

Board of Directors Meeting
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April 30 - May 1, 2007 face-to-face

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44 Face-to-Face meeting of the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. Board of Directors
45 was held on April 30, 2007. President Roger Frey called the meeting to order at 1:27
46 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time. Present were Jan Boggio, Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura
47 Dean, Roger Frey, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy Mclver, Mary L. Price, Mary
48 Lou Roberts (via Telecom), Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands, and AKC Delegate, Mary W.
49 Price, *ex officio*. Also present were Board-elect members Barbara Finch and Sue
50 Marino.

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53 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

54 **MOTION:** Pam Rubio moved and Aura Dean seconded to approve the minutes of
55 March 15, 2007 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

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57 **MOTION:** Aura Dean moved and Jan Boggio seconded to approve the minutes of
58 March 23, 2007 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

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60 **MOTION:** Aura Dean moved and Kathy Mclver seconded to approve the minutes of
61 March 30, 2007 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

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64 Roger Frey introduced the 2007 National Show Chair, Sue Raney. Sue welcomed the
65 Board and gave an update on the show grounds. There is confusion about controlling
66 the temperature in the bubble, which can be a problem considering the unseasonably
67 warm weather. Sue has met with the NCA Show Committee Chair, Robin Seaman,
68 regarding alternate plans for rings, and the location of all rings will depend on the
69 weather.

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71 Sue also reported an obedience judge change due to illness. The Board indicated it
72 would support the decisions made by the Show Committee. Sue thanked the Board for
73 its support and reminded everyone about the effects of high altitude and the need to
74 drink adequate water.

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

78 **No report.**

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81 **1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Sandee Lovett)**

82 The CTMB recommends to the NCA Board that the chairperson of the Research and
83 Advisory Committee be designated as NCA's official contact person with health
84 organizations concerning the welfare of the Newfoundland Breed (i.e. OFA, CHF, Morris
85 Animal Foundation, Veterinary Colleges, etc.). If organizations knew where to send
86 information, this would facilitate NCA receiving pertinent information in a timely fashion.
87 It would also eliminate the confusion within the health organizations when they are

88 contacted by unauthorized members or receive redundant requests from different
89 individuals

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91 CTMB will also be making recommendations for appointments to the 2 yr. and 3 yr.
92 Director-at-Large positions following its next meeting.

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94 Sandee reported that there was no quorum at the April meeting. The next meeting will
95 be held on May 24, 2007.

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98 **2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Mary Lou Roberts)**

99 Individual reports deferred to "Committee Reports" later in the agenda.

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102 **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Jacqueline Bellocks)**

103 Jacqueline asked for approval of the wording for the announcement to the Membership
104 for the discontinuation of the Senior Discount. The following wording was approved:

105 "A Senior Membership category is not provided for under our current Constitution
106 and By-Laws. In order to comply with the Connecticut statutes which govern the
107 Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. and the American Kennel Club By-Laws, the
108 Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors has voted to discontinue the
109 senior discount for 2007-2008

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111 The membership will have an opportunity to decide if a senior membership category
112 should be included in a proposed revision of the Constitution and By-Laws currently
113 under review."

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115 Jacqueline shared an email from the AKC opposing California Assembly Bill 1634 along
116 with a sample protest letter. This bill, known as the California Health Pets Act,
117 proposed to require the mandatory spaying or neutering of all dogs or cats over four
118 months of age, unless the owner acquires an intact animal permit. The American
119 Kennel Club strongly supports reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare
120 and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who
121 take their responsibilities seriously. The American Kennel Club feels that it is imperative
122 that all parent clubs write a letter opposing this bill.

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124 Kathy McIver reported that the bill has passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
125 There was discussion about how to get information on this bill out to the NCA
126 membership. The possibility of putting a link on the NCA website was proposed.

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128 The Canine Health Conference will be held in St. Louis October 19-21, 2007. One
129 representative from each club will be allowed to attend the conference this year.

