



**NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED OCTOBER 19, 2017)
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 & WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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, Roger Frey, Sue Marino, Steve McAdams, Mary L. Price, Pat Randall, Pam Rubio and Donna Thibault; Lynne Anderson-Powell joined the teleconference at 8:13 p.m. AKC Delegate David Helming was present.

Sue Raney, chair of the Working Dog Committee, and Ingrid Lyden, chair of the Awards Committee attended parts of the meeting.

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

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT

David Helming, AKC Delegate, reported the following from the September 12, 2017 AKC Delegates meeting:

- AKC Delegates spent a large amount of time electing delegate standing committees.
- The rules committee withdrew its proposal addressing DQ Reinstatement. A revised proposal will be forthcoming.
- That an AKC Staff proposal reported in the August 2017 AKC Board Minutes regarding Limited Registrations would not be moving forward.
- Updated the NCA Board about the pending deadline for receiving Westminster Kennel Club Rescue award.
- Will address a query by NCA Director Mary Lou Cuddy about AKC Marketplace maintenance issues.

In response to the AKC Delegate's report, Steve Britton moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded the following:

Resolve, that the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. endorses the American Kennel Club's AKC Limited Registration system and strongly urges the American Kennel Club to retain this option. The board adopted the motion without objection.

After discussion, the board adopted the resolution. Further, the board agreed, that the club president will compose a letter to the American Kennel Club containing the adopted resolution and the board of director's sentiments.

MINUTES

The board of directors approved the minutes of its August 17, 2017 Teleconference Meeting as presented.

The board of directors, without objection, further amended minutes of its April 2017 Face-to-face meeting, and the April 2017 Annual Meeting drafted minutes (for publication).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pam Saunders reminded the board about her attempt for the NCA to make a donation to the AKC Reunite Fund by unanimous written consent. She reported that not all board members were able to respond to her request. The board of directors took the following action:

Pam Saunders moved and Steve Britton seconded to donate \$500 to the AKC Reunite Fund. After discussion, the board adopted the motion without objection.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First Vice-president John Cornell read a written report to the board-due to scheduling-he forwarded his report after the agenda packet deadline. He also reported that the CTMB adopted a resolution advocating that AKC continue its program concerning Limited Registrations. There was further board action, as follows:

Steve Britton moved and Sue Marino seconded to recommend that NCA Charitable Trust Management Board donate at least \$500 to the AKC Reunite Fund. After discussion, the board adopted the motion without objection.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Second Vice-president Lynne Anderson-Powell noted she received written reports from the Awards and Working Dog Committees, which she forwarded in the meeting packet; she also noted the On-line Activity report from the Digital Distribution Committee was listed as a published URL and a report she forwarded board members today.

BREEDER'S EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Second Vice-president Lynne Anderson-Powell, chair of the Breeder's Education Committee (BEC) gave a preliminary report to the board on a genetic diversity program-a document she forwarded to board members earlier in the day. She informed the board that the Breeders Education and Health and Longevity Committees were collaborating on the project. Board member Pat Randall reported about specifics about similar genetic diversity programs in Standard Poodles. He also reported a more elaborate report will be forwarded in time for the board's November Fall Face-to-face agenda packet.

WORKING DOG COMMITTEE

Sue Raney, chair of the Working Dog Committee, joined the teleconference at 9 p.m. She updated the board as follows:

- On heat safety issues that occurred at the River King Newfoundland Club's Water Test in August, where two Newfoundlands perished. The Safety Reminders message for working events was distributed by the WDC.
- On proposed updates to the Qualifications and Requirements For NCA Working Test Judges document.

As a result of a report of the Working Dog Committee, Pam Rubio moved and Sue Marino seconded to approve the revised Qualifications and Requirements For NCA Working Test Judges document as amended. With the main motion pending, the board adopted the following subsidiary motion:

Steve Britton moved and Pat Randall seconded to recommit the amended revised Qualifications and Requirements For NCA Working Test Judges document to the Working Dog Committee; also, the committee provide an opportunity to dissenting members to author a minority report. The minority report-through the committee chair- should be forward to the NCA 2nd vice president in time for the October 5 agenda deadline or earlier, if possible.

Steve Britton moved and Pat Randall seconded that the NCA Board of Directors commend the members of the Working Dog Committee for its handling of safety concerns at NCA Water Tests during the Summer/Fall of 2017. The board unanimously adopted the motion.

Pam Rubio moved and Steve McAdams seconded to enter executive session. Without objection the board adopted the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

While in executive session, the board of directors:

- Reviewed a membership application.
- Accepted a member's resignation.
- Appointed Linda Jones to the Public Education Committee.
- In part, reviewed a discipline complaint.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

At 10 p.m., to receive a committee report from Ingrid Lyden, chair of the Awards Committee, the board of directors returned to its regular session.

