Committee chair call-in times (General Order):
2013 National Specialty - Amy Lane and Sandee Lovett
Technical Resource - Barbara Finch
National Specialty Show Committee - Robin Seaman
Other Committees as announced by the second vice-president.

I. Roll call:

II. Moment of Silence for Geri Willis, Richard Hight and other NCA members recently departed.

III. Reading of minutes:
- Special Meeting - 27 December 2012
- Regular Meeting - 17 January 2013

IV. Motion to adopt the February meeting agenda - (In accordance with NCA Bylaw Article IX. Section 2.)

V. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:
- Delegate’s Report (Special Order) - Mary W. Price
- President’s Report – Pam Saunders
  - Spring face to face meeting schedule
- First Vice-president’s Report – Pat Randall
- Second Vice-president’s Report – Lynne Anderson-Powell
- Recording Secretary’s Report – Steve Britton
  - Request to use JEC materials
- Corresponding Secretary’s Report – Kathy McIver
- 2013 Specialty Show - Amy Lane and/or Sandee Lovett -
- Rescue Prevention Committee - Donna Zink –
  - Lifestages Issue 4
  - Lifestages Issue 5
- National Specialty Show Committee - Robin Seaman -
• Health and Longevity  Jennifer Zablotny
• Working Dog Committee - Sue Marino - Question:
  o  If the committee clarifies a regulation that is already there, does the board need to
    approve it, or do they only have to approve changes?
• Breeder’s Education Committee Update - Kathy McIver
• Regional Club Liaison - Pam Rubio
• Regional Club Committee - Steve Britton
• Newf Ambassador - Contact Forms
• Judges Education - Pemberton referral

VI. Reports of Special (Ad-hoc) Committees:
• Policy Manual Committee - Pam Saunders -

VII. Executive Session:
• Consideration of committee appointments (if any).
• Consideration of New Membership Applications -
• Any other business customarily presented in executive session not yet handled.

VIII. Unfinished Business and General Orders
1) Reformating of committee job descriptions
2) Appoint committee members to track long-term contracts and activities
3) Develop guidelines for appointing of National Specialty Committee chairman
   (aka, grounds, registration, etc.): pended from June 17, 2010 BOD meeting.
4) Juniors Committee:
   6.1) Recommendations for new medallion design (no date)
   6.2) Recommendations for recognition of Junior Members in working events. (no
date)
5) Publicity Committee
   Develop article on the value of NCA membership for distribution to regional
   clubs by NCA Regional Club Committee.
6) Specialty Show Coordinating Committee:Review concept of uniform trophies
   and methods of fund-raising (Re-pended to 2013 Spring face to face meeting).
   6.1) It is the responsibility of the host Show Committee to produce and approve
       the content and schedule of events for each NCA National Specialty. Any NCA
       committee or recognized NCA regional club may apply to host an event, such
       as an educational program or booth, at any National Specialty. Applications
       must be submitted in writing to the chair of the host Show Committee no later
       than June 1 of the year prior to the event. Applications should include a detailed
       description of the event including specific speakers or facilitators; the requested
date and time the event would be held; the anticipated number of attendees; the space, desired equipment and setup needed for the event; and a budget."

The host Show Committee will review all applications by no later than July 1 of the year prior to the event and approve or disapprove based on content, space, and availability. Applicants then will be notified of the status of their proposed event. When completed, the Show Committee should send a copy of the schedule to the NCA Specialty Show Coordinator. (Report back - by March 7, 2012)

7) Technical Resources Committee:
   7.1) Develop policy and procedures relating to the electronic information storage.
   7.2) Report back regarding using Zooza and Club Express services by February 7 2013 Board Meeting deadline. (pended December, 2012)
   7.3) Respond by February 7, 2013 Board Meeting concerning the splitting of the Technical Resources Committee. (pended December, 2012)

8) Governing Document Committee (Special Committee)
   8.1) Report on the following: Review the consistency between and within the NCA’s governing documents, including, but not limited to AKC regulations and the Connecticut state statutes.
   8.2) Policies regarding new IRS Regulations regarding Non-Profits Corporations and the Pension Reform Act of 2006 (Conflict of Interest, Whistleblowers, Audit, etc.)

9) Newf Tide Policy Committee
   9.1) Report a recommendation regarding member-vendor advertising rates for the inside the covers to Newf Tide (pended: April 2012)
   9.2) Consider and report on the question: “Why aren’t Newfs earning the Working Achievement award included in the Annual Titlist?” (Question received from Joan Locker-Thuring, chair of the Recognition Committee, received December 2012. “The committee would like to propose that they be included from now on.”)