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

133 The Recording Secretary received an email from National Bulgarian Newfoundland Club
134 requesting the right to use information from the NCA Web site on their own site.
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137 **TREASURER'S REPORT (Mary L. Price)**

138 The Treasurer asked for direction as to what to do with the monies received from the
139 now defunct Newfoundland Club of Ohio in the amount of \$1,974.80. The Board
140 decided to postpone a decision until after discussion of other items on the agenda.
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142 Mary L. Price requested that the Board approve the Incorporation and Insurance Grant
143 Application forms which were sent to the Board. Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio
144 seconded to accept the report and application forms. The motion passed unanimously.
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146 There was discussion regarding the letter received from David Hartman of the Penn
147 Ohio Newfoundland Club. He questioned the propriety of using of NCA funds for rescue
148 insurance administration and incorporation fees and suggested some alternatives that
149 could be more financially responsible.
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151 Kevin Gallagher reported on resolving our dispute with the vendor that printed the
152 election packet and ballots. He asked that we offer the company an additional,
153 compromise amount, and he will attempt to close this matter via a telephone call while
154 he in Colorado.
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157 **AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT (Mary W. Price)**

158 The AKC Delegate distributed copies of three letters that she received from the
159 American Kennel Club (AKC):

- 160 1. Chairman's report
 - 161 2. Letter regarding AKC's stand on voting rights for foreign members
 - 162 3. Letter praising the NCA archived collection
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165 **RECESS**

166 The Board recessed at 4:00 P.M. Mountain Daylight Savings Time (MDST) It will re-
167 convene at 8 P.M. MDST on May 1, 2007.
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170 **MEETING RECONVENES**

171 The Board reconvened at 8:12 p.m. Present were Jan S. Boggio (JSB), Jacqueline K.
172 Brellochs, Aura Dean, Roger Frey, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary
173 L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands , and Mary W. Price, AKC
174 delegate, *ex officio*. Mary Lou Roberts was present via Telecom. Board members-elect
175 Sue Marino and Barbara Finch were also present. Guests present were Jill and Steve

176 Britton, John Cornell, Beth and Ron Sell, Pat and Judi Randall, Tamzin Rosenwasser,
177 and Marylou Zimmerman.
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181 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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- 183 • **Juniors (Jill Britton)**

184 Jill Britton reported on the Juniors Program. She showed the Board the certificate
185 giving special recognition for the juniors.

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187 One Board member asked if the Board could have a copy of the NCA logo that Jill
188 used on the certificates. There has been a problem locating the original artwork for
189 the logo and the one Jill has is much cleaner than the one we have available at this
190 point in time. Jill will send the Board a copy.

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192 Jill asked for direction as to when to announce the NCA stipend to be awarded to a
193 junior. It was decided she should make the announcement at the Annual
194 Membership Meeting on Tuesday night.

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- 196 • **Committee Restructuring (Mary Lou Roberts)**

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199 **MOTION:** Mary Lou Roberts moved and Pam Rubio seconded to combine the
200 Database, Internet, and Technical Resources committees. Mary Lou Zimmerman
201 was asked her opinion of the motion; she stated she was in favor of it. The motion
202 passed 8 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price,
203 Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey; 1 no
204 (Jan Boggio); 2 abstain (Aura Dean, Kevin Gallagher).

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206 **MOTION:** Mary Lou Roberts moved and Mary L. Price seconded to appoint an
207 Educational Liaison as a contact person to help coordinate the activities of the
208 Breeders Education Committee, General Education Committee, Judges Education
209 Committee, and the Health & Longevity Committee. The motion failed 1 yes (Mary
210 Lou Roberts); 10 no (Jan Boggio, Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura Dean, Kevin Gallagher,
211 Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Roger
212 Frey; 1 abstain (Cathy L. Sands).

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214 **MOTION:** Mary Lou Roberts moved and Pam Rubio seconded to make Health &
215 Longevity Committee a closed committee with no more than 12 members plus the
216 chairperson(s). The motion passed; 8 Yes, (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sandee Lovett,
217 Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy
218 Sands), 4 no, (Jan Boggio, Aura Dean, Kevin Gallagher, and Roger Frey).