Ingrid Lyden reported about the feasibility of the Awards Committee compiling periodic Newfoundland Dog and Bitch Top Twenty point reports. She reported that Awards committee does not have the available resources to provide such reports in a timely manner. Further, it is not feasible or practical for the committee to compile periodic reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

After receiving the Awards Committee report, without objection, the board returned to executive session. While in executive session, the board of directors:

- Without objection, postponed indefinitely its vote on taking jurisdiction of a disciplinary complaint.
- Without objection, agreed to vote by electronic ballot on a pending committee appointment.
- Without objection, scheduled 1 p.m. CST, Saturday, November 11, 2017 as the hearing date and time for a breeder's appeal to a Mediation Committee finding. The hearing will take place at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 10233 West Higgins Road, Rosemont, Illinois 60018.
- Without objection, agreed to permit the breeder's counsel to attend the appeal hearing.
- Without objection, instructed the recording secretary to invite the Mediation Committee chair and the aggrieved party to attend the hearing.

Upon its return to regular session, the board, after discussion and without objection, agreed to set the time for an adjourned meeting at 8 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

At 11:25 p.m., Sue Marino moved and Pam Rubio seconded to adjourn. The board of directors adjourned the meeting without objection.

OPENING OF ADJOURNED MEETING

President Pam Saunders called the meeting back to order on October 4, 2017 at 8:07 p.m., and Recording Secretary Steve Britton was present.

Other board members who answered the October 4, 2017 roll-call: Lynne Anderson-Powell, John Cornell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Sue Marino, Steve McAdams, Mary L. Price, Pat Randall, Pam Rubio and Donna Thibault; Roger Frey was absent. AKC Delegate David Helming was absent.

Robin Seaman Grenier, chair of the National Specialty Coordinating Committee joined the adjourned meeting at 8:57 p.m.

MINUTES

Steve Britton moved and Donna Thibault seconded to dispense with the reading of draft minutes from the September 21, 2017 regular teleconference meeting. Without objection, the board adopted the motion. (absent: RF)

ADDENDA TO PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pam Saunders reported attending a recent meeting of the NCA Technical Advisory Committee (TRAC). She further reported about TRAC's concern about security precautions related to how the NCA processed credit cards. After discussion, the board adopted the following motion:

Steve McAdams moved and Pam Rubio seconded that beginning January 1, 2018, due to security precautions, the NCA will accept payments by check, via mail or in-person, or by credit cards electronically. The board adopted the motion without objection (abstention: SB; absent RF).

During the President's Report, Mary L. Price reported that the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB), approved its motion advising AKC to retain Limited Registrations. She suggested Pam Saunders contact the CTMB chair to include the information in her letter to AKC.

ADDENDA TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mary Lou Cuddy, membership chairman, reported there was a greater percentage of members renewing their memberships as compared to recent years using the previous manual system.

BREEDERS SURVEY

Second Vice-president Lynne Anderson-Powell, Breeders Education Committee chair, reported that a breeders survey was complete, and the committee should be able to propose the survey and its cover letter at the October 19, 2017 board of directors meeting.

Pam Rubio and John Cornell seconded to enter executive session. The board adopted the motion without objection. (absent: RF).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Without objection, the board returned to regular session to receive a report from Robin Seaman Grenier, chair of the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee.

The board had nothing to report from the executive session. (absent: RF).

NATIONAL SPECIALTY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Robin Seaman Grenier, chair of the National Specialty Coordinating Committee joined the meeting.

Robin Seaman Grenier reported that the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee met on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 and discussed the recommitted item concerning trophy sponsorships. Because of the committee chair's report, the board took the following action:

Lynne Anderson Powell moved and Pam Rubio seconded to amend the National Specialty Show Guide - the BOB, BOS and HIT trophies for National Specialty Shows may be sponsored by the NCA, or individuals. The board adopted the motion without objection.

2018 NATIONAL SPECIALTY REPORT

Steve Britton, chair of the 2018 National Specialty, reported to the board on:

- Progress about the 2018 Information Packet

- A timeline for obtaining a one-day liquor sales permit for the 2018 Top Twenty/Ten-board motion will be discussed at the NCA Board of Director's Fall Face-to-face Meeting.

The show chair reported that the 2018 Top Twenty/Ten chair secured a donation commitment from a liquor distiller to supply the bar at the top twenty. The proceeds from the sale of alcoholic beverages would offset some of the 2018 Top Twenty/Ten expenditures. The show chair reported on the NCA's need to secure a one day alcohol sales license from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission, and the NCA treasurer reported on investigating additional liability insurance for the NCA providing the alcohol service. The liability insurance is in addition to a bond required by the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission. There was further board discussion.

Board members asked specific questions of the show chair and the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee Chair that they were unable to answer. Without objection, the board decided to invite the 2018 Top Twenty Chair to attend the October 19, 2018 board meeting to answer questions about the planned cash bar and other plans at the 2018 Top Twenty/Ten.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

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