



**NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF CLUB OF AMERICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES  
APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 20, 2018  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018  
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIMES ARE NOTED.**

NCA Board of Directors: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), Steve Britton (SB), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Jack Dean (JD), 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 8:10 p.m., and Recording Secretary Steve Britton was present.

Other board members who answered the roll-call: Lynne Anderson-Powell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Jack Dean, Roger Frey, Pat Randall, Pam Rubio, Mary L. Price and Donna Thibault; Sue Marino joined the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Steve McAdams was absent. AKC Delegate David Helming also answered the roll call.

Pam Rubio moved and Donna Thibault seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

Jack Dean requested advancement to a renewal of a vehicle windshield placard motion and a reimbursement to Working Test Safety Officers motion to a time that corresponds to when the board of directors considers a recommendation noted in the Working Dog Committee Report. The board adopted the request (two-thirds voting in the affirmative). Votes in the affirmative: LA, SB, MLC, JD, MLP, PSR, DT; votes in the negative: PKR, PS; abstaining: RF; (absent: SMc)

**AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT**

David Helming, AKC Delegate, reported on the AKC Dog Museum's move to New York City. He informed the board that six pieces of Newfoundland art are moving from St. Louis to the new museum, including the bronze Newfoundland Dog statue.

He provided a fundraising update on behalf of the AKC Museum of the Dog, and encouraged the NCA Board to consider a pledge to be included on the museum's Wall of Fame.

During his report, the treasurer confirmed that the NCA has donated \$11,000 over 11 years as a Patron to the AKC Museum of the Dog in St. Louis, Missouri.

Delegate Helming also updated the board about ongoing concerns with the AKC Marketplace.

**MINUTES**

The board of directors approved its July 19, 2018 meeting minutes as amended.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Pam Saunders reminded the board of its need to schedule the fall face-to-face meeting.

President Saunders assumed a motion to hold the Fall Face-to-face meeting in Rosemont, Illinois at the Holiday Inn and Suites O'Hare Airport Rosemont on November 9 – 11, 2018. After discussion, the board adopted the motion. Votes in-favor: LA, SB, MLC, RF, SM, MLP, PKR, PSR, PS and DT; vote against: JD. (Absent: SMc)

Without objection, Pam Saunders set Sunday morning, November 11, 2018 for NCA Charitable Trust Trustee meeting.

### **1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

In her written report, First Vice-president Mary Lou Cuddy reported about attending the August 8, 2018 NCA Charitable Trust Management Board meeting, as follows:

- It was reported that 2 new Sustaining Donors were received following an announcement in e-Notes. One was not an NCA member.
- The CTMB authorized the Trust Treasurer to open a checking account and a mutual fund money market account for the Charitable Trust with Morgan Stanley.
- The CTMB approved the motion that the CTMB will co-host and pay for a portion of the Welcome Reception at the National Specialty every five years.
- It was decided that a supply of the recently developed "rack cards" will be sent to each regional club to be handed out to its members at the club's annual meeting.
- There was a discussion about the value and validity of some DNA tests that are being promoted.
- Julie Fitser and Laura Rader will organize a room at the National Specialty to showcase the importance of the Newfoundland dog breed with pictures, memorabilia, posters, etc. by members. The goal is to raise awareness of the health of the breed and to raise donations to the NCA Health Challenge. Mary Jane will coordinate.
- The CTMB discussed the timeliness of reports from the Research Advisory Committee.
- The next meeting will be Thursday, September 6, 2018.

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

Lynne Anderson-Powell reported the following:

- About attending the AKC Educational Summit. AKC is placing an emphasis on Juniors by holding classes on stewarding and advocating a Junior Ambassador program.
- John Cornell, chair of the Health and Longevity Committee was calling-in at 9 p.m.

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

Recording Secretary Steve Britton reported on arrangements for producing and distributing a postcard for announcing the 2018 nominating committee report to NCA members who have not opted-in to receive electronic notices.

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

Corresponding Secretary Pam Rubio reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- Semi-annual AKC Dog Registration Statistics Report from Mark Dunn, Vice-president of AKC;
- Showsite Magazine's Breeder's Almanac;
- An email query concerning heart related issues from grain-free dog foods.

### **HEALTH AND LONGEVITY COMMITTEE**

At 9 p.m. John Cornell, chair of the NCA Health and Longevity Committee, joined the meeting. He reported on the committee's plans for hosting health testing clinics at the 2019 National Specialty and the Wednesday evening 2019 National Specialty educational speaker . After taking Q and A, the board took the following related actions:

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Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to amend the NCA 2018-2019 Operations Budget by increasing the Health and Longevity Committee budget to \$2990. After discussion, the board adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: SMC)

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to approve the Health and Longevity Committee's application for a \$1,500 Educational Grant from the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board to subsidize the educational program at the 2019 NCA National Specialty.

