



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Board of Directors

Regular Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 16, 2016 (Approved July 21, 2016)

All times Eastern Daylight Time

NCA Board of Directors: 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 (PSR), Pam Saunders (PS), Donna Thibault (DT) and Dave Helming, AKC delegate.

President Pam Saunders called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m., and Recording Secretary Steve Britton was present.

Other board members who answered the roll-call were: Lynne Anderson Powell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Steve McAdams, Mary L. Price, Pat Randall, Pam Rubio and Donna Thibault. John Cornell joined the conference call at 8:10 p.m.; Sue Marino joined the teleconference at 8:12 p.m.; Roger Frey joined the teleconference at 8:47 p.m.; AKC Delegate David Helming was absent; Pat Randall left the teleconference at 10:30 p.m.

Sue Raney, chair of the Working Dog Committee, and Dionne Reep, NCA member and water test secretary of the Southeastern Newfoundland Club, joined the teleconference at 9:30 p.m.

At the president's request and without objection, the board suspended the order of business and received the first vice-president's report before approving board minutes.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First Vice-president John Cornell attended the June 9, 2016 meeting of the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board. He reported the following:

- That Treasurer Mary L Price informed the CTMB that – for the first time - the trust's fund balance is over the half-million dollar mark at \$507,000. Bequeathed monies to the NCA will be held by the trust.
- The CTMB unanimously adopted a motion recommending the NCA board amend the club's National Specialty Show Guide so that one auction item in the annual NCA Fine Arts Auction be reserved for funding the CTMB's Junior Scholarships Fund. Each year, two scholarships are available in the amount of \$3,000 (total budgeted amount of \$6,000).
- The NCA Charitable Trust Management Board completed its annual elections - the results are as follows: Clyde Dunphy, chair; John Cornell, vice-chair; Mary Jane Spackman, secretary; Mary L Price, treasurer.
- The CTMB awarded a grant to Southern California Newfoundland Club Rescue in the amount of \$5,000 as part of the continuing program to help regional clubs with the costly rescue situations.
- CTMB and NCA Breeder's Education Committee continue to work on a Dog Breeding Practices Survey.

At the conclusion of the report, the board took the following action:

On behalf of the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB), John Cornell moved to accept the CTMB's recommendation to amend the Specialty Show Guide to designate proceeds from one donated item in the Fine Arts Auction held at the NCA National Specialty to fund the NCA Charitable Trust's Scholarship Fund. After discussion, the board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: RF)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board approved minutes of its combined Regular April Teleconference / National Specialty Face-to-Face Board Meetings – held on Thursday, April 21, 2016; Sunday, May 1, 2016, and Monday, May 2, 2016 as presented. (Absent: RF)

The board approved the Annual Board of Directors Meeting minutes, held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 as presented. (Absent: RF)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pam Saunders, president, reported she provided Robin Seaman Grenier with a password for the AKC *Online Competition Management (OCMS)* website portal.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lynne Anderson Powell, 2nd vice-president, presented a written report from the Technical Resources Advisory Committee proposing a plan of action for implementing on-line membership renewals.

The 2nd vice president also noted a Volunteer Service Agreement she was proposing for adoption.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The board considered the timeline/action plan for implementing electronic membership renewals report--received earlier in the meeting from the Technical Advisory Committee; it took the following action:

Pam Rubio moved and Pat Randall seconded to approve the Technical Resources Advisory Committee's recommended timeline for implementing its On-line Membership Renewal Project (DMAP). After discussion, the board adopted the motion without objection (Absent: RF).

Roger Frey joined the teleconference at 8:47 p.m.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AGREEMENT

The board considered a proposed Volunteer Service Agreement. The service agreement was present by Lynne Anderson Powell, 2nd vice-president.

Pam Rubio moved and Pat Randall seconded to adopt a NCA Volunteer Service Agreement. During discussion, Steve Britton moved and Pat Randall seconded to refer the proposed document to legal counsel for review. The board adopted the motion referring the document to legal counsel for review without objection. (Abstention: RF, JC).

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Steve Britton, recording secretary, reported that he prepared board meeting bulletin boards and minutes of the April/May 2016 board meeting and the May 3, 2016 board meeting, compiled the June 16, 2016 board agenda packet, and forwarded appropriate materials to *Newf Tide*.

The recording secretary also reported that the board should ratify its earlier committee appointments that it voted on in the previous club year.

Without objection, the board voted to ratify its prior action appointing committees and receiving committee resignations that occurred at its May 1, 2016 Face-to-Face meeting.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Pam Rubio, corresponding secretary, reported on correspondence she received prior to July 21, 2016. As a result of correspondence received from the American Kennel Club about the National Championship Dog Show in Orlando, Florida, the board took the following actions:

Lynne Anderson Powell moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the expenditure for AKC conformation and obedience medallions to award at the 2016 AKC National Championship Dog in Orlando, Florida. The board adopted the motion without objection

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson Powell moved to provide financial support to the Newfoundland Club of Florida in connection with Meet The Breeds at the AKC National Championship Dog Show in Orlando, Florida, December 17 and 18, 2016. The board adopted the motion without objection.

Mary Lou Cuddy moved and Pam Rubio seconded to request the Newfoundland Club of America's AKC delegate ask AKC about providing financial stipends to assist parent clubs with their expenses at the AKC National Championship Dog Shows. The board adopted the motion without objection.

