



Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors

Fall Face-To-Face Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5, 2016 (Approved: December 15, 2016)

All Times Central Daylight Savings 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 on Friday, November 4, 2016 at 7:20 p.m., and Recording Secretary Steve Britton was present for all meetings.

Other board members answered the roll call in-person: Lynne Anderson Powell, John Cornell, Sue Marino, Steve McAdams, Mary L. Price, Pat Randall, Pam Rubio and Donna Thibault. Mary Lou Cuddy answered the roll call and attended the meeting by polycom. Roger Frey joined the Friday meeting at 7:40 p.m. and attended all meetings by polycom. AKC Delegate David Helming attended Saturday morning, November 5, 2016 meeting while presenting his AKC Delegate report by polycom.

Chris Plum, Steering Committee member, attended the Saturday, November 5, 2016 morning meeting via polycom. Clyde Dunphy, NCA Charitable Trust Board Chair, attended portions of meetings on Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5, 2016.

MINUTES APPROVAL

The board approved the October 15, 2016 meeting minutes as corrected.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Recording Secretary Steve Britton reported receiving board election nominating petitions from a member.

In response to the recording secretary's report, the board took the following action:

John Cornell moved and Sue Marino seconded to distribute the 2016 NCA Board of Directors Election Candidate Biography Statements electronically through the new NCA member portal. The biographical statements will be mailed to members on request only. After discussion, the board adopted the motion without objection.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Corresponding Secretary Pam Rubio reported contacting the Newfoundland Club of Florida. The club has agreed to host the information booth at Meet The Breeds at the AKC National Championship Dog Show (formerly known as Eukanuba) on behalf of the NCA.

Discussion followed about the NCA purchasing display materials such as vertical banners for Meet The Breed events.

The corresponding secretary also reported on communications soliciting breed club catalog advertising for the Westminster Kennel Club dog show in February.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Mary L. Price reported a cash balance on October 23, 2016 of \$221,546.50. She also reported a net loss of \$2,896.59 for the period October 7 – 23, 2016.

The treasurer reviewed a preliminary end of fiscal year report (June 30, 2016). She commented about a decline in *Newf Tide* advertising revenue and an increase in *Newf Tide* subscription revenue.

The treasurer reported the Newfoundland Club of New England netted about a nine thousand dollars profit at its May 2016 NCA National Specialty.

The treasurer commented about the delayed opportunity for utilizing electronic page turning technology in the new online membership roster, *Newf Tide* advertising, unspent committee budgets and the NCA Breeder's List Waiver. In response to the treasurer's report, the board took the following action:

Mary L. Price moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to direct Johanna Matsuda, Breeders List Chair, to obtain new breeder's participation waivers from current breeder's list participants by February 1, 2017. After discussion, the board adopted the motion without objection.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Without objection, there was a discussion on the status of certain Unfinished Business items including review of the Electronic Publication Policy Committee and the scope of work and title of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:10 p.m., John Cornell moved and Pam Rubio seconded to enter executive session. Without objection, the board adopted the motion.

Without objection, the board returned to regular session. While in executive session, the board considered an applicant for membership.

REGIONAL CLUB LIAISON

Regional Club Liaison Sue Marino reported that the Newfoundland Club of Hawaii was not presently functioning as a regional Newfoundland club.

FRIDAY EVENING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m. on Friday, November 4, and reconvened at 8:36 a.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Roger Frey called-in at 8:45 a.m.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW GUIDE

In a written communication, National Specialty Show Coordinating Committee Chair Robin Seaman Grenier updated the board on a recommended amendment to the NCA National Specialty Show Guide. The board took the following action:

Steve McAdams moved and Lynne Anderson Powell seconded to approve a proposed amendment to the National Specialty Show Guide. The board adopted the following motion without objection:

*Any Newfoundland Breeder who would qualify as a Breeder Judge based on the AKC Judging requirements (12-5-4 in Breed**)*

- *Have 12 or more years of experience exhibiting in Conformation in at least one breed applied for. (Documentation must include date of exhibiting and must be included in order to process application).*
- *Have bred and raised 5 or more litters on your premises in each breed.*
- *Have bred 4 or more champions in each breed. (whether or not owned or handled by the applicant).*

POLICY MANUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (Ad Hoc)

President Pam Saunders presented proposed policy updates for the duties of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. The board took the following action:

Steve McAdams moved and Donna Thibault second to approve Policy Manual amendments to the Treasurer's Duties and Corresponding Secretary's Duties. The board adopted the motion without objection.