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- **Discussion (Roger Frey)**

Roger Frey raised the issue of communications within committees and suggested that final decisions on issues should be done via teleconference with a quorum in attendance. This would comply with Connecticut state statutes, which essentially require simultaneous auditory communication.

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to require all Committee Chairs to hold teleconference meetings of their committees at least quarterly. There must be a quorum of said committee. All committee actions must result from a teleconference meeting with a quorum of said committee. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Breeder Education (BEC) Kathy McIver**

Kathy McIver gave information about materials that are available to the membership via the NCA web site. The BEC has many items on their page of the NCA site that can be downloaded.

The BEC, at their meeting, voted unanimously to request the following additions to the Specialty Show Guide:

“All Committee Chairs shall supply a list of all the principals and possible conflicts to the National Specialty Show Chair”. By consensus, the Board referred this recommendation to the Specialty Show Committee.

All Committee Chairs will receive a tentative schedule to review for possible conflicts nine months in advance of the National. The NCA President, the Specialty Show Coordinator, and the Specialty Show Chair shall work together to resolve any possible conflicts.”

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Cathy Sands seconded to accept the BEC recommendation to provide committee chairs with a tentative National Specialty schedule nine months prior to the specialty show for review for possible conflicts and any conflicts be resolved by the NCA President, the Specialty Show Coordinator and the Specialty Show Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Breeder Referral/Online Whelping Box (Kathy McIver)**

MOTION: Kathy McIver moved and Jan Boggio seconded to review and redefine the Online Whelping Box. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Internet and Website (Marylou Zimmerman)**

Marylou Zimmerman spoke about Web site design and explained how search engines work. The more links to the NCA website we have the higher the NCA page will rank with search engines. She would like to see some of the NCA members be able to link their home pages with the NCA home page to help boost the NCA webpage in rankings.

264 Marylou Zimmerman presented a list of four proposed website links which would
265 help to boost the NCA homepage rankings.

266 **MOTION:** Mary Lou Roberts moved and Jan Boggio seconded to accept the
267 proposed links. The motion passed unanimously. Mary Lou Zimmerman will provide
268 an article for *Newf Tide* explaining how members can help with out the search
269 engine rankings.

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271 Marylou Zimmerman asked that the NCA own the ncanationalspecialty.org.
272 The site has been purchased for 24 months by NCNE - they are happy to share it
273 over to the NCA for 2009 and then the NCA could assume ownership.

274 **MOTION:** Jan Boggio moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that the NCA purchase
275 the URL. The motion passed unanimously.

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277 There was discussion about placing NCA informational advertisements in the
278 catalogs of the major benched shows in the United States.

279 **MOTION:** Meredith Reggie moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded to place the
280 advertisements. The motion passed unanimously.

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282 The Board thanked Marylou Zimmerman for all of her efforts and hard work.

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284 • **Working Dog Achievement Award (Brian Hodges)**

285 The Board discussed the report received from the ad hoc Working Dog Achievement
286 Committee. Meredith Reggie stated that she will abstain on voting regarding the
287 suggestions in the report as she feels that the titles involved are not equal in her
288 mind. She also feels that the Board has not given the Committee adequate
289 direction.

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291 Mary Lou Roberts stated that she feels the Committee has done what it was asked
292 to do. The idea of the Working Dog Achievement Award was to encourage
293 everyone including non-conformation people to work with their dogs and be given
294 recognition for their efforts.

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296 The Board will further address the report when it meets again on Tuesday, May 1.

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299 **RECESS**

300 The Board recessed at 10:37 P.M. MDST. It will reconvene at 9 A.M. on Tuesday, May
301 1, 2007.

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304 **RECONVENE (Tuesday, May 1, 1007)**

305 President Roger Frey reconvened the meeting on Tuesday May 1, 2007 at 9:15 A.M.

306 Present were Jan Boggio, Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura Dean, Roger Frey, Kevin

307 Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy Mclver, Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Roberts (by telecom),

308 Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands, and AKC Delegate, Mary W. Price, *ex officio*. Also present
309 was Board member-elect Sue Marino and Robin Seaman, chair of the NCA Specialty
310 Committee. Mary Lou Roberts participated via Telecom. Board member-elect Barbara
311 Finch was excused to attend the Judges Education Committee meeting.