Pam Rubio reported a communication from an NCA Member. In it, she expressed her disappointment in the lack of official recognition or her dog having been the top show dog for 2015. As a result of the communication, the board took the following action.

Steve Britton moved and Lynne Anderson seconded to refer the above-cited correspondence to the NCA Awards Committee. The board requested the committee review the questions and comments contained in the correspondence and further asked for recommendations concerning awarding rosettes or other awards for dogs or bitches earning Top Obedience Newfoundland, Top Show Dog, Top Show Bitch, Top Producing Bitch, Top Producing Stud Dog, and other awards. The committee should report back to the board at the Fall Face-to-Face meeting or earlier. The board adopted the motion without objection.

WORKING DOG COMMITTEE REPORT

Sue Raney, chair of the Working Dog Committee, and Dionne Reep, NCA member and water test secretary of the Southeastern Newfoundland Club, joined the teleconference at 9:30 p.m.

Sue Raney reported that the Working Dog Committee gave its initial approval to the Southeastern Newfoundland Club to pilot an on-line entry water test entry software application at its upcoming water tests. She also reported her regret for not seeking the board's approval as the club bylaws require; she apologized to the board for not having done so, and thanked the board for bringing this bylaw requirement to her attention. The NCA bylaws require board action on all policy changes and written notice to the NCA membership prior to the policy taking effect.

After discussion concerning NCA Bylaw requirements for notifying members, Steve Britton moved and Pat Randall seconded to approve a one-time exception allowing the Southeastern Newfoundland Club to utilize an online entry system for its September 30, October 1 and October 2, 2016 water test entries. If the system proves to be effective, the Working Dog Committee will bring the concept back to the Board for formal approval. The board adopted the motion without objection. Notice of this one-time exception to the current water test rules (policy) will appear in the next *NCA eNotes* and the 3rd Quarter *Newf Tide* compliant with Article V, Section 4 of the NCA Bylaws.

Dionne Reep left the meeting; Sue Raney further reported proposed amendments/revision to multiple Working Dog Committee documents for board approval. The board took the following actions.

Sue Marino moved and Pam Rubio seconded to adopt a revision to the Working Dog Judge's Code of Ethics. The amendment generally dealt with expectations concerning companion expense reimbursement.

Steve Britton moved and John Cornell seconded to approve revision to the NCA Working Test Guide and WRDX Guide. The board adopted the motion without objection.

Sue Marino moved and Steve Britton seconded to approve the short version of the working judges requirements for inclusion in the judging regulations. The board adopted the motion without objection.

Sue Raney left the meeting.

RESCUE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

The Rescue Prevention Committee requested placing a website link to the *Lifestages* materials on the front page of the *NCA Website*. The board took the following action:

Without objection, the board approved placing a link for *Lifestages* materials on the front page of the *NCA Website*.

ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE

The Electronic Publications Committee proposed electronic communications to be sent to membership applicants while waiting for final approval. Due to notification requirements, applicant approval may take up to five months. The board took the following action:

Lynne Anderson Powell moved and Steve Britton seconded to refer a proposal for applicant communication, submitted by the Electronic Publications Policy Committee, to the Membership Committee. The board adopted the motion to refer without objection.

RESCUE PREVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The board took further action on a request from the Rescue Prevention Committee:

Steve Britton moved and Lynne Anderson Powell seconded to adopt On-line Tutorial #10 and #11 as presented by the Rescue Prevention Committee. The board adopted the motion without objection.

JUDGES EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

In its written report the Judges Education Committee recommended making a donation of \$250 to the American Dog Show Judges Association.

Steve Britton moved and Roger Frey seconded to approve the request of the Judges Education Committee to donate \$250 to the American Dog Show Judges Association. The board adopted the motion without objection (Absent: PKR).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sue Marino moved and Pam Saunders seconded to enter executive session. The board adopted the motion without objection.

The board returned to regular session; Pat Randall left the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

While in executive session the board took the following actions:

- Appointed Sonia Nicholson to the International Liaison Committee; appointed Deborah Schuch to the NCA Legislation Committee.
- Took action on membership applications.
- Instructed the corresponding secretary to forward a redacted version of a letter criticizing handling techniques at the 2016 National Specialty – to the handler, owner, the co-owner and breeder of the dog in question.

NEW BUSINESS

NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW COMMITTEE

Lynne Anderson Powell reported receiving a request to replenish the Best-of-Breed and High-In-Trial medallion inventory. The board took the following actions:

Pam Rubio moved and Steve Britton seconded to approve a request by the Specialty Show Committee to replenish BOB and HIT medallion inventory. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: PKR).

Lynne Anderson Powell moved and Sue Marino seconded to request that the Specialty Show Committee research package purchase pricing from a single vendor for various NCA National Specialty medallions. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: PKR).

Sue Marino moved and Donna Thibault seconded to approve an insurance grant for the Colonial Newfoundland Club. The board adopted the motion without objection (Absent PKR).

Without objection, the board postponed action on the club's fiscal year 2017 budget. Without objection, the board agreed to consider the club's fiscal year 2017 budget as a special order – placing the item of business after the AKC delegate's report at its July 21, 2016 meeting. (Absent: PKR).

Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:37 p.m. without objection. (Absent PKR).

Steven Britton

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Recording Secretary
Newfoundland Club of America