



**NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED: NOVEMBER 10, 2017)
THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, 2017
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIMES ARE NOTED**

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.

OPENING

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: Lynne Anderson Powell, John Cornell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Roger Frey, Sue Marino, Steve McAdams, Mary L. Price, Pam Rubio; Board members Pat Randall and Donna Thibault were absent; AKC Delegate David Helming was absent.

Sue Raney, chair of the Working Dog Committee, Robin Seaman Grenier, chair of the Specialty Show Committee and Susan Wagner, member of the 2018 National Specialty Show Committee also attended portions of the meeting.

John Cornell moved and Pam Rubio seconded to adopt the proposed meeting agenda. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: PKR & DT)

MINUTES

The board of directors approved minutes of its September 21, 2017 regular meeting and its October 4, 2017 adjourned meeting as presented. (Absent: PKR & DT)

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT

Steve Britton, NCA Recording Secretary read a report from AKC Delegate David Helming submitted earlier in the day. In his written report, David Helming reported the following:

- His regrets that he had another club's meeting to attend this evening.
- The deadline for AKC Lifetime Achievement Award Ballots is November 1, 2017, and he recommended a particular candidate in Conformation.
- He is following-up on an AKC Marketplace item.
- AKC is seeking AKC Parent Clubs' participation at Meet The Breeds at the Westminster Kennel Club show.

As a result of the AKC Delegate's report, John Cornell moved and Pam Rubio seconded to enter an executive session. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: PKR & DT). While in executive session:

- Discussed the nominees for AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards.
- Acted on its instructions to the AKC Delegate for voting on the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards
- Discussed details pertaining to some fundraising activities at the 2018 NCA National Specialty.

John Cornell moved and Pam Rubio seconded to return to regular session. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: PKR & DT).

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Steve Britton, recording secretary, reported that he had drafted the bulletin board and minutes, compiled this meeting's agenda packet, scheduled a Mediation Award Appeal Hearing, forwarded various documents to board members, reminded board of directors nominees of the November 1st biography deadline, answered a query about Article VI (Discipline) of the NCA Bylaws and reminded board members of the pending October 26, 2017 NCA Board of Directors agenda deadline.

Pamela Rubio, corresponding secretary, reported that she received an AKC Conditional Registration report, which she forwarded to board members; and responded to a query from Claire Carr's granddaughter regarding a Newfoundland therapy dog.

Sue Raney, chair of the NCA Working Dog Committee, joined the meeting at 9 p.m.

John Cornell moved and Pam Rubio seconded to enter an executive session. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: PKR & DT). Sue Raney was present during the executive session.

WORKING DOG COMMITTEE REPORT

While in executive session Sue Raney reported on sensitive issues presently before the working dog committee regarding a potential pending grievance, and a dog bite incident that occurred at a different event.

John Cornell moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell moved to return to regular session. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: PKR & DT).

Sue Raney reported that the Working Dog Committee was currently discussing water test boat size requirements.

In response to Sue Raney's report, the board took up the following motion postponed from its September 21, 2017 meeting:

Pam Rubio moved and Sue Marino seconded to approve the revised Qualifications and Requirements For NCA Working Test Judges document as amended. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: PKR & DT).

2018 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Robin Seaman Grenier, chair of the Specialty Show Committee and Susan Wagner, member of the 2018 National Specialty Show Committee joined the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Susan Wagner reported to the board on the plans for the 2018 NCA National Specialty Top Twenty/Ten Event and a pending agreement with Mammoth Distilleries.

Steve Britton moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to approve the proposed plan for the Top Twenty/Ten Beverage Service pending receipt of a written commitment from Mammoth Distillers. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: PKR & DT)

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mary Lou Cuddy, NCA Membership Chairman, reported that the club will distribute its 2018 – 2019 Membership Directory in a printed edition. She also reported on the club's need to adopt policies about disposal of membership renewal forms.

Mary Lou Cuddy moved and Pam Rubio seconded to destroy membership applications or membership renewal forms after reconciliation by the NCA Treasurer. (Absent: PKR & DT)

NEWF AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Newf Ambassadors Committee, Lynne Anderson-Powell reported a request to have club/breed information cards printed for distribution. The committee is also requesting authorization to start an official Facebook® page.

The board without objection, agreed to postpone the question about club/breed information cards to its 2018 fall face-to-face meeting. Also:

Lynne Anderson moved and Steve McAdams seconded to refer a general question about NCA Committee Facebook® accounts to the NCA's webmaster for comments and recommendations. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: PKR & DT)

Pam Rubio moved and Steve McAdams seconded to enter executive session. Without objection the board adopted the motion. (Absent: PKR & DT). While in executive session the board of directors:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

From the executive session, the board reports the following:

- Without objection, it took action which removes any appellant to a mediation committee award(s) until disposition of any appeal process is exhausted, and/or conditions of the recommended award(s) is (are) met from the NCA Breeders List.
- Reviewed new membership applications.
- Reviewed a membership application from an applicant who had recently served a one-month suspension by AKC.

At 11:33 p.m., the board returned to regular session and adjourned without objection.

Steven Britton

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