



**NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 21, 2017)  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 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 8:07 p.m., and Recording Secretary Steve Britton was present.

Other board members who answered the roll-call: John Cornell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Sue Marino, Steve McAdams, Mary L. Price, Pam Rubio and Donna Thibault; Lynne Anderson-Powell joined the teleconference at 8:51 p.m. Roger Frey and Pat Randall were absent.

AKC Delegate David Helming joined the teleconference meeting at 10:14 p.m.

Aura Dean, chair of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee joined the meeting at 9:10 p.m.; Robin Seaman, chair of the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee joined the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

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

**MINUTES**

The board of directors approved the minutes of its July 20, 2017 Teleconference Meeting as presented. (Absent: LA, RF & PKR)

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Pam Saunders reported on the scheduling of the 2017 Fall Face-to-face meeting times:

- Friday, November 10, 2017, 7 p.m. CST. (Dinner on your own).
- Saturday, November 11, 2017, 8:30 a.m. CST (hotel luncheon provided).
- Sunday, November 12, 2017, 8:30 a.m. CST (beverage service provided, hotel luncheon not provided).

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

First Vice-president John Cornell reported the following from the August meeting of the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB):

- The CTMB has accumulated several donated items that are currently housed in storage units in various locations. The CTMB is making plans for future sales of the items to collectors and the general public.
- In 2018, the Westminster Kennel Club Show will give a \$5,000.00 grant to an AKC Parent Club Rescue entered in a drawing. NCA Rescue is entered. A Barrister Fund grant supported a Newfoundland's hip surgery; the Newfoundland is doing very well.
- Other Newfoundlands in NCA Rescue's foster care are in various stages of surgical recovery and placement.
- 2018 is the twentieth anniversary of the NCA Trust. Many ideas were discussed for a celebration and recognition for the successes of the Trust and support from many donors. Events at the 2018 National Specialty will be planned to show the continuance and th CTMB.
- CTMB Chairman Clyde Dunphy and NCA Board member Steve McAdams will attend the AKC CHF Parent Club Health Conference in August.

- CTMB Chairman Clyde Dunphy and Treasurer Mary Price will meet with the Trust's investment counselor to develop further investment strategies and opportunities that comply with the Trust's Investment Policy.

#### **RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Recording Secretary Steve Britton reported on a need to revise the annual meeting notice policy and timeline.

Steve McAdams moved and Donna Thibault seconded to adopt the 2018 NCA Notice Timeline/Record date as presented by the recording secretary. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: LA, RF & PKR)

#### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Corresponding Secretary Pam Rubio reported the following correspondence:

- A query from Joan Greenwald about listed scores for the Top Ten Obedience Newfoundlands in *Newf Tide*.

A memorandum from the AKC Event Operations Department.

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

Treasurer Mary L. Price, prior to presenting the proposed 2017 – 2018 NCA, Inc. Operating Budget, reported the following:

- Receipts and Disbursements for July 8 – August 3, 2017 – net \$18,857.31;
- Cash Balances on August 3, 2017 - \$250,467.68.

Mary L. Price also reported that dues renewals were nearly completed, and she received a greater number of renewals processed at point this year as compared to previous years.

#### **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Membership Chairman Mary Lou Cuddy reported, as expected, there was a learning curve regarding the use of the new on-line dues renewal system.

#### **POLICY MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE**

President Pam Saunders, chair of the Policy Manual Revision Committee reported a revised Juniors Policy.

John Cornell moved and Sue Marino seconded to adopt a revised Juniors' Policy. After further amendment and discussion, the board adopted the revised Juniors' policy without objection. (Absent: RF, LA & PKR)

#### **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Second vice-president Lynne Anderson-Powell reported that the compiled publication report from the NCA Database will be more complete once data from AKC is added. AKC data should be capable to fill-in information for dogs from foreign pedigrees.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

John Cornell moved and Steve McAdams seconded to enter executive session. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: RF & PKR)

While in executive session the board:

- Reviewed pending membership applications

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- Appointed Tara Bertrand as chair of the Newf Ambassadors Committee.