10) Report regarding the following motions referred to Judges Education Committee:
    Resolved, to refer the agenda item regarding adding the late Ron Pemberton’s book “A Study of the Newfoundland,” to the Judge’s Education Committee’s recommended approved reading list, to the Judges Education Committee, and the committee reporting back to the board by its September meeting (committed July 26, 2012).

11) Report regarding the following motion referred to committee:
    “Resolved, that the Technical Resources Committee provide the board with a critical appraisal of whether the services supplied by Club Express would
provide a viable alternative to incorporating membership and other “people” functions into our current database. URL=\texttt{http://www.clubexpress.com/} \textit{"(re list on agenda October 18, 2012)}

12) \textbf{Motion:} I move to amend the NCA board’s policy and effective immediately, within 15 days of taking office, newly appointed officers shall receive a calendar/to do list highlighting time frames and contact information for duties pertinent for their office. For example, a calendar/ to do list for the Second Vice President might read as follows:

First Thursday of every month:

1) Send committee agenda items to Recording Secretary.

2) Submit items for committee newsletter.

Last week of every month: Send agenda deadline notices to committee chairs.

Request items for committee newsletter from chairs.

Then each month with unique duties should be noted; For example:

May -Discuss budget submission deadline with NCA Treasurer

Send budget notices to committee chairs

\textbf{Rationale:} This will help to ensure a speedy transition for new officers and lessen the likelihood of important duties being overlooked by new officers. \textit{(Kathy McIver)}

13) \textbf{Motion:} I move to amend the NCA board’s policy and effective immediately, within 45 days of taking office, newly appointed officers shall receive all files and documents pertaining to their office. This shall include, but is not limited to, letters, emails, contracts, artwork, and soft goods pertinent to each separate office. Failure to provide said materials without due cause may be grounds for additional actions as deemed necessary by the NCA Board of Directors. \textit{(Kathy McIver)}

\textbf{Rationale:} This will help to ensure a speedy transition for new officers and lessen the likelihood of important duties being overlooked by a new officer. When first learning an office, it is very helpful to review actions taken by previous appointees. When I was RCL, I found reviewing letters written by my predecessors very valuable and educational. Also, it is important to maintain a record of the history of each office.

14) Request regarding Rescue Prevention Committee management (pended 2012 fall face-to-face) Rescue Prevention Committee - \textit{Newf Tide} and eNotes regional club grant announcements (pended 2012 face-to-face)

15) Annual Review of Rescue policy (Regional Club Committee follow-up): (pended 2012 face-to-face)

16) Six-month trial regarding facebook™ advertising (ends April 2013)
17) Steering Committee Survey (Kathy McIver)

IX. New Business:

1) Motion to amended previously adopted minutes of the November 2012 Board of Directors face-to-face as shown below bolded and underlined:

Page 7 (under Executive Session):

While in executive session, the board:

- Selected a recipients for the 2013 NCA Good Sportsmanship "and Heroic Newf" Award

- Voted to accepted Joyce Arivella’s resignation from the "Performance" "Recognition" Committee.

Rational: Heroic Newf was inadvertently left out of minutes
This is for clarification as the BOD had already combined several "award" other committees into a single committee at a previous meeting. Joyce's email to resign specifically stated she did not wish to be on the new Recognition committee - that committee now included all the "award" committees of which she had been a member.

Lynne Anderson-Powell indicated the board needed to take up the approval for the RPC Lifestages: Issue number two. Donna Zink informed the board that the issue would need funding for a You-tube™ account.

Rational: There was no mention of funding the You-tube™ account as these don't require funding. The funding was mentioned in reference to the possible cost of NCA producing these videos.

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After returning to its open session the board reported:

- appointing Chris Owen to the Rescue Prevention Committee.

- with regret, accepting the resignation of Mary Lou Roberts as chairman of the Newf Ambassador Committee, and also accepted her resignation as a member of the Technical Resources Committee. She indicated she wished to stay on as a member of the Newf Ambassador Committee and volunteered to help with the TRC data entry when she could.

- Joan Fenwick was appointed as Chairman of the Newf Ambassador Committee, pending her acceptance of the position.