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313 Robin Seaman asked the Board to approve up to \$400 for flowers for the rings.
314 By consensus the Board approved this purchase. Robin left the meeting at 9:16 A.M.

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317 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

318 **MOTION:** At 9:17 A.M. Aura Dean moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to go into
319 Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the membership applications and
320 appointment of an NCA Volunteer of the Year. The motion passed unanimously.

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322 While in executive session the Board approved the Applicants List of April 30, 2007 for
323 publication.

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325 While in executive session the board elected the NCA Volunteer of the Year which will
326 be announced at the Annual Membership Meeting.

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328 The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:55 A.M.

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330 The Board discussed the need to make the membership aware that the new
331 membership application form is now available on the NCA Web site. Many are still
332 using the older application form which is not as user friendly.

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335 **NEW BUSINESS**

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337 **MOTION:** Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Aura Dean seconded to reinstate Board
338 members' voting rationales, such rationales to be limited to 50 words. The rationale
339 must be stated during the discussion and cannot be edited later for content. **Rationale:**
340 There can be various reasons to indicate how particular Board members feel about any
341 particular issue. This would show that Board members are very willing to stand by their
342 opinions. The motion passed. 7 yes (Jan Boggio, Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura Dean,
343 Kevin Gallagher, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Roger Frey); 4 no (Santee Lovett,
344 Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie); 1 abstain (Cathy L. Sands).

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346 **MOTION:** Meredith Reggie moved and Aura Dean seconded to begin recording
347 meetings effective with the next teleconference. There was discussion about making
348 the recording available via the NCA Web site. Kevin Gallagher said there is a way to
349 edit out the executive session portions and make the rest of the teleconferences
350 available. He needs to learn more about the technical aspects before we can give the

351 membership access to the recordings. Kevin asked that the Board table the motion until
352 he can get the necessary information to work out the details.

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354 **MOTION:** Mary Lou Roberts moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to table the motion.
355 The motion passed unanimously.

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358 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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360 • **Newf Tide Policy Committee (NTPC) (Aura Dean)**

361 Aura Dean submitted the following suggested new policies on behalf of the NTPC.
362 The NTPC was unanimous in its support of the listed recommendations.

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364 1. In the Group Placement, New Champions and New Titlists sections of the
365 magazine, the gender of the dog will be added and appropriately placed by the
366 editor. Format of the cut line is to remain consistent. Rationale: The addition of this
367 information was suggested by Jacqueline Brellochs some time ago; the committee
368 members felt it would be useful information to the readership.

369 Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Pam Rubio seconded to accept this
370 recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

371 2. The *Newf Tide* editor should be permitted to invoice regional clubs for
372 additional page(s) used in the presentation of the Regional Specialty reports at the
373 page rate in effect at the time. The page rate charge shall be that which is currently
374 in effect. At present (2007) it is \$160.00. Rationale: The editor works with the clubs
375 to prepare the layout and being able to invoice them directly would aid in efficient
376 recording of payments.

377 **MOTION:** Aura Dean moved and Sandee Lovett seconded to accept this
378 recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

379 3. In working dog articles (draft and water) only Newfoundland qualifiers will be
380 listed. Rationale: This is a Newfoundland magazine and while some working tests
381 are open to other breeds, the reporting of qualifiers should be for Newfoundlands
382 only.

383 **MOTION:** Meredith Reggie moved and Aura Dean seconded to accept this
384 recommendation as amended – in regional clubs' reports of Tests, only
385 Newfoundlands will be listed as qualifiers. The motion passed unanimously.

