

**Board of Directors Teleconference
December 6, 2007
Bulletin Board**

President Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands. Also present was Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, *ex officio*.

Mary W. Price asked that the order of business be suspended to present the AKC Delegate's report and to so that she might leave the meeting early. The Board agreed by consensus.

AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT (Mary W. Price)

Mary W. Price thanked the Board for accommodating her schedule. She attended the Friday Canine Health Foundation Gala in conjunction with the Eukanuba Shows. Mary reported that the Gala raised a record amount of \$80,000.

The Newfoundland booth, created and manned by southern California Newfoundland fanciers, once again won first place in the Working Group Meet the Breed competition.

Mary attended the Delegates Committee Meeting. There was discussion about re-aligning the Groups and perhaps adding additional Groups. There are 40 breeds awaiting AKC approval in addition to more than 160 breeds now recognized.

Mary also attended meetings regarding AKC Parent Clubs, By-Laws, Health, and Obedience.

She reported that NCA member Fred Bock is running by petition for the AKC 2010 session.

The AKC has formed an AKC Political Action Committee and is seeking financial support.

Mary W. Price left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Mary Lou Roberts)

Working Achievement Award Committee (Brian Hodges, Chair)

Brian joined the meeting at 8:45 p.m. He presented recommendations from the *ad hoc* Working Achievement Award Committee regarding the requirements for the award. The Committee recommends that the TDD and the DD re-qualification be moved from the core requirements to the optional list and that the any open agility class be allowed. The Board thanked Brian and the Committee for their input. Brian left the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to approve the minutes of the October 18 teleconference as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Kathy Mclver seconded to approve the minutes of the fall face-to-face (November 2-4) meeting of the Board as amended. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Regional Club Liaison - Kathy Mclver. Southeastern Newfoundland Club (SENC) members Chuck Fisher, Darlene Fisher, and Margaret Rancourt joined the meeting at 10:30 p.m. to discuss changes to the SENC By-laws.

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Meredith Reggie seconded to approve in principal the SENC by-laws as jointly agreed upon in this meeting, pending submission of the final document for formal approval. The motion passed. NCA Recording Secretary, Cathy L. Sands, will send a revised copy to the Board and the SENC.

The Board recessed at 12:08 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. The Board will re-convene at 8:p.m. on December 10, 2007.

The Board re-convened at 8:05 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on December 10, 2007. Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Roger Frey, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy Mclver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands.

Second Vice President's Report (Mary Lou Roberts)

There was discussion regarding the name of the NCA's electronic newsletter.

MOTION: Cathy L. Sands moved and Sue Marino seconded to change the name of the NCA electronic newsletter. The motion passed.

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Meredith Reggie seconded to name the electronic newsletter "Newf-E-Highlights". The motion passed.

The Board discussed the issue of distribution of interim documents relating to the NCA Constitution & By-Laws revision.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Jacqueline Brellochs)

MOTION: Pam Rubio moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to give the NAIA donations in the same amount as last year (\$750 each). The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Mary Lou Roberts)

Health & Longevity Committee (H&L) - Pam Rubio. Pam submitted a report on the teleconference of the H&L held on December 4, 2007.

- MOTION: Kathy Mclver moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the NCA adopt the OFA nomenclature and abbreviations for health screenings and health matters to be used in the NCA database and all NCA publications. The motion passed.

- MOTION: Pam Rubio moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded that the NCA add a requirement to the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) that all dogs awarded a CHIC must have submitted a blood sample to the DNA repository, effective January 1, 2009. The motion failed.

Whelping Box

MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded that the Board should move forward on this issue with the input received from the Breeders List Committee and the Breeders Education Committee and without input from the *ad hoc* Ethics Committee. The motion passed.

Working Achievement Award (Sue Marino). Based on input from members of the *ad hoc* Working Dog Achievement Committee and feedback from other NCA members, the requirements were reviewed.

MOTION: Sue Marino moved and Pam Rubio seconded to amend the requirements as follows:

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

This new award will be effective immediately and any eligible dogs may receive the award at the 2008 National. This award must be applied for via the Versatile Newfoundland Committee; the deadline to apply is March 1, 2007. The motion passed.

The Board noted that Brian Hodges and Joyce Arivella have volunteered to serve on the open Versatile Newfoundland Committee for the purpose of administering the Working Achievement Award.

Regional Club Liaison (Kathy McIver)

MOTION: Sue Marino moved and Barbara Finch seconded to direct 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 must be postmarked by January 2, 2008 and have a deadline for renewal of May 1, 2008. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Mary L. Price) Mary presented the Treasurer's report. It was accepted unanimously. She reported the following balances: checking account: \$1461.80; savings account: \$47105.52; invested in CDs: \$256193.41; and the NCA operations balance total of \$304760.73 with \$4,417.96 in reserve for "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund money market account balance is \$13,294.53 and a grand total of \$318055.26.

Mary recommended that NCA fund the incorporation grant request received from the Newfoundland Club of Southern California.

MOTION: Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that an incorporation grant to Newfoundland Club of Southern California, not to exceed \$1,000, be approved. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

While in Executive Session the Board approved the applicant's list of December 12, 2007 for publication.

While in Executive Session the Board appointed Laura Gallagher and Patti Pigeon to the Working Dog Committee.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

All agenda items not addressed will be held over to the next teleconference on January 17, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Sands
NCA Recording Secretary