

Bulletin Board

Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors
Face-to-face Meeting of the Board
Holiday Inn & Suites – O'Hare/Rosemont
Rosemont, Illinois
November 4-6, 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), Steve Britton (SB), John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Roger Frey (RF), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Meredith Reggie (MR), Pam Rubio (PSR), Pam Saunders (PS) and Donna Thibault (DT).

At 7:37 p.m., the meeting was called to order.

Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board approve the September 15, 2011 minutes as amended. Without objection, the motion passed. 1 Absent (DT)

Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board approve the October 20, 2011 minutes as published. Without objection, the motion passed.

Meredith Reggie moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the TOD/TODD certificates be presented to the dog's owner(s), alphabetically, at the Annual Membership Meeting with two people presenting the certificates - one to read the owners' names and the other to present the certificates. Without objection, the motion passed.

At 9:08 p.m., without objection, the Board went into executive session.

At 9:15 p.m., without objection, the Board came out of executive session.

While in executive session, the Board approved the Applicants Lists dated September 15, 2011 and November 4-6, 2011.

At 9:20 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the meeting be recessed until 8:30 a.m., November 5, 2011. Without objection, the motion passed.

NCA Face-to-Face Meeting, continued November 5, 2011

At 8:32 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

Donna Thibault moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board refer a proposed article on Newfoundland temperament back to the Judges Education Committee for final editing and due back to the Board by the January 5, 2012 Board agenda deadline. The motion passed. 1 Abstention (PS)

Meredith Reggie moved and Kathy McIver seconded that clarifications or changes to the Working Dog test regulations that are posted on the *NCA Website* will be underlined or highlighted for approximately one year after implementation. Page numbers will also be added to all test regulations.

Kathy McIver moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the motion be amended to state that clarifications or changes to the Working Dog test regulations will add footnotes with the date of the change and not underlined or highlighted. Without objection, the motion passed.

The amended motion that clarifications or changes to the Working Dog test regulations will add footnotes with the date of the change and page numbers will be added to all test regulations passed without objection.

Pam Saunders moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board approve the request to establish a Juniors Fund to benefit programs for NCA junior members as outlined by the Juniors Committee, to be funded in part by fund-raising by the committee and junior members and by donations to the fund. Without objection, the motion passed.

Pam Saunders moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board allow the Juniors Committee to use the NCA logo on award certificates, the new Junior Passport program and on any other additional promotional material. Without objection, the motion passed.

Pam Saunders moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board donate \$500.00 as seed money for the Juniors Fund. Without objection, the motion passed.

At 10:31 a.m., without objection, the Board recessed for an NCA Charitable Trust meeting.

At 12:30 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

Pam Saunders moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board appoint the following to an *ad hoc* committee of the Board to update and revise the *NCA Policy Manual*: Pam Saunders, Chair; Mary Lou Cuddy, Roger Frey, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie and Donna Thibault. Without objection, the motion passed.

Pam Saunders moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board appoint Lynne Anderson-Powell to edit the executive session portions of Board teleconference recordings and post the recordings to the *NCA Website*. Without objection, the motion passed.

Kathy McIver moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board request the Electronic Publications Policy Committee to develop criteria and a disclaimer for the Breeders-I discussion list indicating that the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. is not responsible for discriminatory or inflammatory statements published on the discussion list. The report would be due back to the Board by the January 5, 2012 Board agenda deadline. Without objection, the motion passed.

Roger Frey moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board refer a request to consider developing a Newfoundland puppy information page on Facebook to the Newf Ambassador Committee and the Breeders Education Committee with reports due back to the Board by the February 2, 2012 Board agenda deadline. Without objection, the motion passed.

Steve Britton moved and Donna Thibault seconded that Board amend a previous motion to send a question regarding the Register of Merit Newfoundlands appearing in the *Annual of Titlists* to the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee with a response now due back to the Board by the January 5, 2012 Board agenda deadline. Without objection, the motion passed.

Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board give a regional club hosting a national specialty \$10,000.00 as a seed loan at the time of approval upon the regional club's request.

Steve Britton moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board refer the previous motion to the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee for discussion and possible criteria for oversight with the report and possible recommendations by the February 2, 2012 Board agenda deadline. The motion passed. 11 Yes (LA, SB, JC, MLC, RF, KM, MLP, PKR, MR, PSR, PS); 1 No (DT)

Pam Rubio moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board refer to the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee for review the uniform trophies and methods of funding with the report and possible recommendations by the February 2, 2012 Board agenda deadline. Without objection, the motion passed.