386 4. Omit the words "paid advertising" in full page ads. Rationale: These words
387 are difficult to place in ads prepared and directly submitted on DVDs. The post office
388 does not require these words appear as they now require a separate statement
389 specifying all paid pages or portions thereof.

390 **MOTION:** Aura Dean moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded to accept this
391 recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

392 5. All information and photos for ROMs, Top Producing dogs and

393 Versatile Newfoundlands be submitted directly to the *Newf Tide* editor. Rationale:
394 Submission of these photos and write-ups directly to the editor is more efficient and
395 will cut down time checking for the "missing."

396 **MOTION:** Meredith Reggie moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to accept this
397 recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

398 6. The *Newf Tide* editor will have the flexibility to request candid photos from
399 regional clubs for use in the layout of regional specialty shows (as space permits
400 and as the editor shall determine). Rationale: If space permits, the addition of
401 candid shots would add an extra dimension to the report. (See First Quarter, *Newf*
402 *Tide*, 2007 page 44)

403 **MOTION:** Meredith Reggie moved and Jan Boggio seconded to accept this
404 recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

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406 There was discussion about expanding the committee, which the committee
407 discussed at its teleconference on March 29, 2007. Committee members Ken
408 Wildman and David VanCouvering felt that adding members would add to the costs
409 of teleconferences and would make it more difficult to conduct business. Beth Sell
410 and Nicki Gundersen felt they were too new to the committee to make a
411 recommendation and wanted more time on the committee before evaluating the
412 concept. Aura and Meredith thought it would be a good idea to add two to the
413 committee. The general consensus of the committee was that the Board should
414 decide if the committee should be expanded. The Board agreed by consensus that
415 there should be an odd number of members on the NTPC in order to avoid tie votes.

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417 **MOTION:** Kevin Gallagher moved and Kathy McIver seconded to add members to
418 the NTPC with a maximum number of 7. The motion passed 8 yes (Jan Boggio,
419 Aura Dean, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Pam Rubio, Cathy L.
420 Sands, Roger Frey); 2 no (Jacqueline Brellochs, Mary Lou Roberts); 1 abstain
421 (Meredith Reggie); 1 absent (Kathy McIver).

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423 Meredith Reggie spoke about the use of an index to the minutes in *Newf Tide*. She
424 stated that because of the formatting the index was not very helpful. There was
425 additional discussion regarding the space the index takes in the publication.

426 **MOTION:** Kevin Gallagher moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded to remove the
427 index of the Board minutes from the *Newf Tide*. The motion passed unanimously.

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429 **MOTION:** Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded that the Chair
430 of NEWF Tide Policy Committee (NTPC) does not need to be a sitting Board
431 member. The motion passed 10 yes (Jan Boggio, Jacqueline Brellochs, Aura Dean,
432 Sandee Lovett, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy
433 L. Sands, Roger Frey), 2 abstain (Kevin Gallagher, Meredith Reggie).

437 **RECESS & RECONVENE**

438 The Board recessed at 11:57 A.M. The Board reconvened at 1 P.M. The Board
439 reconvened at 1 p.m. The following guests were present: Mary Lou Cuddy, Janice
440 Anderson, Joe Reinisch, Celia Gebhart, Kathy Mitchell, Mary Killian, Ken Wildman,
441 Tamzin Rosenwasser.

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443 **MOTION:** Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Aura Dean seconded to ask the National
444 Show Committee to allow all the workers and the Board to reserve up to two of the 2007
445 Limited Edition plates. These people will not be available to stand in line to obtain
446 plates due to other duties and commitments. The motion passed 11 yes, 1 abstain
447 (Kevin Gallagher).

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449 • **Membership (Mary Lou Cuddy)**

450 Mary Lou Cuddy recommended that the Board reconsider adding the second email
451 address to the membership directory for the following reasons: (1) an additional field
452 in the database would have to be maintained. There are already many email
453 addresses that are not valid as members do not think to update the Membership
454 Chair when their address changes. Now you will have more invalid addresses which
455 may be a concern when electronic notices are sent to the membership. (2) In the
456 current roster format, that means additional lines which could increase the number of
457 pages. (3) The membership chair is already getting requests for second phone
458 numbers, cell numbers, etc to be listed. This would set a precedent. How much
459 contact information do we want or need to list?

