

## Bulletin Board

Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors  
Teleconference Meeting  
June 19 and June 26, 2008

(In an effort for more timely communication with the membership, here is a list of the motions made at the 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: Jacqueline K. Brelloch (JB), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Barbara Finch (BF), Roger Frey (RF), Kevin Gallagher (KG), Sue Marino (SM), Kathy McIver (KM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Meredith Reggie (MR), Mary Lou Roberts (MLR), Pam Rubio (PSR).

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to approve the April 28, 2008 face-to-face meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to approve for publication the April 29, 2008 Annual Membership Meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded to approve the April 29, 2008 Annual Meeting of the Board minutes as written. 1 Absent (JB)

Kathy McIver moved and Pam Rubio seconded to approve the March 27, 2008 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Pam Rubio moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the NCA provide medallions in conformation, obedience and agility for the 2008 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Kathy McIver moved and Mary Lou Roberts seconded that the NCA submit a letter to the AKC Delegate's newsletter, *Perspectives*, outlining the NCA's past contributions and involvement with the AKC Drafting title proposal, which was recently declined by the AKC Board, and the NCA's great concern about the dogs' safety while participating in said event. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Pam Rubio moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that a column be written by the Working Dog Committee for use in the Newfoundland breed column of the *AKC Gazette*. This column would address, in a positive manner, safety and proper equipment and fit for the dogs while competing in draft test using our tests and regulations as examples. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (JB)

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Sue Marino seconded to advertise for a volunteer to assist the Awards Committee to verify TOD and TOD-D applications. The motion failed. 4 Yes (MLC, RF, SM, MLR); 6 No (BF, KG, PKR, KM, MR, PSR); 1 Absention (JB); 1 Absent (MLP)

Pam Rubio moved and Pat Randall seconded that the Board table further discussion on the TOD and TOD-D awards until the July teleconference. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MLP)

Kathy Mclver moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded that the Board accept the recommendation of the **Newf Tide** Policy Committee to raise the postage rates for subscribers. The motion passed unanimously. 1 Absent (MLP)

Pam Rubio moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded that the Board accept the following recommendation of the Working Dog Committee: as part of the qualifications to apply for water test observer judge, an applicant will have earned one WRD and one WRDX or two WRD titles, each on different dogs. The motion passed. 8 Yes (JB, MLC, BF, KG, SM, MR, MLR, PSR); 3 No (RF, PKR, KM); 1 Absent (MLP)

Pam Rubio moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded that the Board accept the following recommendation of the Working Dog Committee: that the existing Specialty Carting class be made more available to members by allowing regional clubs to hold Specialty Carting at any of their club events such as fun days, draft tests, etc. or as an independent event. There will be no title but a certificate for successful completion will be awarded. The motion passed. 10 Yes (JB, MLC, BF, RF, KG, PKR, SM, KM, MLR, PSR); 1 No (MR); 1 Absent (MLP)

Pam Rubio moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded that the Board accept the recommendation of the Working Dog Committee for procedures to be used for the handling of entries, alternates and refunds for Test entries. By consensus of the Board, this motion was tabled until the July teleconference.

At 11:31 p.m., the Board, by consensus, recessed the teleconference until 8:00 p.m. on June 26, 2008.

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Kathy Mclver moved and Sue Marino seconded that the Board approve the content of the Addendum to the NCA Working Test Rules: Handling of Entries, Alternates and Refunds. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Mclver moved and Pat Randall seconded that the Board ask the **Newf Tide** Policy Committee for their input on becoming a Communications Policy Committee, to include but not limited to **Newf Tide**, the **NCA Website** and **NCA e-notes**. The **Newf Tide** Policy

Committee should develop recommendations, as in new committee members. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:20 p.m., Barbara Finch moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:54 p.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 approved the June 19, 2008 Applicant List.

Mary Lou Roberts moved and Pat Randall seconded that the Board release the Health & Longevity discussion from executive session and report it in the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Gallagher moved and Barbara Finch seconded that the Board direct the Specialty Show Committee to draft a plan for the 2010 National Specialty and report back to the Board by the July 17, 2008 teleconference. The motion passed unanimously.

Pat Randall moved and Kathy McIver seconded that the Board put on the July 17, 2008 agenda a discussion of the draft **Constitution and By-Laws** revision for the purpose of conveying to the committee the issues about which the Board is unsure or unclear. The motion passed unanimously.

Pat Randall moved and Meredith Reggie seconded that the Board obtain a legal opinion on whether, in view of the Connecticut “not-for-profit” statutes, Board votes should be decided as a “majority of those present and voting” or as a “majority of those present.” Further, should the opinion be a “majority of those present,” the Board shall request an opinion on any remedy required to bring the NCA into compliance with respect to past issues incorrectly decided. Lastly, the **Constitution and By-Laws** Committee be apprised of the opinion and directed to bring the proposed By-Laws revision into compliance with the decision. The motion passed unanimously.

Pat Randall moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded that any time-sensitive information posted on the **NCA Website** (e.g. committee openings) be accompanied by the date of posting. The motion passed unanimously.

Meredith Reggie moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the Working Achievement Award be abbreviated as “WA” which would go in front of the dog’s name and if the dog also has a VN the WA would follow the VN title. The motion passed. 11 Yes (JB, MLC, BF, RF, KG, SM, KM, MLP, MR, MLR, PSR); 1 No (PKR)

Meredith Reggie moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded that the Board request the Health & Longevity Committee to develop a detailed outline to help regional clubs conduct DNA clinics.

This outline should be extremely specific and based on the experiences at the clinic held at the National. The motion passed unanimously.

Maredith Reggie moved and Kathy Mclver seconded that the Board review the administration of the TOD and TODD awards at the August 21, 2008 teleconference. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Mclver moved and Jacqueline Brellochs seconded that the Crowne Plaza at the St. Louis, Missouri Airport be approved as the site for the fall face-to-face meeting to be held October 31, Nov 1 & 2, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

At 11:26 p.m., Sue Marino moved and Kevin Gallagher seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.