

Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.  
Board of Directors  
Fall Face-to-Face Meeting  
Sheraton Gateway Suites  
Rosemont, Illinois  
November 2-4, 2007  
Bulletin Board

## **Friday, November 2**

President Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8 P.M. Central Daylight Time (CDT). Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, and Cathy L. Sands. Also present was Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, *ex officio*.

MOTION: Kevin Gallagher moved and Kathy McIver seconded to suspend the order of business and go directly into Executive Session for the purposes of approving membership applications, committee appointments, and reviewing any Honorary Memberships as well as nominees for the Good Sportsmanship, Heroic Newfoundland, and Isabel Kurth awards. The motion to go into Executive Session passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 9.10 p.m.

- While in Executive Session the Board approved the membership list of November 3, 2007 for publication.
- While in Executive Session the Board appointed the following Nominating Committee: Rebecca Stanevich (Chair), Lori Littleford, Roger Powell, Dwight Gorsuch, Barbara Hearn. Jocelyn Hawley and Andre Lapeyre were appointed as alternates.
- While in Executive Session the Board appointed Karen Steinrock as Publicity Chair.
- While in Executive Session Megan Nutbeem was given an Honorary Membership.
- While in Executive Session the Board appointed Jeannette Voss to the Newf Tide Policy Committee (NTPC). It was decided to advertise for an additional NTPC member.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Regional Club Liaison (Kathy McIver)

Kathy spoke regarding the various communications between herself and the Niagara Frontier Newfoundland Club (NFNC).

MOTION: Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Barbara Finch seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss compliance issues with Niagara Frontier Newfoundland Club. The motion passed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:23 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:04 p.m.

While in Executive Session the Board discussed the problems that Niagara Frontier Newfoundland Club has had with falling membership numbers and several compliance issues regarding its By-Laws.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Mary Lou Roberts)**

MOTiON: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Sue Marino seconded that whenever possible, NCA Committee chairmanships will be rotated at least every five years to provide more depth of leadership within the club and to bring fresh perspectives to committee operations. Previous chairs should be encouraged to remain on committees to share their experiences and provide continuity. The motion failed.

Kathy McIver moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to recess the meeting at 10:54 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Saturday, Nov. 3 – Board Reconvenes**

President Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, and Cathy L. Sands. Also present was Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, *ex officio*. Also present was guest Kathy Griffin.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (Mary L. Price)**

Mary presented the Treasurer's report. She reported the following balances: checking account: \$7000.11; savings account: \$63051.97; invested in CDs: \$255,127.93; and the NCA operations balance total of \$325180.01 with \$4,487.20 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund money market account balance is \$13,208.53 for a grand total of \$338,388.54. This report was accepted unanimously.

### **AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT (Mary W. Price)**

- Mary reported on the nominees for the 2012 session. Additional candidates may also run by petition; the deadline is November 15, 2007.
- Mary also reported that the AKC and Canine Health Foundation (CHF) have worked out the seating on the Board of the CHF. The Board has a total of eighteen members on its Board; the AKC holds 6 of those positions and CHF holds twelve.
- Mary will attend the meeting in Long Beach, California. She reported that the Eukanuba Classic will not be shown live on TV. It is now scheduled to be shown the same weekend as the Superbowl.
- Mary handed out copies of the *October Chairman's Report*. The report contained an announcement regarding the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show which will include the first-ever international competition the Eukanuba World Challenge. The top dogs from 40 countries will compete in this separate event.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

#### **On-Line Whelping Box**

Mary Lou Roberts reported that, in response to the Membership's direction at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on May 1, 2007, only one committee of the three that were directed to look at the issue of the Online Whelping Box, Breeder Education has sent in its suggestions. She still has not received input from the Breeders List Committee or the ad hoc Ethics Guide Committee.

MOTION: Cathy L. Sands moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Breeders List Committee and Ethics Committee be directed to submit a response regarding the On-Line Whelping Box issue within 30 days of the date on which they are notified to respond. The motion passed.