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461 **MOTION:** Kathy McIver moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded to rescind the
462 policy adding a second email address based upon input from the Treasurer and the
463 Membership Chair regarding technical problems and costs involved. The motion
464 passed 9 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Sandee Lovett, Kathy Mciver, mary L. Price,
465 Maredith Reggie, Mary Lou Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey), 2 no
466 (Jan Boggio, Aura Dean), 1 abstain (Kevin Gallagher).

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468 • **Regional Club Liaison (Kathy McIver)**

469 Janice Anderson presented the status of a new club forming in California, the Cal-
470 Neva Newfoundland Club. Janice spoke about the density of potential members in
471 the state of California, and Joe Reinisch also spoke about the need and room for an
472 additional regional club.

473 There was discussion regarding other regional clubs giving up or sharing areas
474 of service with Cal-Neva. Many members of the Cal-Neva Club are also members of
475 other regional clubs in California. Several members of the Newfoundland Club of
476 Southern California, which does not wish to cede counties to the proposed new club,
477 spoke about the issue. The Newfoundland Club of Northern California is discussing
478 sharing part its geographical area.

479 Janice reported that there are approximately 30 members of the new club at this
480 time. They are holding meetings and events and keeping good records to submit to

481 the NCA. Roger Frey spoke regarding the dedication of the Cal-Neva club members
482 and asked if they would continue doing events and services if they were not
483 recognized. Janice stated that the club is willing to accept guidance from the NCA
484 and can be available to meet with the Board in the future.

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487 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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489 **Annual American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Awards.**

490 Member clubs are allowed to nominate one candidate in each of the three event
491 categories: conformation, companion events, and performance.

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493 **On-Line Whelping Box**

494 There was much discussion regarding the Online Whelping Box. Listed below are some
495 of the comments:

- 496 • Only those breeders on the Breeders List should be allowed to use the Online
497 Whelping Box option.
- 498 • Being on Breeders List is an earned privilege
- 499 • The Whelping Box should allow equal access to all NCA breeders
- 500 • Whelping Box users need to educate potential buyers
- 501 • Whelping Box users need to be educated
- 502 • There needs to be a list of qualifications for breeders to list online
- 503 • This is a quick fix and not well thought out
- 504 • Many on the Breeders List oppose allowing non-listed breeders to post to the Online
505 Whelping Box.
- 506 • Many members who are not on the Breeders List feel they should have equal rights
507 to post
- 508 • Those members on the Breeders List do not have enough puppies to meet the
509 demand of the public.

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511 Roger Frey suggested that the topic be referred to the membership for input at the
512 Annual Meeting.

513 **MOTION:** Cathy L. Sands moved and Aura Dean seconded to refer further discussion to
514 the membership. The motion passed unanimously.

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516 **MOTION: Kathy McIver** If the NCA BOD decides to allow all NCA members in good
517 standing to use the online whelping box, as a requirement for the privilege of using this
518 service, NCA members who are not members of the Breeders List are required to
519 receive ten hours of breeder education prior to the acceptance of their whelping box ad.

520 **Rationale** As a parent club, it is the duty of the NCA to provide education.

521 The motion was tabled and the subject referred to the membership at the Annual
522 Membership Meeting tonight.

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524 **MOTION: Kathy McIver** The BEC is requested to present recommendations to the
525 BOD regarding the required breeder education of non Breeder List members within 90
526 days. The BEC may enlist the help of other committees, such as the JEC and H &L, in
527 developing this program. If approved by the BOD, the BEC should be ready to
528 implement said program immediately. **Rationale** As a parent club, it is the duty of the
529 NCA to provide education.
530 The motion was tabled and the subject will be referred to the membership at the Annual
531 Membership Meeting tonight.

