

Bulletin Board

Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors
Face-to-face Meeting of the Board
Bavarian Inn Lodge
Frankenmuth, Michigan
May 1-3, 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 6:11p.m., the meeting was called to order.

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the March 17, 2011 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Kathy McIver moved and Sue Marino seconded that all committees be required to hold committee teleconference meetings as needed to properly conduct business with a minimum of one meeting per year. There must be a quorum of said committee. All committee actions must result from a teleconference or face-to-face meeting with a quorum of said committee. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Kathy McIver moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board direct Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, to vote for four-year term limits for the AKC Board of Directors. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Kathy McIver moved and Donna Thibault seconded that Board accept the proposal from the Electronic Publications Policy Committee as follows:

Commercial/Vendor Advertising will be accepted for the NCA Electronic Newsletter (*e-Notes*).

Ad size will be 100 pixels high by 185 pixels wide and may contain a company name, tag line, one image or logo (up to 75px x 100px) and a link.

Advertising Rates:

NCA Member - \$25

Non NCA Member - \$50

Regional Club - \$12.50 (fundraiser, raffle, etc.)

A 10% discount is offered for vendors pre-ordering 6 or more months in a calendar year.

All ads will appear in the base of the right column and will be separated from non paid space by a horizontal bar.

A maximum of 4 ads will be accepted per issue on a first come-first serve basis. If an issue is full the vendor will be offered the next available slot, or the advertising fee will be refunded. The advertising deadline for each issue is the 15th of the month. Ad space in any given issue may be reserved up to six months prior to the deadline date. Payment must be received in order to reserve space. Multiple ad spaces in the same issue will be available only if all spaces are not reserved by the advertising deadline. The NCA may reject any advertisement for inappropriate content. Advertisements for dogs or puppies for sale will not be accepted.

Advertisements may be paid by check or charge. Checks must accompany ads and must be made out to the Newfoundland Club of America. Checks from Canadian and international vendors must be in U.S. dollars, drawn on a U.S. bank. Ads received without payment will be returned.

A webpage will be available for online advertising submission, and a link will be provided in the footer of each issue of the NCA Electronic Newsletter. (*e-Notes*).
The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board accept the proposed Purina Dog Library revisions as amended. The motion passed unanimously.
1 Absent (JB)

Sue Marino moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board approve Balch Signs to provide NCA decals at the price of \$.43 each per 1000 ordered. Updated art work will be presented to the Board before the printing of the decals. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board approve the recommendation of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee that Newfoundlands that requalify for a title may submit a photograph to the *Annual of Titlists* and to the new titles section in *Newf Tide*. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board approve the recommendation of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee that the NCA's agreement with the editor of the *Annual of Titlists* be extended for the production of the 2010 *Annual of Titlists*. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board approve the recommendation of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee starting with the 3rd Quarter 2011 issue of *Newf Tide*, at an approximate cost of \$375 per issue, that the magazine be perfect bound. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Donna Thibault moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board approve the recommendation of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee that a full page color ad category be established at a cost of \$240 per full page ad subject to the existing policies governing ad submission. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Pam Saunders moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board approve the recommendation of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee that starting with the 3rd Quarter 2011 issue of *Newf Tide*, all "business pages" in the magazine be printed on 70 pound paper. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

At 7:48 p.m., Donna Thibault moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

At 7:49 p.m., Donna Thibault moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passes unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

While in executive session, the Board approved the recommendation of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee that the NCA's agreement with the editor of *Newf Tide* be extended for three (3) years. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

At 8:19 p.m., Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

At 9:28 p.m., Kathy McIver moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

While in executive session, the Board approved the Applicants Lists dated March 17, 2011 and May 1, 2011.

While in executive session, the Board awarded the Member of the Year to Sue Miller.

While in executive session, the Board awarded Honorary Memberships to Roger and Barbara Frey.

At 9:54 p.m., the meeting was recessed until Monday, May 2, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

NCA Face-to-Face Meeting, continued
May 2, 2011

At 8:38 a.m., the meeting was reconvened.

