of NTPC report, and took the following action:

John Cornell moved and Pat Randall seconded to appoint board members, Roger Frey, chair; Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Cuddy and Pam Rubio; to a special committee to develop recommendations for the *Newf Tide* editor position. Without objection and after discussion, the board adopted the motion unanimously; absent SM, SMC, PS and DT.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:58 p.m. Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson seconded the board entered executive session. Without objection, the board adopted the motion.

At 10:15 p.m. Steve Britton moved and Roger Frey seconded to return to regular session. Without objection the board adopted the motion.

While in executive session:

- The recording secretary reported the membership chair received an objection to a published membership application. He is notifying the applicants and sponsors of the objection by certified mail.

- The board reviewed the membership applicants list for publication in *Newf Tide*.
- Sue Marino rejoined the teleconference.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson seconded to refer the pending agenda item about the development of a **members' only** area to the NCA website to the Technical Resources Advisory Committee. The board adopted the motion without objection, and requested the committee report at the November 2015 face to face board meeting; absent SMc. PS and DT.

Without objection and after discussion (by unanimous consent), the board postponed a pending agenda item about the NCA's database to the November 2015 face to face board meeting; absent SMc. PS and DT.

Without objection and after discussion, a motion on a pending agenda item concerning holding future National Specialties at central locations - earlier referred to the Specialty Show Committee - was amended (by unanimous consent). The amendment requested the Special Show Committee to respond at November 2015 face to face board meeting; absent SMc. PS and DT.

Without objection, the board requested the International Liaison Committee prepare its revised job description in time for its presentation at the November 2015 face to face board meeting (by unanimous consent); absent SMc. PS and DT.

NEW BUSINESS

Sue Marino moved and Pam Rubio seconded to give final approval to the proposed amendment to the North Central Newfoundland Club bylaw revision; without objection the board adopted the motion; absent SMc. PS and DT.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business presented, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Steven J. Britton

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Recording Secretary