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PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Roger Frey)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Sandee Lovett)

CTMB

The CTMB recommends to the NCA Board that the chairperson of the Research and Advisory Committee be designated as NCA’s official contact person with health organizations concerning the welfare of the Newfoundland Breed (i.e. OFA, CHF, Morris Animal Foundation, Veterinary Colleges, etc.).

Rationale: This would facilitate NCA receiving pertinent information in a timely fashion if organizations know to whom the information should be sent. It would also eliminate the confusion within the health organizations when they are contacted by unauthorized members or receive redundant requests from different individuals within the Club.

The CTMB will also be making recommendations for appointments to the 2 yr. and 3 yr. Director at Large positions following its next meeting on April 9th.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Mary Lou Roberts)

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY’S REPORT (Jacqueline Bellochs)

- Approval of Senior Discount discontinuation wording
  The NCA Board has been told that, according to both the Connecticut Statutes which govern our incorporation and the AKC, providing a senior discount is counter to our By-Laws since they do not list such a membership category. Therefore, the NCA Board voted to discontinue the senior discount. The Board and Constitution + By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee will present the membership with opportunity to decide if seniors should constitute a membership category in the future.

RECORDING SECRETARY’S REPORT (Cathy L. Sands)

Email from National Bulgarian Newfoundland Club
We are very proud to present to you the National Bulgarian Newfoundland Club! We are very young club founded this year at 28 February. We are young as a club but we are old Newfie fans! We know is it very brave but come and see our website: http://www.newfbg.com So we have a question! Can we get some information from your website and put it on our website? Of course we quote your authors and website.

We hope for you knowledge, erudition and cooperation to develop and cultivate this breed in Bulgaria!

Best regards:

Yuksel Kadriev, chairman
Bonka Georgieva, person in charge of breed
National Bulgarian Newfoundland Club
http://www.newfbg.com

TREASURER’S REPORT (Mary L. Price)

• Approve Incorporation and Insurance Grant Application forms - sent under separate cover.
• Kevin Gallagher report regarding the ballot printing vendor settlement.
• Mary reported the receipt of $1,974.80 from the now defunct Newfoundland Club of Ohio and requested direction from the Board for its disposition. The Board decided to postpone a decision until after discussion of other agenda items on the agenda, which might have relevance to such a decision. (from March 15, 2007 teleconference)

AKC DELEGATE’S REPORT (Mary W. Price)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Mary Lou Roberts)

• Newf Tide Policy Committee (Aura Dean)

NCA BOARD of DIRECTORS
FROM: NEWF TIDE Policy Committee, David Van Couvering, Ken Wildman, Beth Sell, Nicki Gundersen and Maredith Reggie, Editor, ex officio
Aura Ellen Dean, Chair

The following suggested new policies are submitted to the Board for its consideration.

1. In the Group Placement, New Champions and New Titlists sections of the magazine, the gender of the dog will be added and appropriately placed by the editor. Format of the cut line to remain consistent.

   Rationale: The addition of this information was suggested by Jacqueline Brelochs some time ago; the committee members felt it would be useful information to the readership.

   Voting: Unanimous
2. The Newf Tide editor should be permitted to invoice regional clubs for additional page(s) used in the presentation of the regional specialty reports. The page rate charge shall be that which is currently in effect. At present (2007) it is $160.00.
   Rationale: The editor works with the clubs to prepare the layout and being able to invoice them directly would aid in efficient recording of payments.
   Voting: Unanimous

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

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

5. All information and photos for ROMs, Top Producing dogs and Versatile Newfoundlands be submitted directly to the Newf Tide editor.
   Rationale: Submission of these photos and write-ups directly to the editor is more efficient and will cut down time checking for the "missing."
   Voting: Unanimous

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

Discussion: Adding members to the committee. At its teleconference on March 29, 2007, the NTPC held a discussion about expanding the committee. Both Ken and David felt that adding members would add to the costs of teleconferences and would make it more difficult to conduct business; Beth and Nicki felt they were too new to the committee to make a recommendation and wanted to have more time on the committee to evaluate the concept; Aura and Maredith thought it would be a good idea to add two to the committee. The general consensus of the committee was that since we worked for the Board it would be up to the Board to decide if the committee should be expanded
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  Recommendation that the Board reconsider adding the second email address for the following reasons:
  o This means an additional field in the database that must be maintained.
    There are already many email addresses that are not valid as members do not think to update the Membership Chair when their address changes. Now you will have more invalid addresses which may be a concern when electronic notices are sent to the membership.
  o In the current roster format, that means additional lines which could increase the number of pages.
  o I am already getting requests for second phone numbers, cell numbers, etc to be listed. This would set a precedent – how much contact information do we want or need to list?
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**Motion (Kathy Mclver)** To review, and redefine, the Online Whelping Box

**Motion (Kathy Mclver)** Whelping box education requirement
If the NCA BOD decides to allow all NCA members in good standing to use the online whelping box, as a requirement for the privilege of using this service, NCA members who are not members of the Breeders List are required to receive ten hours of breeder education prior to the acceptance of their whelping box ad.