## **RECESS**

The Board took a short break at 8:55 a.m. They reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Kathy Griffin joined the meeting.

### Judges Education Committee

Kathy Griffin and Barbara Finch presented the new Judges' Education CD program for Board review and approval.

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the CD for use as presented with the understanding that it is a living document to be improved on as needed. The motion passed.

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the Judges Education Committee address the recommendations of the Board within the next year.

- Fix distorted photographs
- Replace the still photos showing the roll of loose skin on the back of the dog with a video segment
- Include some video segments showing front movement
- Correct the problem that many of the side view photos are taken from a three-quarter angle, making the dogs look much shorter backed than they really are
- Add something to the presentation explaining why we call white and black dogs Landseer
- Replace the video clip at the end of the dog with the cart in the water with some carting footage of dogs doing real work such as hauling firewood or children.

The motion passed.

The Board reviewed the copy of a letter entitled "A Communiqué from the Newfoundland Club of America Judges Education Committee" regarding the grooming of Newfoundland dogs that was written by the JEC several years ago but never published in the AKC Judges' Newsletter.

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to accept the JEC letter as written. The motion failed.

MOTION: Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded that the following statement regarding grooming be added to the JEC letter: "The dog should not be so groomed that it impairs the ability to judge the proper coat texture or that an open coat is created." The motion passed.

## **RECESS**

The Board took a short break at 10:15 a.m. They reconvened at 10:30 a.m. Guests present were Dan Carr, Cissy Sullivan, Linda Larson, Barbara Hearn and Tamzin Rossenwaser.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

### Technical Resources Committee

Dan Carr, Chair of the Technical Resources Committee, presented information on the NCA database project. He gave an update on the technical progress and the plans for future phases of the project. All use of the new database will require a user name with a password. Breeders and

owners of dogs will be able to input records on their own dogs and a place to upload a photo of each dog will be available.

### **LUNCH RECESS**

The Board recessed at 12:00 noon for lunch. The Board reconvened at 1 p.m.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Roger Frey)**

Roger reported receiving a letter from Mr. David Roberts, Assistant Vice President of the AKC Registration Services, in response to the NCA's letter requesting that the AKC require all owners of a stud dog to sign litter applications. The AKC believes that there is no need to have such a requirement at this time. Mr. Roberts also referenced the AKC's new online Recordkeeping Service which will help co-owners access all records on their dogs. The letter also re-stated the AKC's belief that co-ownership arrangements often lead to problems.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Sandee Lovett)**

- Charitable Trust Management Board (Sandee Lovett). Sand reported that the Board held a teleconference meeting on October 25. Clyde Dunphy, President of the CTMB, will be present on Sunday and will give a report at that time.

### **RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Cathy L. Sands)**

Cathy reported that all candidates for the 2008 election of officers have submitted their biographies and statements. She has received one quote on and is waiting on a second quote for the printing and distribution of the election packet. The biggest cost this year will be postage costs as the U.S. Postal Service has more than doubled the cost of mailing large envelopes via first class.

Cathy requested approval of the following as ballot counters/election judges: Betsy Beaver, Patti Pigeon, Shine Sturtz, Sue Raney & Linda Morley Roser.

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to approve the ballot counters. The motion passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

#### Specialty Show Committee (Robin Seaman)

Robin Seaman, Chair of the Specialty Show Committee, joined the meeting via telecom at 1:20 p.m.

She reported that the Specialty Show Committee is making several changes to the Specialty Show Guide. Obedience is now referred to as Companion Dog so that Rally, Agility and Obedience in that Chapter will be referred to as Companion Dog Events. This further enforces the NCA Uniform Trophies being given in all AKC regular and non-regular classes.

The Specialty Show Committee recommends that the Companion dog trophies will have one set of 1st-4th place at the National for pictures. Actual trophies will be sent within 6 weeks of the close of the National Specialty Show to the Agility Class winners. There are a lot of classes for agility and, if ordered in advance, many trophies would to be ordered that would not be needed.