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533 • **Specialty Show Committee**

534 Robin Seaman of the Specialty Show Committee joined the Board for discussion of the
535 motions on the agenda regarding the National Specialty show.

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537 At the October 3, 2007, Teleconference, Cathy L. Sands requested that the NCA be
538 responsible for subsidizing costs of required tenting, generators and fuel at National
539 Specialty shows. The Board referred this item to the National Specialty Show
540 Committee for input. The committee is still discussing this item and other possible
541 changes to show sites and required costs.

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543 **MOTION:** Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Kathy McIver seconded that once a
544 conformation judge has been utilized for a National Specialty that judge shall be
545 removed from the list and not hired again for ten years. **Rationale:** We currently have
546 67 conformation judges on the NCA membership voted list approved to judge at our
547 Nationals. In 10 years, 30 of them would have judged for us, or just 45% of those on
548 the list (i.e. there are enough to choose from and to provide increased variety and
549 opportunity for our exhibitors). There was discussion about the host clubs having the
550 right to choose the judges they prefer and how this proposal would affect them.

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552 The motion failed 8 no (Jan Boggio, Aura Dean, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Kathy
553 McIver, Mary L. Price, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands); 3 yes (Jacqueline Brellochs, Mary
554 Lou Roberts, Roger Frey); 1 abstain (Meredith Reggie).

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556 **MOTION:** Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded that
557 conformation judges' contracts to stipulate that they agree not to accept Newfoundland
558 assignments for six months prior to the National for which they are being hired.
559 **Rationale:** To ensure that the intent of November 2005 Board vote to ask National
560 Specialty judges not to accept Newfoundland judging assignment...is followed. This
561 was not followed when Dorothy Collier judged a Regional Specialty in October 2005 and
562 the Bitch classes at the National in March 2006. Such a contract agreement is required
563 by other breed clubs. The motion passed unanimously.

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565 **MOTION:** Mary Lou Roberts moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the NCA
566 handle all National Specialty room reservations the same way that spots are handled for
567 Water and Draft Tests: on a postmark basis. **Rationale:** This system has been used

568 very successfully for years for working events. It is completely fair and does not give
569 any advantage to people who can drive to the hotel to hand in their reservations. It
570 eliminates the need for members to spend money on express mail services. And it is
571 much fairer to our international guests whose mailed entries might take a substantially
572 longer time to arrive than those who are mailing their reservations from within the U.S.

573 There was discussion regarding the legibility of postmarks. Additional discussion
574 included the opinion that the proposed process would make the room reservation
575 process even more cumbersome than it is now. There was discussion regarding
576 whether or not the NCA should be involved in the room reservation process and that it
577 should be handled solely by the hotels. One member stated that reserving rooms is the
578 business of the hotels and that they know best how to do the job.

579 The motion failed. 4 yes (Jacqueline Brellocks, Sandee Lovett, Roger Frey, Mary Lou
580 Roberts); 8 no (Jan Boggio, Aura Dean, Kevin Gallagher, Kathy McIver, Mary L. Price,
581 Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands).

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583 **MOTION:** Meredith Reggie moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded that the Specialty
584 Committee be directed to investigate and establish a criteria under which reservations
585 will be taken. The Committee is to report on this by the 2007 fall face-to-face meeting.
586 The motion passed unanimously.

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588 **MOTION:** Mary Lou Roberts moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Specialty packet
589 will include information about hotel and site facilities and limitations for people with
590 disabilities. It will state the distance from the hotel to the rings and to other locations at
591 the site that will be used for various events, including grooming facilities and meeting
592 rooms. It will explain fully what problems, if any, those who are wheelchair-bound or
593 who have difficulty walking more than short distances may encounter, and will describe
594 what accommodations, if any, the host club has made to assist them in being able to
595 participate fully in the National Specialty and its events. **Rationale:** People with
596 disabilities, especially those who use a wheelchair, should know what to expect when
597 making plans to come to the National. There was one situation where one person had
598 planned to come to the Monterey, California National but cancelled her plans at the last
599 minute for another reason. Had she come, she would not have been able to get to the
600 rings at all since nothing was published about the fact that no wheel chairs or golf carts
601 would be allowed on that road. Had she come, she would have spent a great deal of
602 time and money and not have been able to attend the event. The position of the show
603 site in California was also a problem for people with difficulty walking substantial
604 distances as were the grooming facilities in Elicottville. Lack of availability of golf carts
605 in Maryland also caused a problem for people without access to a car. It is
606 understandable that some of these situations exist, and the host club is not always
607 expected to rectify them to everyone's satisfaction, but making people aware of the
608 limitations will give people an opportunity to determine whether or not they want to
609 come based on the site situation. The motion passed unanimously.