At 3:52 p.m., Steve Britton moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed. 7 Yes (LA, SB, MLC, KM, MLP, MR, DT); 5 No (JC, RF, PKR, PSR, PS)

At 4:16 p.m., Donna Thibault moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

Donna Thibault moved and Pam Rubio seconded that for future NCA-hosted National Specialties, the show chair(s) will provide to the Board for review and approval - a budget, event plan and a monthly financial update starting when that National Specialty is approved. The motion passed. 11 Yes (LA, JC, MLC, RF, KM, MLP, PKR, MR, PSR, PS, DT); 1 Abstention (SB)

Mary Lou Cuddy moved and Pam Rubio seconded that starting with the December 15, 2011 Board meeting, officers' reports will be sent to the Recording Secretary for inclusion in the Board's agenda packet. Without objection, the motion passed.

Pat Randall moved and Steve Britton seconded that the Board form an *ad hoc* committee to investigate web and video conferencing options for Board meeting with a report due back to the Board by the March 15, 2012 Board meeting. Without objection, the motion passed.

Donna Thibault moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board direct the Working Dog Committee to communicate with working test judges at least twice per year. Topics such as rule changes, judging inconsistencies and problems reported through test evaluations and other inconsistencies should be included. The motion passed. 11 Yes (LA, SB, JC, MLC, KM, MLP, PKR, MR, PSR, PS, DT); 1 No (RF)

Donna Thibault moved and Roger Frey seconded the Board refer the eight examples of working test inconsistencies that were reported to the Board to the Working Dog Committee for clarification and a report will be due back to the Board by the February 2, 2012 Board agenda deadline. Without objection, the motion passed.

Meredith Reggie moved and Kathy McIver seconded the Board refer the request for a clarification of working test entry fee processing to the Working Dog Committee with a report due back to the Board by the March 1, 2012 Board agenda deadline. Without objection, the motion passed.

At 5:45 p.m., without objection, the meeting was recessed until 9:15 p.m.

At 10:05 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

Kathy McIver moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board recess until 8:00 a.m., November 6, 2011. The motion failed. 8 No (LA, SB, JC, MLC, RF, MR, PS, DT); 4 Yes (KM, MLP, PKR, PSR)

At 10:12 p.m., Steve Britton moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

At 11:00 p.m., Kathy McIver moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

While in executive session, the Board appointed the following members to the Performance and Companion Events Committee: Barbara Grob, Brian Hodges and Anna Lorenz.

At 11:00 p.m., Kathy McIver moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the meeting be recessed until 8:00 a.m., November 6, 2011.

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November 6, 2011

At 8:10 a.m., the meeting reconvened.

At 8:10 a.m., Kathy McIver moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board go into executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

At 11:24 a.m., Pam Saunders moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board come out of executive session. Without objection, the motion passed.

While in executive session, the Board appointed the following members as election ballot counters: Lynne Anderson-Powell, Kathy Cohen, Caren Feinberg, Ralph Holzhauser, Donna Thibault and Barbara Yerks.

While in executive session, the Board appointed the following members to the Nominating Committee: Jo Nussle, Chair; Nancy Aliff, Diane Lavin, Sandee Lovett and alternates Deb Bridge and Linda Roderick.

While in executive session, the Board named Beverly and Ron Eichel as Honorary Members.

While in executive session, the Board appointed Chris Plum as Chair of the Steering Committee.

While in executive session, the Board appointed Sandra Younger as Chair of the AKC Breed Column Committee.

Roger Frey moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board approve the Publicity Committee job description as presented and to post the committee openings in the *NCA e-notes*. Without objection, the motion passed.

Meredith Reggie moved and Steve Britton seconded that applicants for the Publicity Committee submit some samples of their work. Without objection, the motion passed.

Meredith Reggie moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board direct the Regional Club Liaison to forward the Publicity Committee committee openings announcement to the all NCA regional club newsletter editors for inclusion in their newsletters. Without objection, the motion passed.

At 11:48 a.m., Donna Thibault moved and John Cornell seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Without objection, the motion passed.