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

**Motion (Kathy Mclver)** BEC education for whelping box
The BEC is requested to present recommendations to the BOD regarding the required breeder education of non Breeder List members within 90 days. The BEC may enlist the help of other committees, such as the JEC and H &L, in developing this program. If
approved by the BOD, the BEC should be ready to implement said program immediately.

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

**Tuesday - Specialty Committee Motions:**

**MOTION: (Cathy Sands)** NCA cover cost of required tenting, generators & fuel.

From October 3, 2007 Teleconference: Cathy Sands requested that the NCA be responsible for subsidizing costs of required tenting, generators and fuel for those generators at National Specialty Shows. The Board referred this item to the National Specialty Show Committee for input.

**MOTION: (Jacqueline Brellochs)** Judges for National Specialties.

Once a conformation judge has been utilized for a National Specialty that judge shall be removed from the list and not hired again for ten years.

**Rationale:** We currently have 67 conformation judges on the NCA membership voted list approved to judge at our Nationals. In 10 years, 30 of them would have judged for us, or just 45% of those on the list (i.e. there are enough to choose from and to provide increased variety and opportunity for our exhibitors)

**MOTION: (Jacqueline Brellochs)** Six month rule for National judges.

Conformation judges' contracts to stipulate that they agree not to accept Newfoundland assignments for six months prior to the National for which they are being hired.

**Rationale:** To ensure that the intent of November 2005 Board vote to ask National Specialty judges not to accept Newfoundland judging assignment...is followed. This was not followed when Dorothy Collier judged a Regional Specialty in October 2005 and the Bitch classes at the National in March 2006. Such a contract agreement is required by other breed clubs.

**MOTION: (Mary Lou Roberts)** Room Reservations at Nationals.

Handle all National Specialty room reservations the same way that spots are handled for Water and Draft Tests: on a postmark basis. Specifically:

Hotel reservations will be accepted by mail only and must be postmarked no earlier than (first allowable postmark date). Any entries received with a postmark prior to _____ will be returned to sender. Reservations may be sent by U.S. mail or by express mail services, but the express mail service postmark date will be used. No "walk-ins" (other than those reserved by the Specialty Show Chair) will be accepted, and no priority will be given to reservations received by express mail services. It is the postmark date that determines the sequence in which rooms will be allocated, not date/time of receipt.

The available rooms at the host hotel will be filled in the following manner: On (10 days after first allowable postmark date), all entries with a (first allowable) postmark will be assigned to available rooms. If the number of entries with (the first allowable) postmark exceeds the number of available rooms, a drawing will take place to determine who gets the rooms and who is placed on the alternate list. If the number
of entries with a (first allowable) postmark does not exceed the number of rooms available, the entries with (day after first available) postmarks will be assigned the available rooms. If the number of entries with (day after first available) postmarks exceeds the available spots, another drawing will take place. This process will continue until all of the rooms have been allocated. If rooms subsequently become available because of cancellations, they will be allocated based on lottery of the earliest postmark date.

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

**MOTION: (Mary Lou Roberts)** Facilities information for the disabled.
The Specialty packet will include information about hotel and site facilities and limitations for people with disabilities. It will state the distance from the hotel to the rings and to other locations at the site that will be used for various events, including grooming facilities and meeting rooms. It will explain fully what problems, if any, those who are wheelchair-bound or who have difficulty walking more than short distances may encounter, and will describe what accommodations, if any, the host club has made to assist them in being able to participate fully in the National Specialty and its events.

**Rationale:** People with disabilities, especially those who are wheelchair-bound, should know what to expect when making plans to come to the National. I know of one situation where one person had planned to come to the California National but cancelled her plans at the last minute for another reason. Had she come, she would not have been able to get to the rings at all since nothing was published about the fact that no wheel chairs or golf carts would be allowed on that road. Had she come, she would have spent a great deal of time and money and not have been able to attend the event. The position of the show site in California was also a problem for people with difficulty walking substantial distances as were the grooming facilities in Elicottville. Lack of availability of golf carts in Maryland also caused a problem for people without access to a car. It is understandable that some of these situations exist, and the host club is not always expected to rectify them to everyone’s satisfaction, but making people aware of the limitations will give people an opportunity to determine whether or not they want to come based on the site situation.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion (Jacqueline Brellochs) Reinstate voting rationales
Reinstate Board members’ voting rationales, such rationales to be limited to 50 words. (There can be various reasons to indicate how particular Board members feel about any particular issue. This would show that Board members are very willing to stand by their opinions.)

Motion (Roger Frey) Committee teleconferences for voting
That all committee actions must result from a teleconference meeting with a quorum of said committee.

Rationale: This would comply with Connecticut state statutes which essentially require simultaneous auditory communication.

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ADJOURNMENT

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