- appointed the 2013 Nominating Committee (pending acceptance of the appointees): Denise Hatakeyama, chair; Barbara Finch; Linda Roderick; Lanelle Warrick; Joan Schenrekau; Sandee Lovett, first alternate; Patti Emmerling, second alternate.
• appointed Kevin Gallagher and Pamela Jackson to the Arbitration Committee pending their acceptance of the appointment.

Rational: These additions were inadvertently left out of original minutes. This raises the question of how to report these when we need to confirm acceptance? Do we report them by name or just reference "appointments to the xxx committee" and then once confirmed report the acceptance with the actual names??? Do not want to embarrass someone who decides not to accept. For instance, I reported in the Dec meeting that Kevin had declined.

2) Motion: Monthly agenda packets for committee distribution will be posted on the website, and committee chairs will notify committee members when they are available.

Rationale: Considering the size of the agenda packets, some committee chairs and members have difficulty downloading these documents. By having them on the website, committee members can view the agendas, download them, and/or print them as they see fit.

The following motions were submitted by Maredith Reggie:

3) Motion: Special recognition given by the NCA as policy for special accomplishments, including but not limited to AKC and NCA titles and designations, shall be given to NCA members only. Special recognition includes but is not limited to pins, medallions, patches, and rosettes.

4) Motion: Mileage paid by the NCA to board members attending the fall face-to-face meeting should not exceed the average coach airfare to the site one month prior to the meeting. This will be decided on an honor system by the board member submitting the mileage reimbursement request.

5) Motion 5: Request to review our current policy of committee to committee communication. In my opinion, the current system does not promote efficient committee cooperation and at times deters efficient, beneficial interaction between the committees.

NCA committees are answerable to the Board of Directors, and only to the Board. Neither individual board members acting on their own nor other committees may assign work to committees. Board members have no special privileges with committees except when acting as a Board or at the direction of the Board. However, formal avenues of communication should not preclude a collegial relationship between committees or Board members and committees.

Further, the Board may in specific instances or as a matter of policy approve specific collaborative work between committees. In any event it should be remembered that no committee member, including the chair, may speak for the committee as a whole and no such communication should be taken as having come from the entire committee.
IX. Adjournment
Hi Steve,

Amy and I met with the Event Planner at the Bavarian Inn Lodge today to go over meeting room and food details for the National Specialty.

As we did so, we realized we were missing the information about what the NCA Board of Directors needs and desires at this year’s National.

- At this point, we have reserved a meeting room for the same times that the Board met in 2011. However, we would appreciate confirmation of the Board’s meeting times as soon as they become available so we can make any changes, if needed.

- We also need to know the Board’s desire concerning food arrangements. For example, does it want us to arrange for a continental breakfast in the meeting room on Monday morning? What other arrangements does it want us to make for meeting refreshments, if any?

- Does the Board want us to make arrangements for refreshments at the ANNUAL MEETING? If so, what is its budget amount for this? Would it like the chocolate fountain with assorted goodies, an ice cream social, or something else?

Would you please include these questions on a future board meeting agenda, so the board can discuss them and let us know the answers. Thanks so much.

Sandee
NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Annual Board of Directors Election

Tellers’ Report

February 9, 2013

Number of ballots counted: 830
Number of votes cast (total): 4,046
Necessary for election (plurality): 411

The following members were elected to a term beginning at the adjournment of the annual meeting, April 2013; which expires at the adjournment of the 2015 annual meeting:

Mary L. Price received………………………….. 504
Lynne Anderson-Powell received.............. 474
Pam Saunders received............................. 469
Donna Thibault received............................ 468
Steve McAdams received............................ 453
Pat Randall received................................. 411

These members received the following number of votes, but were not elected:

Steve Britton received…………………………. 374
Kathy McIver received………………………… 309
Joan Gunn received................................. 293
Benita Edds received............................... 291

One ballot was received in a non-conforming inside envelope. The tellers didn’t accept the votes as it didn’t affect the outcome of the election.

One ballot was received without an internal envelope. It wasn’t counted as it didn’t affect the election’s outcome.

One ballot was returned only in the provided inside envelope. The name on the envelope was not discernible and its return address couldn’t be verified as having been mailed from a current NCA member’s household. The tellers rejected the envelope and subsequent ballot(s).

One blank ballot was received.

Two ballots were rejected; more than six votes were marked on the ballots. The voter’s intent could not be determined.

Nine envelopes were received on or after February 2, 2013, and the subsequent ballots were not accepted.

