



**NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES  
(APPROVED: FEBRUARY 15, 2018)  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018  
EASTERN STANDARD 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: Lynne Anderson-Powell, John Cornell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Roger Frey, Sue Marino, Steve McAdams, Mary L. Price, Pat Randall, Pam Rubio and Donna Thibault; AKC Delegate David Helming was absent.

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. Without objection the board added the following new business items to the agenda:

- Migration of unauthorized information from OFA into the NCA Data Base.
- Recruitment of new committee members to the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee.
- Request from person seeking AKC recognition for ECTL Landseers.
- Policy/policies for late- renewing members to receive fourth quarter *Newf Tide/Annual Titlist*.

**MINUTES**

The board approved the minutes of the NCA Charitable Trust Trustees Meeting held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 as amended.

The board dispensed with the reading and approval of the December 21, 2017 board of directors meeting minutes.

**AKC DELEGATES REPORT**

David Helming, AKC Delegate, in his absence, forwarded a written report; he reported the following:

- His duties as chairman of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show conflicted with attending this board of directors meeting.
- AKC's condolence on the lack of integrity of some "breeders" (relating to its Marketplace) is discouraging.
- AKC doesn't want to post the NCA Board authored disclaimer statement to NCA's AKC Marketplace page.
- We (NCA) could encourage more NCA affiliated breeders to sign on to the AKC Marketplace, but increasing the overall quality to the marketplace program's listing is unfortunately not the total answer.
- He is aware that Membership Secretary Mary Lou Cuddy, from a parent club perspective, has made some progress with technical aspects of the program management with AKC.

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## **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

John Cornell, first vice-president reported the following items from the January 10, 2018 Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) Meeting:

- The trust's Morgan Stanley Investment Account grew by 12% in 2017.
- CTMB has redistributed its investment in accordance to its investment plan. It rebalanced its investments to the Morgan Stanley fund managers' recommendation.
- Rescue:
  - Rosie, a Newfoundland fostered with Susan Kirby, is doing well.
  - Silkie, a four-year-old spayed female Newfoundland (in Nevada), has a ruptured cruciate - surgery expense estimated at \$4600. The CTMB voted to fund half of the cruciate surgery expense for Silkie-with a direct payment to the veterinarian from the CTMB.
  - Roman, has a torn ACL, and the CTMB is requesting additional information before acting on funding for his issues.
- The CTMB approved funding for the Barrister Fund at \$2500 for emergency financial needs from the unrestricted funds. The trust currently has \$5496 in its unrestricted checking account, and at the present time has \$37,557 in unrestricted funds with Morgan Stanley overall.

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

Lynne Anderson-Powell, 2nd vice-president reported receiving the following:

- A request from the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee for recruiting new members to the committee.
- A request from the Breeders Education Committee to develop a program for recognition of breeders who are doing a good job.
- A request from the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club for advance funding for anticipated expenses related to Meet The Breeds at the Westminster Kennel Club.
- A request from the club's webmaster Marylou Zimmerman; she requested permission to move the location of the internet archive of club minutes and the posting of monthly board meeting bulletin boards to the club's internet membership portal.

The board of directors took the following related actions:

Lynne Anderson moved and Donna Thibault seconded to make the appropriate announcements for adding members to the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee. The board adopted the motion without objection.

Donna Thibault moved and Steve McAdams seconded to allow the Breeders Education Committee to develop a proposal for ways to improve and substantiate breeder compliance on the NCA Breeders List and to bring it back to the Board for approval. (No date specified). The board adopted the motion (In-favor: LA, SB, JC, MLC, RF, SM, SMc, MLP, PSR, DT; Against: PR, PS).

John Cornell moved and Sue Marino seconded to approve a funding request from the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club for its budgeted expenses at the Westminster Kennel Club *Meet The Breeds*. The board adopted the motion without objection.

The board of directors, without a motion, approved the request to relocate board minutes and posting of its monthly bulletin board without objection.

#### **RECORDING SECRETARY**

Steve Britton, recording secretary, reported that he prepared a meeting bulletin board, drafted minutes and compiled an agenda for the January 2018 meeting. He also reported the schedule and arrangements for counting the 2018 NCA Board of Directors Elections.

Secretary Britton further reported correspondence received from a fancier from California who breeds European Continental Type Landseer (ECTL) dogs. Her query was an informal request to the NCA to rescind its objection to AKC regarding NCA's prohibitive position concerning the recognition of ECTL as a breed. In summary, the board of directors expressed it (the NCA) was not interested in rescinding its opposition at this time.

#### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Pam Rubio, corresponding secretary, reported to the board on received correspondence.

As a result of reported correspondence, the board took the following actions:

- Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded to refer an email requesting assistance/participation in a cleft palate study to the Breeders Education Committee. The board adopted the motion without objection.
- Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to refer a request for participation in a Canine Diabetes study to the Breeder's Education Committee. The board adopted the motion without objection.

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

Treasurer Mary Price reported the following financial information:

- Receipts and Disbursements for December 9, 2017 – January 9, 2017 – net \$(20,255.75);
- Cash Balances on January 7, 2018 - \$187,449.71

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

Mary Lou Cuddy, membership chairman, reported a concern from a member who inadvertently allowed his/her membership to lapse. After paying the dues, the member requested to receive a subsequently missed quarterly issue of *Newf Tide*.

The board took the following actions:

*Mary Lou Cuddy moved and Pam Rubio seconded that after the club's Newf Tide editor or Newf Tide Policy Committee send the fourth quarter Newf Tide to press, persons with lapsed memberships, who subsequently renew, can purchase a copy (or copies) of Newf Tide and the Annual Titleist. In-favor: LA, SB, JC, MLC, RF, SMc, MLP, PKR, PSR, DT, PS; Against: SM.*

Roger Frey moved and Steve Britton seconded to refer a motion to the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee that proposes ending the quarterly priority mailing of an advanced copy of *Newf Tide* to members of the NCA Board of Directors. The board adopted the motion without objection.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Without objection, the board entered executive session.

Without objection, the board returned to regular session.

The board reported the following actions from its executive session:

- Approved a Working Event Aggressive Dog Reinstatement Form, pending final editing to the form.
- That only NCA members are eligible to receive NCA Working Achievement Awards.

#### **MINUTES**

Steve Britton requested the board approve minutes of its December 21, 2017 regular teleconference meeting. The board approved the December 21, 2017 meeting minutes as amended.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

After Pam Rubio moved and Donna Thibault seconded a motion to adjourn, without objection President Saunders declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

*Steven Britton*

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NCA Recording Secretary