Pam Rubio moved and Steve McAdams seconded to return to regular session. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: RF & PKR)

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

Aura Dean, chair of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee, reported on a proposed amendment to *Newf Tide* policy regarding Regional Specialty submissions. The board proposed its vote on *Newf Tide* policy amendment at the July 20, 2017, pending a review by the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee.

John Cornell moved and Steve Britton seconded to adopt amendments to the Regional Specialty *Newf Tide* submissions policy. After discussion, the board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: RF & PKR)

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

Robin Seamen Grenier, Committee Chair, reported:

- On the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee's review of the Financial Oversight Committee's report about NCA Uniform Trophies.
- She is receiving applications for regional specialties from NCA regional clubs very close to AKC's submission deadlines or later. Further, she recommended that the board establish fines for regional clubs that submit late regional specialty show applications.
- A reminder that the National Specialty BOB and certain other show trophies are sponsored by the NCA.

In response to the report:

Steve Britton moved, Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded and after amendment, the board voted to fine regional clubs \$50, plus any subsequent fines levied by AKC, for late submissions of regional specialty show applications. After discussion, the board adopted the amended motion without objection. (Absent: RF & PKR)

Without a director making a motion and after discussion, the following was adopted: To recommit a question concerning Uniform Trophy sponsorships of BOB, BOW, BOS and HIT trophies to the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee. The board of directors adopted this action without objection. The board of directors expects the Specialty Show Coordinating committee to report its recommendation to the second vice-president in time for the board September 21, 2017 meeting agenda deadline. (Absent: RF & PKR)

#### **2018 NCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

Steve Britton, 2018 National Specialty Show chair, reported on upcoming deadlines for the show packet and the reserved grooming reservation fee. As a result of the report:

Steve McAdams moved and Pam Saunders seconded to establish the basic reserved grooming fee for the 2018 NCA National Specialty at \$85. The board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: RF & PKR)

#### **AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT**

AKC Delegate David Helming reported:

David Helming, NCA delegate to AKC, reported the following:

- He and Mary L. Price had worked on the previously noted Newfoundland ownership discrepancies in the AKC Stud Book and that it is resolved thru Mark Dunn, AKC Senior Vice President, Registration & NCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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Customer Development. The individuals had used aliases instead of their own names, and were contacted by the AKC and changes were made to the registry. The NCA will continue to monitor the situation to ensure accuracy.

- That he was on the original AKC Real Estate Committee that did some preliminary work on the possible relocation of AKC facilities before the AKC Board of Directors took over the study; further, he provided some background on what he felt the AKC's rationale was for retaining both an executive office in NYC and an operational center in Raleigh, NC. The new Park Avenue location will have both the AKC Executive Offices and the AKC Museum of the Dog, which is relocating from St. Louis, Missouri.
- That, at the next Delegates meeting, a vote will be taken on certain modifications to the Disqualification and Reinstatement process which has been proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee without the agreement of the AKC Board and Staff. AKC Delegates have received considerable (and spirited) communications, both pro and con, about adoption of the proposal. The modifications consist of three changes: 1) Requiring permanent identification at the time of the disqualification for the dog to be reinstated to include a photo taken in the ring; 2) Reinstatement examination will be conducted by AKC staff. Judges ( currently performing this function) will not participate in the process, and 3)No reinstatement procedure will take place on the grounds of, or in any building, hotel or venue connected with the show ( Presently examinations are done on a show grounds no later than a half hour before judging). The NCA Board discussed this matter and the instructed the club's delegate to vote as he felt was best pending final Delegate meeting discussion.

At 11:31 p.m., Sue Marino moved and Pam Rubio seconded to adjourn. The board of directors adjourned the meeting without objection. (Absent: RF & PKR)

*Steven Britton*

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