One printed outside envelope was received only containing a personal check for $48 (made payable to the NCA). Disposition of the check will be determined at a later date.

Rita Van Brandeghen, teller
Amy Lane, alternate
Dr. Jennifer Zablotny, DVM, alternate
NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with Article II, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Club, the Annual Meeting of the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. will be held on _______________. at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

You may present a topic for discussion at the meeting by filling out the space provided on the form at the bottom of this notice. For a discussion topic to appear on the published agenda, it must be received by the Recording Secretary no later than _______________.

NOTICE: The following were elected to the Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors to serve a two-year term (2013-2015) which will commence at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting:

Lynne Anderson-Powell
Steve McAdams
Mary L. Price
Patrick Randall
Pam Saunders
Donna Thibault

At the July 16 & July 30, 2009 meeting, the Board approved the following: Election materials will be available for viewing at the National Specialty only with prior notice. Notice must be given to the Recording Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Annual Membership Meeting. If no prior notice is received, the Recording Secretary is not obligated to transport the election materials to the National Specialty. Please contact the Recording Secretary to make the necessary arrangements. Also, barring any complaints or alleged irregularities, the Recording Secretary will destroy the election materials after the Annual Membership Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Britton, Recording Secretary

(Please detach here and mail)

ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION TOPIC

Please list below the topic you wish to present to the membership at the Annual Meeting. Your name will be included on the agenda for presentation of this discussion topic. Please sign, detach and mail this form to Steve Britton, Recording Secretary, P. O. Box 554, Montrose, MI 48457. Agenda items must be received no later than April ____, 2012.

Print Name: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________
This request was inadvertently left out of the November face to face packet.

I have apologized to Mr. Hourihan and informed him I would get it placed on the agenda right away.

Sorry,

Steve Britton

From: Stephen & Geraldine Hourihan [mailto:hourihan@indigo.ie]
Sent: Saturday, October 27, 2012 5:33 PM
To: membership@newfdogclub.org
Subject: JEC presentation - The Newfoundland in Power Point format

Hi,

My name is Stephen Hourihan a club member of NCA from Ireland, I am also President of Newfoundland Club of Ireland & Judge Newfoundlands, 4 Groups & BIS under Irish Kennel Club (FCI) rules.

I am sometimes asked to give a seminar on our breed, and would like to enquire if it is possible to purchase a power point copy of your excellent JEC presentation?.

Also I would be interested in any other material which would be of help to educate anyone interested in or judging our breed.

Sincerely,

Stephen Hourihan
Dear Ms. McIver

In an effort to raise the entries at our annual dog show, (held in October) I am writing to request a copy of your club’s membership roster. The information will be used to mail our club’s annual dog show premium to your members. I am interested primarily in those fanciers in Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia. I would also like to make the same request for membership addresses of your breed’s regional club as well. If you could provide persons to contact for this effort your assistance would be appreciated.

Thanks for the assistance

Bruce Jackson

3010 Indiana Ave
Nashville, TN
Board Member Tri Star Kennel club of Williamson County
Newfoundland Club of Florida
Kristi Calleja
8319 Eagle Crossing
Sarasota, FL 34241
Jan., 22, 2013

Dear Newfoundland Club of Florida Officers, Directors, and Members,

On behalf of the Newfoundland Club of America’s Board of Directors, we are writing to thank your club for all your hard work at the AKC /Eukanuba National Championship! By all accounts, the Meet the Breeds was a truly memorable event. Many people will always have warm memories of meeting our wonderful breed and your kind and gracious members.

People are not the best because they work hard. They work hard because they are the best. And you are truly the best! Know that we appreciate you!

With warm regard,

Mary W. Price                                          Kathy McIver
NCA AKC Delegate                                       NCA Corresponding Secretary
Dear Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club Officers, Directors, and Members,

On behalf of the Newfoundland Club of America’s Board of Directors, we are writing to thank your club for all your hard work at the Jacob Javits Center Meet the Breeds! To win an award for excellence three years in a row is a remarkable feat! By all accounts, your efforts created a truly memorable event. Many people will always have warm memories of meeting our wonderful breed and your kind and gracious members.

People are not the best because they work hard. They work hard because they are the best. And you are truly the best! Know that we appreciate you!

