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**Board of Directors Teleconference**  
**February 21-February 28, 2008**  
**Bulletin Board**

President Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 8:05 Eastern Standard Time. Present were Jacqueline Brellocks, Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Cathy L. Sands, and Mary W. Price, AKC Delegate, *ex officio*. Also present were Board-elect members Mary Lou Cuddy and Patrick Randall.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cathy Sands moved and Jacqueline Brellocks seconded to approve the minutes of January 17-January 24, 2008 teleconference meeting as amended. The minutes were unanimously approved by all present.

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

Roger reported that the NCA advertisement in the Westminster Dog Show catalog was outstanding. Mary L. Price indicated that although the ad contained errors the art was lovely. Other Board members noted that the website address in the advertisement was incorrect.

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

- Sandee presented the meeting highlights from the Charitable Trust Management Board (CTMB) meeting of February 7, 2008.
- Mary L. Price presented a letter from the newly-created AKC Humane Fund, inviting parent clubs to become founding members. A motion was approved to recommend to the Trustee that NCA, Inc. become a founding member of the AKC Humane Fund. The secretary will draft a letter for Sandee (liaison) to present to the Trustee.
- Next CTMB meeting is March 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

There was a discussion of distribution about committee reports to other groups and to the Internet prior to their receipt and review by the Board.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Jacqueline Brellocks)**

Jacqueline reported on the following correspondence:

- An invitation to all Eukanuba winners to attend the Crufts Dog Show in the United Kingdom.
- A letter from AKC regarding nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Awards
- A letter from AKC regarding the AKC proposed Draft test notifying the clubs that AKC has decided not to go forward with the AKC Draft test.
- A letter from a company in Nevada that wishes to publish a book presenting a photo showcase for titleholders. Jacqueline will forward the information to the Board for the March meeting.
- An email regarding megaesophagus which was forwarded to the Health and Longevity Committee.

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

Election Report: Roger Frey (540 votes); Mary Lou Cuddy (533 votes); Pam Rubio (491 votes); Mary Lou Roberts (467 votes); Meredith Reggie (442 votes); Patrick Randall (402 votes); Pam Saunders (374 votes); Beverly Eichel (294 votes); Summer Poris (241 votes).

A request was received from the Newfoundland Club of Ireland to link to their website to the NCA website. The Board agreed by consensus.

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

54 Mary presented the Treasurer's report. It was accepted unanimously. She reported the following  
55 balances: checking account: \$2,678.67; savings account: \$27,203.33; invested in CDs:  
56 \$262,335.61; and the NCA operations balance total of \$292,217.61 with \$4106.97 in reserve for  
57 "Distinguished Member" expenses. The Uniform Trophy Fund money market account balance is  
58 \$2,153.85 for a grand total of \$294,371.46. Payments for the 2008 trophies and 2008 Ltd. Ed.  
59 plates are being processed.

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

62 Mary presented information regarding the AKC's new **Political Action Committee (PAC)**. The  
63 apparent purpose of PAC is to expand revenues for animal rights lobbies and canine legislation.  
64 She also gave the Board a copy of the AKC's letter regarding their new **AKC Humane Fund**.

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66 The AKC is now accepting nominations for 2008 ACE Awards. The deadline for nominations is  
67 June 30, 2008. Mary suggested that NCA should nominate the NCA's heroic Newfoundland  
68 winners for an ACE Award.

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70 Mary also reminded the Board that she has received the medallion from AKC to be presented for  
71 the NCA's Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. The first award was given last year to Marylou  
72 Zimmerman.

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74 Kathy McIver joined the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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76 **COMMITTEE REPORTS (Mary Lou Roberts)**

77 Judges Education Committee Chair, Denise Castonguay, joined the meeting at 9:00 p.m. EST.  
78 The Judges Education Committee (JEC) requested that no change be made to the letter for the  
79 AKC judges' newsletter.

80 MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to rescind the previous motion  
81 to add a sentence to the letter. The motion failed. Denise left the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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83 The Rescue Education and Awareness Committee (REACT) Chair, Donna Zink, submitted an  
84 "US vs. THEM" letter to be used as an educational document for Board approval. The letter is  
85 addressed to new puppy buyers and compares NCA ("US") to those who breed Newfoundlands  
86 as a significant source of income ("THEM"). MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Cathy  
87 Sands seconded to approve the letter. The motion passed.

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89 The Newf Tide Policy Committee (Aura Dean, Chair) submitted a report of cost comparisons  
90 involved in separating the minutes from *Newf Tide*. After review of the report the Board agreed  
91 by consensus to continue to publish the minutes within *Newf Tide*.

