



**NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

**Regular Board of Directors**

**Teleconference Meeting**

**All times Eastern Standard Time**

**Minutes of January 21, 2016 (Approved February 18, 2016)**

President Pam Saunders called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m., and Recording Secretary Steve Britton was present.

All officers and directors were present. David Helming, AKC Delegate, was absent.

The following committee chairs were present while the board received their particular committee's report:

Robin Seaman Grenier, National Specialty Show Coordinating Committee; Aura Dean, *Newf Tide* Policy Committee; Donna Zink, Rescue Prevention Committee; Sue Raney, Working Dog Committee.

The board approved the minutes of its November 20, 21, 22, 2015 Face-to-Face meeting, as amended.

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

John Cornell, 1st vice president, reported:

- On a series of communications between the Clyde Dunphy, NCA Charitable Trust Management Board chair, and Samantha Wright, AKC Canine Health Foundation chairman. At the face-to-face meeting in May, the CTMB will make a presentation concerning investing the bequests received. From now until then the CTMB will be researching investment opportunities.
- The Charitable Trust's Precious Fund is now over \$48,000 with over 330 people donating.
- The CTMB is preserving the recent bequests in the Endowment Fund.
- The behavioral study is published and the responses are coming at a nice rate.
- The health study will launch around the first of February.
- The 2014 Annual Report was submitted to *Newf Tide*.
- The CTMB is currently preparing the trust's 2015 Annual Report.

**2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Lynne Anderson Powell, 2nd vice president, reported:

- On a concern by the club's membership chair about postage rate increases. The concern is with postage expense for mailing new members' welcome packets.
- That the board is voting on adding members to the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee later in the meeting.

**RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Steve Britton, recording secretary, reported he prepared draft minutes of the 2015 Fall Face-to-Face Board of Directors meeting, and also prepared the January 2016 meeting agenda packet.

**AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT**

In David Helming's absence, the recording secretary read a delegate's report, as follows:

- The NCA Board's Resolution regarding H.E.A.R.T has been submitted to the AKC - awaiting their response
- AKC has hired Jay Waks as a Senior VP and General Counsel ( has done some AKC legal work over the last 19 years)
- AKC hired Alexandra Aleskovsky as Executive VP and Chief Growth Officer - no dog background but lots of experience in growing companies.

- Delegate's Meeting:
- Seven delegates running for 3 Director spots - election in March
- AKC Visionary Awards (NEW) made to 6 individuals (includes Pat Laurans and Patti Strand) for Protecting rights to own/breed dogs; Sharing AKC dedication and love of dogs to the public and Educating Responsible Dog Owners
- October YTD Financials (compared to 2014) - Litter registrations down slightly and dog registrations up slightly (1.5%); Revenues up 4.8%. Expenses up slightly (.2%) - growth prompted by increased revenues in electronic advertising and sponsorships.
- AKC Bylaw proposal to eliminate director term limits was defeated.
- Clubs may electronically publish Premium Lists, Judging Programs & Catalogs.
- Grand Championship level titles established (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum).

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mary L. Price, treasurer reported the following financial information for the period of November 1, 2015 – January 7, 2016. Receipts - \$4,732.97; disbursements - \$19,804.31; net – \$15,071.34.

Treasurer Price also reported paying reimbursements to regional Newfoundland Clubs for recent and upcoming Meet The Breeds activities.

Without objection, the board ratified actions taken by the treasurer, as follows:

- Payment of a reimbursement to the Newfoundland Club of Florida for its expenses at Meet The Breeds at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show.
- Advanced funding to the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club for its budgeted expenses related to Meet The Breeds in New York City.

#### **BREEDER'S LIST COMMITTEE**

Lynne Anderson Powell reported on a request from the Breeder's List Committee. The board took the following action:

On behalf of the NCA Breeder's List Committee, Roger Frey moved to amend verbiage published within the NCA Breeder's List Application and Renewal Form. *The changes permit automatic annual NCA Breeder's List renewal*; the board adopted the motion without objection

#### **NEWF TIDE POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Aura Dean, *Newf Tide* Policy Committee chair, reported on a proposed cover for the 1st quarter 2016 issue. The cover's production requires special scanning capabilities.

Roger Frey moved and Sue Marino seconded, to approve a funding request of \$400 from the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee for purchasing high resolution scanning. The expenditure will pay for special scanning for front and back covers for an upcoming issue of *Newf Tide*. Without objection, the board adopted the motion.

#### **RESCUE PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

Donna Zink, Rescue Prevention Committee chair reported on the progress the board was making to approve topic groups for the RPC On-line tutorial project. Topic groups 4 & 5 – Exercise and Fencing are scheduled next.

Donna Zink also requested the board to approve an expenditure of \$5000 for custom computer programming for the project. The custom computer code is for randomized images.

Without objection, the board referred a request for funding from the Rescue Prevention Committee for its On-line Tutorial project to the Technical Resources Committee.

#### **NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Robin Seaman, National Specialty Show Coordinating Committee, reported to the board on the progress for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 NCA National Specialty Dog Shows.

The board discussed communication/reporting for the 2018 specialty - hosted by the NCA – in Frankenmuth, Michigan. The board took the following actions:

Lynne Anderson Powell and Roger Frey seconded that 2018 and 2019 NCA National Specialty Committees and the NCA National Specialty Show Coordinating Committee make periodic reports to the board about the each show's plan as it progresses; the board adopted the motion without objection.

Robin Seaman, National Specialty Show Coordinating Committee Chair, informed the board the NCA National Specialty Show Coordinating Committee selected Steve Britton as the 2018 NCA National Specialty Show Chairman; the board approved the selection without objection.

#### **WORKING DOG COMMITTEE REPORT/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board entered executive session without objection. Sue Raney, Working Dog Committee chair was present during part of the executive session.

While in executive session, the board adopted a recommendation from the Working Dog Committee as follows:

That the New-Pen-Del Newfoundland Club be restricted from holding an NCA sanctioned water test in 2016. The New-Pen-Del Newfoundland Club did not comply with the approved NCA Water Test regulations in 2015.

The board acted on appointing additional members to the National Specialty Coordinating Committee.

New NCA members

Ratified Nominating Committee appointees:

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

After returning to regular session, the board, without objection, postponed a motion about permanent National Specialty Show locations.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 a.m. on Friday January 22, 2016.

*Steven Britton*

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