The committee recommends that Selects receive a 5-piece place setting of the Lennox china in both A & B trophy selections.

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the recommendations of the Specialty Show Committee regarding the trophy changes for Agility and Select classes. The motion passed.

Robin reported that the Committee recommended no change to the way room reservations are handled at National Specialty Shows. Several Board members felt that there needs to be a change.

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Sue Marino seconded to combine all of the reservations for the first two weeks and then do a random drawing, lottery style, for the rooms. The motion failed.

MOTON: Meredith Reggie moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to give host clubs their choice of 3 methods of handling room reservations: 1) allow the hotel to handle all reservations, 2) use a lottery method with random drawing for reservations or 3)keep the same method currently in use (assigned by the arrival date. If the host club chooses to handle the reservations themselves, no walk-in reservations would be taken. The motion passed.

Robin stated that the change in method to handle room reservations at National Specialty Shows should not have any effect on any National already approved. The Board agreed by consensus.

The Specialty Show Committee recommends that the wording regarding a Working Dog Reception be changed to Working Dog Activities. This would broaden the scope of working activities and in no way would prohibit a reception. Robin cited the Gymkhana and Rodeo at this year's National as examples of other working dog activities.

MOTION: Pam Rubio moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the term "Working Dog Reception" in the Guide be eliminated and expanded as "Working Dog Activities." Working Dog Activities may include a reception if so desired. The motion passed.

MOTION: Pam Rubio moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded that vendor spaces be allotted at the discretion of the host club. The motion passed.

MOTION: Kevin Gallagher moved and Barbara Finch seconded that any regional club that is fourteen or more days late in submitting an application for a regional specialty show may be denied. The motion passed.

## **RECESS**

The Board recessed at 3:40 p.m. The Board reconvened at 3:55 p.m.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

### Working Dog Committee

Mary Lou Roberts reported that the Board has received the comments of the Working Dog Committee regarding the AKC's proposed all-breed draft test rules.

MOTION: Pam Rubio moved and Sandee Lovett seconded that the Board submit the Working Dog Committee's report to AKC along with a cover letter expressing NCA's concerns regarding the proposed AKC draft test regulations. The letter should also reflect that the NCA strongly feels that its own draft tests should be grandfathered in and not be affected if the AKC draft test becomes a reality. The motion passed.

MOTION: Meredith Reggie moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to ask the Working Dog Committee to consider WRDX titles as related to WRD titles in setting judges' qualifications. The motion passed.

## **RECESS**

The Board recessed at 5 p.m. The Board re-convened at 8:10 p.m.

Present were Jacqueline Brelloch, Barbara Finch, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, and Cathy L. Sands. Also present were Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, *ex officio* and Clyde Dunphy.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

### Regional Club Liaison (Kathy McIver) (continued)

Kathy supplied a list comparing the number of NCA members who are members of regional club for the years 2005 and 2006. The list also showed total members of each regional club for each year. There was discussion as to what could be done to encourage regional club members to join the NCA.

MOTION: Sue Marino moved and Mary L. Price seconded that the Board encourage the regional clubs to make their members more aware of the NCA. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding how to define and handle misconduct on the regional club level. The following statement was developed: The NCA Board supports regional clubs in encouraging and promoting good sportsmanship at club events. Given the variables in accessing sportsmanship, regional clubs may find the AKC's *Code of Sportsmanship* useful in developing policies which are in accordance with their governing documents and specific club needs.

MOTION: Mary L. Price moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board direct the Regional Club Liaison to send the statement to the regional clubs. The motion passed.

MOTION: Meredith Reggie moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to advise the Niagara Frontier Newfoundland Club to send membership renewal notices to those who were listed as members on their 2004 membership roster but who are not listed on their 2007 membership roster. These notices should be postmarked by January 2, 2008, and have a deadline for renewal of May 1, 2008, which restores the club to compliance with the 2008 renewal deadline provided for in its bylaws.

The Regional Club Liaison is directed to send a letter of NFNC explaining that the Board makes this recommendation due to confusion regarding the club's renewal policies between 2004 and 2007. The motion passed.