At 9:08 a.m., Sue Marino moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

At approximately 11:30 a.m., John Cornell moved and Pam Saunders seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the Board heard the matter of Bricknell & McFadden v. Heard and found merit to the charge against Christine Heard and no merit to the charge against Brad Heard. Mrs. Heard is suspended from the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. for a period to six (6) months beginning May 2, 2011.

Pam Rubio moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board direct the Treasurer to refund \$50 of the \$100 grievance fee to the complainant in the matter of Bricknell & McFadden v. Heard. The motion passed unanimously.

At 1:12 p.m., Pam Saunders moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:14 p.m., Donna Thibault moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the Board heard the matter of Lambert v. Gerrits. The complaint consisted of six charges. The Board found merit to one charge and no merit to the remaining charges. No penalty was imposed. Ms. Gerrits remains a member in good standing of the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

At 6:15 p.m., the meeting was recessed.

At 9:05 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board refer to the *ad hoc* Governing Documents Review Committee for consideration the suggestions that the time between the Board election and the annual meetings be decreased and the establishment of an investigative committee as part of the grievance hearing process. The motion passed. 11 Yes (LA, JB, JC, MLC, RF, SM, KM, MLP, PR, PS, DT; 1 No (MR)

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board refer the following recommendations from the Steering Committee to the Regional Club Committee with a report due back to the Board by August 18, 2011:

- Identify through Regional Club listings those regional club members who are not NCA members but who are active and/or long-time members at the regional level. Pull together a group of people who will talk to these members and encourage them to join the NCA.
- Have a Regional Club/NCA member available at Fun Days and Membership meetings to talk about the NCA, its programs, the Charitable Trust, and the membership process. For Annual Membership meetings, ask for a five-minute spot on the agenda. For Fun Days, set up a card table with NCA information and some copies of Newf Tide. For both, have membership forms and other educational and informative materials available.
- Encourage Newfoundland owners who love Newfoundlands to avail themselves of the opportunity to participate in and work for the parent club whose responsibility it is to preserve and protect this breed, since the NCA is the only U.S. organization in existence with this purpose.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Lou Cuddy moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board request the Specialty Show Coordinating Committee to develop a procedure for nametags identifying NCA and Board members at National Specialties. The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Rubio moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board establish the goal that the regional clubs work towards having 50% of their membership be NCA members. The motion passed unanimously.

Sue Marino moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded that the Board adopt the recommendations presented by the *ad hoc* Newf Ambassador Committee. The motion passed. 11 Yes (LA, JB, JC, MLC, RF, SM, MLP, MR, PR, PS, DT); 1 No (KM)

Sue Marino moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board refer the Newf Ambassador program to the General Education Committee for the committee's opinion on making the Newf Ambassador program a sub-committee of the General Education Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., Sue Marino moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 11:02 p.m., Kathy McIver moved and John Cornell seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the Board approved the payment for 2 days room charges and a gift of a Dannyquest statue to Nancy Aliff for her expertise and guidance in the matter of the two grievance hearings.

While in executive session, the Board approved the attendance of Jenny Zablotny at the Purina Parent Club Health Conference.

At 11:03 p.m., the meeting was recessed until Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

**NCA Face-to-Face Meeting, continued
May 3, 2011**

At 8:36 a.m., the meeting was reconvened.

Donna Thibault moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board direct the Treasurer to refund the \$100 grievance fee to the complainant in the matter of Lambert v. Gerrits. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:41 a.m., Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:02 a.m., Sue Marino moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board come out of executive session.

While in executive session, the Board agreed to support the decision of the Old West Newfoundland Club in regards to a rescue situation.

At 9:27 a.m., Pam Saunders moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:42 a.m., Donna Thibault moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the Board agreed to send a letter to the Austin, Texas Animal Control and Shelter in regards to a Newfoundland that has been deemed aggressive and is in possession of P.A.W.S. of Austin.

At 9:50 a.m., Pam Saunders moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 10:14 a.m., Kathy McIver moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board come out of executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

While in executive session, the Board accepted a bid from Dogfish Software for Phase III of the NCA Database in the amount of \$26,880.00. One-half of the amount has been budgeted and approved for this fiscal year, the remaining half will be budgeted for the next fiscal year.

At 10:33 a.m., John Cornell moved and Sue Marino seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.