WORKING DOG COMMITTEE

On behalf of the NCA Working Dog Committee Chair Sue Raney, 2nd Vice-president Lynne Anderson Powell updated the board about an item of business referred to the Working Dog Committee -. working event submissions to *Newf Tide*. The board took the following action:

Lynne Anderson Powell moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the proposed policies for Draft and Water test submissions, and to incorporate these policies into the working dog pages referenced in the working test guides. The board adopted the motions without objection.

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AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT

AKC Delegate David Helming joined the meeting at 9 a.m. by polycom. He reported the following:

- Patricia W. Laurans (Conformation), Elizabeth (Tibby) Chase (Companion Events) and Jim Campbell (Performance) were recipients of the 2017 AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards.
- His conversation with Alan Slay, AKC senior vice-president. Mr. Slay informed him that AKC only uses email address information to alert fanciers to combat anti-dog legislation, and not for commercial use by AKC.

OLD WEST NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The board, without objection, postponed consideration of Old West Newfoundland Club Bylaw amendments to the afternoon meeting, and recessed until 9:30 a.m.

COMFORT RECESS

After the recess, Chris Plum called in by polycom, and Clyde Dunphy joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chris Plum presented concerns from an unsolicited review of a proposed Volunteer Service Agreement by the NCA Steering Committee.

After reviewing and discussing a substitute amendment to a Volunteer Service Agreement reported by the NCA Steering Committee, the board took the following actions:

Sue Marino moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the document volunteer agreement "To Grant Copyright License to NCA," for NCA volunteers to sign, and to develop a second document for specific NCA projects when NCA wants to retain all rights to the project; and to also develop a list of FAQs to explain the use of these documents. After discussion of the motion, the board adopted the motion.

Steve Britton moved and Steve McAdams seconded to refer the development of the second document and the development of the FAQs to explain the use of the document to the Steering Committee. The board adopted the motion without objection.

Lynne Anderson Powell moved and John Cornell seconded to refer a report concerning volunteer intellectual property agreements received from the NCA Steering Committee to the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board. The board adopted the motion without objection.

RECESS

Without objection, the board recessed to convene the NCA Charitable Trust meeting at 11:30 a.m. and returned to its regular session of NCA, Inc at 2 p.m.

RECONVENE AFTER TRUST MEETING

At 2:15 p.m. and without objection, the board entered executive session. At 4:17 p.m. and without objection, the board returned to Regular Session. While in executive session the board:

- Chose a recipient for the 2017 Good Sportsmanship Award.
- Chose a recipient for the 2017 Heroic Newfoundland Award.
- Amended its proposed report concerning the pending Ethics Guide amendments.
- Discussed methods of distribution for the Ethics Guide amendments report.
- Appointed a 2017 Nominating Committee.
- Decided to designate the Recording Secretary as the receiver of the 2017 NCA Board of Directors election ballots.
- Appointed the 2017 NCA Board Election Tellers and Alternates.

NCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW GUIDE

Steve Britton moved and Lynne Anderson Powell seconded to refer an amendment to the Specialty Show Guide adopted at June 15, 2016 board meeting about designated fine arts auction items to the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee for comment. The board adopted the motion to refer without objection.

OLD WEST NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB BYLAWS

Pam Rubio moved and Steve Britton seconded to give tentative approval to amendments to the Old West Newfoundland Club's bylaws, with final NCA approval after the OWNC processes an additional amendment identifying the procedure for approving its late membership renewal fee amount. The Old West club's current bylaws provide for collecting the fee, but do not establish a procedure for establishing the amount.

RECESS

The board recessed at 5:23 p.m., to reconvene at 9:00 p.m.

NCA GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD CRITERIA

After reconvening and without objection, the board approved criteria for the NCA Good Sportsmanship Award, as follows:

The NCA Good Sportsmanship Award is specifically designated to honor an NCA member who deserves special recognition for going above and beyond while displaying true sportsmanship. This individual should be:

- *Someone who competes fairly and works for the advancement of the breed, the sport and the club without regard to personal honors.*
- *Someone who has made a difference in the sport of Newfoundland dogs.*
- *Someone who is an active, valued NCA member.*
- *Someone who has made contributions to the breed beyond their regional club.*
- *Someone who always plays fair and who wins and loses with grace.*
- *Someone who welcomes, encourages and supports newcomers.*
- *Someone who refuses to embarrass the sport, the club or themselves while taking part in the sport.*
- *Someone who always considers as paramount the welfare of their dog.*

Each year the membership is solicited to recommend individuals for consideration. The Board makes the final decision based on input from the membership. This award is presented during the annual meeting at the National Specialty.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the board designated its next regular monthly meeting will be Thursday, December 15, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2016 (and did not reconvene on Sunday, November 6, 2016).

Steven Britton

Steven Britton
NCA Recording Secretary