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611 **MOTION:** Jan Boggio moved and Aura Dean seconded to rescind the following motion:
612 “Jacqueline Brellochs moved and Kathy McIver seconded that a ringside public address
613 system be used to call each class at national specialty shows. Once class placements
614 have been made the public address system would also be used to announce winners
615 and absentees by number. There will be no announcements on the public address
616 system while a class is being judged unless there is an emergency.” **Rationale:** A
617 number of NCA members have contacted me regarding their concerns on this matter.
618 They asked that this motion be rescinded, and that the National Specialty Committee
619 have the opportunity to discuss this matter prior to mandating such action at Nationals.
620 Even if a professional is hired to install and operate a public address system, there is
621 the chance that audio feedback could interfere with judging. In addition, the cost of such
622 a system is significantly higher than was discussed.

623 The motion failed 3 yes (Jan Boggio, Aura Dean, Kathy McIver); 9 no (Jacqueline
624 Brellochs, Kevin Gallagher, Sandee Lovett, Mary L. Price, Meredith Reggie, Mary Lou
625 Roberts, Pam Rubio, Cathy L. Sands, Roger Frey).

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627 Barbara Finch distributed copies of the revised Specialty Show Guide and asked that
628 the Board approve it. The Board felt it needed time to review the revised Guide and will
629 send their first round of comments to Barbara by July 1, 2007.

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631 There was some discussion about the possibility of locating permanent show sites
632 around the United States to hold the National Specialty Shows. The Committee has
633 brought up this subject in the past and there is a lot of interest in the idea. The
634 Specialty Show Committee was again asked to investigate the possibilities and report
635 back to the Board.

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637 • **Judges Education Committee (JEC) (Kim Griffith)**

638 Kim Griffith joined the Board meeting at 4:00 P.M. The Judges Education Committee
639 (JEC) has now upgraded the CD to a slide show and added some video footage. There
640 has been no verbal (written changes) in the dialog on the CD. The JEC has now
641 approved the CD for use and will present it to the Board for their approval.

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643 The judges program at this National will have a new format with several new additions.
644 The judges will sit with breed mentors at ringside on Friday and Saturday. There is a
645 study class being held on Thursday afternoon with the new CD and written materials.
646 After the judging on Friday the judges will have a “hands-on” with dogs being examined
647 and gaited. Each judge will place the dogs and explain their placements.

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649 The current JEC members wish to continue to serve on the Committee.
650 Kim left the meeting at 4:15 P.M.

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655 • **Ad Hoc Ethics Committee (Ken Price)**
656 Ken Price joined the meeting at 4:00 P.M. He has accepted the position as Chair of the
657 new ad hoc Ethics Committee. He will continue asking for feedback from the
658 membership regarding what they feel should be in the Ethics Guide.

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660 Ken spoke about the “repeat offenders” that the Grievance Committee hears about.
661 There needs to be good documentation when a complaint is lodged. Many people do
662 not have good documentation or do not choose to submit it to the Grievance Committee
663 and so many times the bad experience is just chalked up to an expensive lesson in how
664 to not purchase a Newfoundland.

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667 **ADJOURNMENT**

668 **MOTION:** Kevin Gallagher moved and Cathy L. Sands seconded to adjourn at 4:30
669 P.M. MDST. The motion passed unanimously.

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675 Cathy L. Sands
676 NCA Recording Secretary
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