While considering the motion about the educational grant, Roger Frey moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded a motion to order the previous question (calling the question). The board of directors adopted the motion ordering the previous question (required a two-thirds vote). Votes in the affirmative: LA, MLC, RF, SM, MLP, PSR, DT and PS; votes in the negative: SB, JD and PKR. (Absent: SMC)

The board of directors adopted the educational grant application motion. Votes in-favor: LA, SB, MLC, RF, SM, MLP, PKR, PSR, PS and DT; votes against: JD. (Absent: SMC)

On behalf of the committee, Steve Britton moved to give permission for the Health and Longevity committee to solicit sponsors for the H & L activities at the 2019 NCA National Specialty. Votes in favor: SB, MLC, MLP, PKR, DT, PS; votes against: LA, JD, RF, SM and PKR. (Absent: SMC)

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

Treasurer Mary L. Price reported the following:

- For the period of July 6 – August 4, 2018, net income of a negative \$1,431.44.
- As of August 4, 2018, a balance of \$254,856.86.
- The treasurer also reported that the NCA is in discord with board policy requiring multiple signatories on bank accounts with the NCA's new TreasuryDirect account due to TreasuryDirect's policy.

Jack Dean moved to make exception to current policies regarding signatories for TreasuryDirect, and authorize the Treasurer as the sole signatory on TreasuryDirect accounts. The board of directors did not consider the motion as it did not receive a second.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Sue Marino moved and Donna Thibault seconded to enter an executive session. The board adopted the motion without objection.

While in executive session, the board took the following actions:

- Directed the regional club liaison to direct Newfoundland regional clubs to allow all club members to participate/comment on club webpages or a social media page(s) such as Facebook
- The board reviewed a report from the Arbitration Committee
- Appointed a special committee of four (Roger Frey, Pat Randall, Lynne Anderson-Powell and one other NCA member) to speak with a Newfoundland breeder. The board requested the committee to report at the fall face-to-face meeting.

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- The board voted to not reappoint a person to the Health and Longevity Committee (for lack of participation).
- Appointed Naomi Young Meyer to the Newfoundland Ambassadors Committee.
- The board set the date and time for a disciplinary hearing for Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 10 a.m. The board set Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 3 p.m. to consider an Arbitration committee appeal. Both hearings will occur as part of the fall Face-to-face meeting at the Holiday Inn and Suites O'Hare Airport Rosemont(, Illinois).
- It was reported there was another incident of dog-on-dog aggression at a recent water test.

### **WORKING DOG COMMITTEE**

The board received a written report from Working Dog Committee Chair Sue Raney.

On behalf of the Working Dog Committee, Sue Marino moved to approve the committee's recommended amendment to the wording of the Working Dog entrant waiver agreement form as amended. Votes in favor: LA, SB, MLC, RF, SM, MLP, PKR, PSR, PS and DT Votes against: JD. (Absent: SMc).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jack Dean moved and Steve Britton seconded that at Working Dog Tests, the Test secretary distribute a uniquely numbered ID placard to be placed in the entrant's vehicle, and that the unique ID number be recorded on the corresponding Test Secretary's entrant list. Votes in favor: SB, JD, RF, MLP, PKR, PSR and PS; votes against: LA, SM, MLP, Abstention: MLC; (Absent: SMc and DT).

Jack Dean moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that at all face-to-face meetings, the board should have an American flag present and begin the initial meeting by standing and reciting the pledge of allegiance, as follows: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, under God, <sic> with liberty and justice for all. As approved. "Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 4, US Code"

Steve Britton moved and Pat Randall seconded to divide the question in two parts. The board adopted the motion to divide the question. Votes in favor of dividing the motion: LA, SB, MLC, RF, SM, MLP, PKR, PSR, PS and DT Vote against: JD. (Absent: SMc).

The board of directors, without objection, adopted the policy to provide an American flag at face-to-face meetings.

Regarding the motion about reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at face-to-face meetings, Steve Britton moved the following point of order: "Taking action to recite the pledge of allegiance at meetings is part of an order of business, and taking action to approve a proposed agenda prior to the session is in discord with the club bylaw Article IX, Section 2, which states:

Section 2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of those present, shall be as follows: Reading of minutes of last meeting, Report of the Recording Secretary Report of the Corresponding Secretary, Report of the Treasurer, Reports of Committees, Election of Officers (at the Annual Meeting), Election of new members, Unfinished business, New business, Adjournment."

President Pam Saunders ruled the point of order well-taken and the board did not consider the remaining motion.

The board meeting adjourned at 11:23 p.m.

*Steven Britton*

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NCA Recording Secretary