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93 NTPC submitted information regarding the cost of mailing back issues of *Newf Tide*. Subscriber  
94 rates for *Newf Tide* also need to be adjusted in light of the new United States postal structure.  
95 MOTION: Mary L. Price moved and Kathy McIver seconded to charge \$10 per issue plus  
96 postage for back issues of *Newf Tide*. The motion passed.

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98 *Newf Tide* Policy Committee (NTPC) proposed a three-tier system for assessing a foreign  
99 postage levy to be effective with the dues renewal notice for 2008-09. Current rates would be  
100 grandfathered in until July 1, 2008.

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102 MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Cathy Sands seconded to accept the recommendation  
103 of NTPC as follows: 1) no changes in United States addresses; 2) Canada and Mexico - \$36; 3)  
104 all other countries - \$44. The motion passed.

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106 Working Dog Committee

107 The Board received a letter from an NCA member requesting a status report on previous letters  
108 sent both to the Board and to the Working Dog Committee (WDC). The letters concerned WDC  
109 items and were referred to WDC for response.

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111 Regional Club Liaison (Kathy McIver)

112 Kathy reported that Niagara Frontier Newfoundland Club (NFNC) has not complied with the  
113 Board's direction regarding membership notices.

114 MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Mary L Price seconded that, based on the Niagara  
115 Frontier Newfoundland Club's refusal to comply with the Board's directive of January 8, 2008,  
116 NFNC be suspended from all rights and privileges for a period of 6 months or earlier if NFNC  
117 complies with the Board's directive sooner. If the 6-month period expires and NFNC has not  
118 complied, the Board may consider permanent de-certification. Kathy McIver will write the letter  
119 to NFNC and copies shall be sent to all NFNC members on NFNC membership lists for 2004-  
120 2007. The motion passed

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122 Technical Resources Committee (TRC) (Mary Lou Roberts)

123 Mary Lou reported on the status of the NCA database. Data has not yet been received from the  
124 previous database chair. TRC has received Cathy Sands' database for use in testing. Mary Lou  
125 reported that a demo of the new database is being set up at this year's National Specialty Show.

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127 Constitution & By-Laws and ad hoc Ethics Committee – The Board received an email from this  
128 committee recommending that the on-line whelping box not be implemented until a new Ethics  
129 Guide is completed. Discussion ensued regarding the length of time until the new Ethics Guide  
130 is approved; i.e., proposed revision received, sent to membership for vote, actual vote, etc.

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132 MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to form an *ad hoc* committee to  
133 survey the NCA breeders list and to suspend the Online Whelping Box until that committee  
134 reports back to the Board. The motion failed.

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136 MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to put the Online Whelping Box  
137 on hold until after the Annual Membership Meeting at the National. The motion failed.

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139 Kathy McIver will email the AKC resources she received on Ethics Guides at the AKC Parent  
140 Club Conference to the Board.

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142 MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kathy McIver seconded to go into Executive Session  
143 at 10:25 p.m. for discussion of personnel issues, contracts, and the applicants list. The motion  
144 passed. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:05 p.m.

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146 Mary W. Price left the meeting at 11:11 p.m.

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148 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

149 While in Executive Session the membership application list of February 21, 2008 was approved  
150 for publication.

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152 While in Executive Session

153 A motion was passed to require the previous database chair complete the following:

- 154 1. Forward to the Technical Resources Committee (TRC) by March 1, 2008 all data provided  
155 by Flip Young's database.
- 156 2. Forward to the TRC by March 1, 2008 all data harvested from the previous database chair's  
157 database, that has been promised for over two years or forfeit any and all fees budgeted for  
158 the project.

- 159 3. As required by the NCA by-laws, return all NCA data and materials, including but not  
160 limited to Cystinuria records, cardiology records, and foreign pedigrees provided by the NCA  
161 while acting as a committee chair or data received since leaving the position of chair.  
162 4. Immediately cease and desist representing herself in an official capacity with the NCA  
163 Database.

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165 **RECESS**

166 The Board recessed at 12:30 a.m. EST. The Board will re-convene at 8:00 p.m. EST on  
167 February 28, 2008

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169 **RE-CONVENE**

170 President Roger Frey reconvened the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).  
171 Present were Jacqueline Brellochs, Barbara Finch, Sandee Lovett, Sue Marino, Kathy McIver,  
172 Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy Sands, and Mary W. Price, AKC  
173 Delegate, *ex officio*. Also present were Board-elect members Mary Lou Cuddy & Patrick  
174 Randall.

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176 **COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Mary Lou Roberts)

177 Rescue Education and Awareness Committee (REACT) submitted a proposed coupon plan to  
178 provide one complimentary back issue of *Newf Tide* for AKC puppy registrants. MOTION:  
179 Mary Lou Roberts moved and Pam Rubio seconded to accept the proposal. The motion passed.