### Constitution and By-Laws Committee (Clyde Dunphy)

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee (CB&L) has had two teleconferences and several mail meetings. All members have participated in all meetings. It has been the policy of the committee to approve only those items which have a unanimous vote. Any issue which has had dissent or discussion is tabled until the next meeting or until a unanimous agreement is reached. To comply with NCA Board Policy, the committee reaffirmed all previous decisions at its October 16, 2007 teleconference to provide "voice vote" compliance.

The Board reviewed the CB&L's suggestions and comments. Clyde will take the Board's comments back to the Committee. The Board did not vote on any of the suggestions that were presented.

Ad hoc Ethics Committee

Mary Lou Roberts submitted the report of the *ad hoc* Ethics Committee regarding a code of ethics.

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to thank the ad hoc committee for its report and to discharge them. The motion passed.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Pam Rubio seconded to send the Ethics Guide project to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The motion passed.

Newf Tide Policy Committee

Meredith Reggie excused herself and left the meeting. Clyde Dunphy also left the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:35 p.m. Sue Marino moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss a recommendation of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee. The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:50 p.m.

While in Executive Session the Board approved the contract of Meredith Reggie as *Newf Tide* Editor for an additional year.

Working Dog Committee

MOTION: Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Sue Marino seconded to accept the rewording and formatting changes of the Working Dog Committee's *Qualifications and Requirements for NCA Working Judges*. The motion passed.

Meredith Reggie asked the Board for permission to remove the box offering sample contracts for breeders from *Newf Tide*. The Board felt that the samples are outdated and need to be reviewed. Permission was granted by consensus.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 11:08 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 4**

President Roger Frey reconvened the meeting at 8:05 a.m. Central Standard Time (CST). Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, and Cathy L. Sands. Also present was Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, *ex officio*. Kevin Gallagher was absent (excused). Also present were Clyde Dunphy.

**RECESS**

The Board recessed at 8:10 a.m. to go into a meeting of the Trustee of the Charitable Trust.

The Board reconvened at 9:51 a.m.

Barbara Hearn and Tamzin Rosenwasser joined the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded that the NCA create and distribute an electronic newsletter monthly and/or as needed, to be made available to NCA members and others. The initial issue will be sent in December to all NCA members for whom we have an email address. Members will have the ability to opt out at any time. The motion passed.

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that NCA ask all committees, the Charitable Trust Management Board, and regional clubs to submit ideas for content on an ongoing basis. The motion passed.

MOTION: Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that members of the Technical Resources Committee (Mary Lou Roberts and Marylou Zimmerman) will produce the first few issues of the electronic newsletter. The motion passed.

## **RECESS**

The Board took a short recess at 10:30 a.m. The Board reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

### Ad hoc Working Achievement Award

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Committee.

After much discussion it was agreed by consensus that there should be only one level of the Working Achievement Award.

MOTION: Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded that the Working Dog Achievement Award should have the following:

- Core title requirements
  - Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)
  - Water Rescue Dog (WRD)
  - Draft Dog (DD) and one re-qualification or
  - Team Draft Dog (TDD)
- Plus any 2 titles from the optional list below
  - Utility Dog (UD), Utility Dog Excellent (UDX), or Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH)
  - Tracking Dog (TD), Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX), or Variable Surface Tracking (VST)
  - 3 WRD re-qualifications or 1 WRDX
  - 3 re-qualifications of DD or TDD or any combination thereof
  - Rally Excellent (Advanced) Title
  - Any Open Agility EXCEPT fast

This new award will be effective immediately and any eligible dogs may receive the award at the 2008 National. The motion passed.

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that the Working Achievement Award be made available to owners of dogs that are now deceased. The motion passed.

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded that the Working Achievement Award must be applied for and documentation must be submitted to the VN Committee. The motion passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Cathy L. Sands moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. CST. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be a teleconference held on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 8:00 P.M. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Sands  
NCA Recording Secretary