

Bulletin Board

Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors
Teleconference Meeting of the Board
January 20, 2011

(In an effort for more timely communication with the membership, here is a list of the motions made and actions taken at this meeting. This list is presented by the Board for your information and is to be considered unofficial. The complete official minutes of the meeting will be published as soon as they are approved.)

NCA Board of Directors: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), Jacqueline K. Brellochs (JB), John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Roger Frey (RF), Sue Marino (SM), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Meredith Reggie (MR), Pam Rubio (PR), Pam Saunders (PS) and Donna Thibault (DT).

At 8:04 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the November 19-21, 2010 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board approve the December 16, 2010 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Saunders moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that the Board approve the recommendation of the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee to purchase 250 Award of Merit medallions from Woodbury Pewter at a cost, including the box, of \$5.25 per medallion. The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board continue the committee review process using the same survey as last year. The motion failed. 6 Yes (LA, JC, KM, PR, PS, DT); 6 No (JB, MLC, RF, SM, MLP, MR)

Kathy McIver moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the Board give permission to ShowSight magazine to use excerpts and illustrations from the *NCA Illustrated Guide* for a feature article. The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Rubio moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board approve Section #1 of the recommended changes to water tests from the Working Dog Committee as follows:
“Regulations for judges of WRDX tests: A Mentor level judge who has completed one of the following requirements at a WRDX test will be automatically approved to judge a WRDX test: judged, exhibited or officially observed. A Mentor level judge who has not completed one of the above requirements at a WRDX test may only judge with another Mentor level judge who has completed one of the requirements.

A Mentor level judge who has not completed one of the requirements at a WRDX test may complete an optional observation of a WRDX test to gain more experience before judging. No evaluation is necessary but a form will need to be signed by the test judges and sent to the WDC Judges Records person. There must be a minimum of three dogs entered in the WRDX test for an observation to be valid. If not, the judge will have to do two observations. The observation must be completed before accepting a WRDX assignment if it will be used as the requirement to judge. A Partner level judge may do an observation to gain more experience only.

A Partner level judge who has earned a WRDX title will be automatically approved to judge with a Mentor level judge who has completed one of the requirements.

If necessary, a judge may judge the WRDX division of a test even if they are entered in the WD/WRD division of the test. This should be avoided, if possible, but may be used as a last option with WDC approval.”

The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Saunders moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board approve Section #2 of the recommended changes to water tests from the Working Dog Committee with the clarification that regional clubs will have the option to change the judging panel for the WRDX division of the test:

“The WDC has voted to change the WRDX regulations, as well as the WD/WRD regulations, to reflect that the WRDX is no longer a separate test but instead a separate division of the WD/WRD test. This will avoid some of the problems that have arisen with WRDX being a separate test. The NCA Water Test will now have three divisions: Division 1- WD, Division 2 - WRD and Division 3- WRDX. It will be optional for clubs to include Division 3 in their tests.”

The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Saunders moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board approve Section #3 of the recommended changes to water tests from the Working Dog Committee as follows:

“Requalifications as Multiple Division Entries at NCA Water Tests: Dogs may be entered in more than one division on the same day but only if they have already qualified, at previous tests, in all of the divisions entered. Each entry must be sent on a separate entry form. If the entry for the test exceeds its limit and a lottery is necessary the dog may not get into each division entered. There will be no substitutions for dogs to change divisions if their entry is chosen for one division but not the other in a lottery. Judges must excuse any dog not in condition to finish the division entered and, if so, the dog will not be able to continue in any other divisions entered that day. Entry fees will not be refunded for dogs that are excused. Entrants are discouraged from pushing their dogs beyond their limits.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mareidith Reggie moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board approve Section #4 of the recommended changes to water tests from the Working Dog Committee as follows:

“The WDC has voted that entrants passing WRD may not post enter into WRDX on the same day due to time restraints. Entrants passing WRD may change their entry to WRDX at future tests in which they had entered the WRD division.”

The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Saunders moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board approve Section #5 of the recommended changes to water tests from the Working Dog Committee as follows:

“Clubs will have the option to judge WD/WRD bitches in season at the end of the WD/WRD division even if it is followed by a WRDX division.”

The motion passed unanimously.

At 10:44 p.m., Kathy McIver moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 11:53 p.m., Kathy McIver moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the Board appointed Tom Brant and Cindi Kursner to the Working Dog Committee.

While in executive session, the Board referred a letter written by a member concerning Letters to the Editor in *Newf Tide* to the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee for their recommendations.

By unanimous consent, the Board referred the Discussion Item: NCA will provide a loan to regional clubs who host our Nationals for the "seed" money needed upfront, amount(s) to be recommended by Specialties Committee to the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee for their recommendations.

At 11:58 p.m., Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.