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181 MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to ask REACT to add  
182 subscription information for the NCA e-newsletter and that when REACT receives a response  
183 from a new puppy buyer that REACT furnish contact information for regional clubs. The motion  
184 passed.

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186 **NEW BUSINESS**

187 MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to establish, as several  
188 other breed clubs have, a network of Newfoundland Breed Stewards (participating regional clubs  
189 and individuals) who can be contacted by people in their geographic area to learn more about  
190 Newfoundlands. In order to be a Steward, an NCA member must meet the following  
191 requirements: 1) Be an NCA member and preferably a member of his/her regional club  
192 (exceptions may be made in areas in which a regional club does not exist and/or the regional  
193 club's activities generally require travel time for the Steward in excess of two hours; 2) Have  
194 owned one or more Newfoundlands for more than three years; 3) Have demonstrated to the  
195 Steward Committee a sound general knowledge of the breed and the willingness and ability to  
196 share that knowledge with others; 4) Be willing to meet face-to-face with people interested in  
197 knowing more about the breed, including allowing people to meet their dogs. The motion  
198 passed.

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200 MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to table the motion regarding Breed  
201 Stewards. The motion failed.

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203 MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Meredith Reggie seconded to establish a Steward  
204 Committee that will establish and manage the network of NCA Stewards (participating regional  
205 clubs and individuals), providing them with appropriate handouts, monitoring their activity, and  
206 making suggestions for improvements in the Steward program. This Board-appointed  
207 committee, which will include, but not be limited to, a representative from the Breeder Referral,  
208 Breeders List, General Education, and REACT committees, will monitor the program's progress  
209 and success and make recommendations for improving the program. The Committee shall be  
210 staffed at the Board meeting held at the 2008 National Specialty Show. The motion passed.

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212 MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to form an *ad hoc* committee to  
213 survey the NCA breeders list and to suspend the Online Whelping Box until that committee  
214 reports back to the Board. The motion failed.  
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216 MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Meredith Reggie seconded to require that health test  
217 results be posted for the sire and dam of all litters listed on the Online Whelping Box. The  
218 motion passed.  
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220 MOTION: Mary Lou Roberts moved and Cathy Sands seconded that the Online Whelping Box  
221 provide links to the OFA and/or NCA databases, with explanations of how to use them, so that  
222 potential puppy buyers can view health test results that are posted online. The motion passed.  
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224 MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to award all ROM honorees with a  
225 pin and patch. This will be in addition to the certificate currently awarded. The item shall be  
226 comparable to what is awarded to Newfoundlands that have achieved the title of VN. The pin  
227 and patch will be awarded automatically to the current year's honorees. The owners of previous  
228 ROM honorees must apply for the pin or patch. This award will be presented at the annual  
229 meeting. The motion passed.  
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231 MOTION: Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Meredith Reggie seconded to allow older puppies  
232 and adult Newfoundlands may (also) be listed on the electronic whelping box. The fee for such  
233 listing would be \$10.00 for non Breeders List members. The motion failed.  
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235 MOTION Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the NCA Breeders Referral  
236 Chair should post inquiries as to who has puppies to the whole Breeders List (BL) email group.  
237 Breeders' List members should help spread the word as to who has puppies/adults and who is  
238 looking for puppies/adults via the BL email group. The motion passed.  
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240 MOTION: Barbara Finch moved and Cathy Sands seconded that the Board email link on the  
241 NCA webpage should go to one Board Member, who can create a separate e-mail address to  
242 divert them from his/her personal e-mail. That Board Member would be responsible for either  
243 answering or forwarding the e-mail to the proper person for a response. The Corresponding  
244 Secretary would be the person to handle the emails. The motion passed.  
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246 Mary W Price left the meeting at 10:10 p.m. EST.  
247 Kevin Gallagher joined the meeting at 10:12 p.m. EST.  
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#### 249 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

250 Pam Rubio moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss  
251 personnel issues. The Board went into Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. and came out of  
252 Executive Session at 10:50 p.m.  
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254 Roger Frey reminded the Board that the Officers Reports for the Annual Membership Meeting  
255 need to be sent to him.  
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257 Meredith Reggie reported that the South Central Newfoundland Club has expressed their  
258 appreciation for help with rescue.  
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260 Cathy Sands announced that she will not be attending the 2008 National Specialty and Mary Lou  
261 Cuddy was appointed to take minutes in her absence.  
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263 Cathy reminded the Board that there is an early deadline for Agenda item submission for the  
264 March 20, 2008 teleconference. Deadline is March 11 at 12:00 noon Colorado time.

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266 ADJOURNMENT  
267 Pam Rubio moved for adjournment at 11:00 p.m. EST. The motion passed.