With warm regard,

Kathy Mc Iver
NCA Corresponding Secretary

Mary W. Price
NCA AKC Delegate
# Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

**as of February 6, 2013**

## NCA Operations

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## INCOME & EXPENSES for the period January 5 - February 6, 2013

### INCOME

**Dues - Applicants**

- 1/6/13 EFT Desnica; Fischer via credit cards $205.00
- 1/7/13 DEP Van Den Karr $100.00
- 1/26/13 EFT Smith; Palomba via cr card $205.00
- 2/4/13 EFT Truesdale; Thomas; Abrams via cr. card $310.00
- 2/4/13 DEP Meech; Bohannon $205.00
- **TOTAL Dues - Applicants** $1,025.00

**Dues - Renewals**

- 1/17/13 DEP Volovski; Fickett via cr card $185.00
- 1/26/13 EFT Frost; Dieck $160.00
- 1/26/13 DEP Anctil; Trauber $245.00
- 2/4/13 DEP Sabatini $170.00
- **TOTAL Dues - Renewals** $760.00

**Newf Tide subscriptions**

- 1/14/13 EFT Vari via credit cards $418.00
- 1/14/13 DEP Huheey; Steinbruker; Emmen $165.00
- 2/4/13 EFT Walsh via cr. card $55.00
- 2/4/13 DEP Vari $825.00
- **TOTAL Newf Tide subscription** $1,463.00

**TOTAL INCOME** $3,248.00

### EXPENSES

**Awards**

- 1/26/13 7012 U P S $-78.59

**Electronic Publication:**

- 1/26/13 7014 Accu Conference teleconf. 1/23 $-5.19

**Gen. Ed. - Packets, Ac**

- 1/7/13 7004 K Calleja Meet the Breeds - Eukai $-432.64

prepared by Mary L. Price, Treasurer
Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

as of February 6, 2013

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| OVERALL TOTAL                                   |       |      |                                    | -13,517.50 |

prepared by Mary L. Price, Treasurer
The tentative schedule is complete but will continue to evolve as the National approaches. Schedule is attached.

The packet has been put on the NCA Website, sent to Beth Sell for mailing if necessary and has been uploaded to the Facebook page.

We need to start thinking about what will be done with the storage unit in Frankenmuth come the end of the National. What will we do with bathing tables, parking blocks, and all left over plates etc. I don’t feel all the responsibility of taking care of this should fall onto Sandee and Amy. We need to come up with a plan for this sooner than later.

Still looking for more VOLUNTEERS to help committees during the National. I am counting on each board member attending the National to find a time they can help.

Meeting room requests must be received by March 1, 2013.

Bench Show Committee has been formed. Letters will go out with the AKC “Dealing with Misconduct” booklets in March 2013.

Sandee and Amy met Frankenmuth on January 30 to arrange for meeting rooms, refreshments, meals, judges’ rooms, etc.

We need the following information from the Board:
1. Meeting schedule at the National so we can confirm a meeting room.
2. Will a Tele-Com system be needed for the meetings?
3. Food arrangements for the meetings – Does the Board want a Continental Breakfast arranged for Monday morning? What about other refreshments for meetings?
4. Annual Meeting – What kind of refreshments would the Board like to offer for the Annual Meeting? Chocolate Fountain & assorted goodies? Ice cream social? What is the Board’s budget for this?

We also met with the Park Director to discuss the RV Parking and other Grounds considerations.

Committee Reports are:

- Banquet/Meal Reservations: Beth Sell and Patte Testa
  - Met with hotel and working on the final menu plans.
  - Added a pasta buffet and salad bar on Friday night before/included with Fine Arts/Brown Bag
  - Deadline for meal reservations is April 1, 2013.

- Banquet and Banquet Decorations: Amy Lane and Sandee Lovett
  - All decorations have been decided

- Brown Bag: Brooke Moore –Beck
  - Please contact Brooke if you have any items to donate to the brown bag.
  - Deadline to donate is April 1, 2013
  - Pet Edge will give us 50% discount on any Pet Edge brand we order from them. Please consider donating towards a Pet Edge so we can make our money twice as far.

- Catalog Ads: Marget Johnson
  - Due to Marget by February 25, 2013

- Catalog Sales: Nancy Duggan
  - Post show catalog order deadline is April 1, 2013

- CGC Test: Bruce and Tracey Willoughby
  - Test on Friday, May 3 at 10am
  - Deadline to preregister is April 1, 2013.

- Chief Ring Stewards: Tex and Patti Ann Peel will be our chief ring stewards. Barbara Horsey also offered to help.

- Draft Test (GLNC both days): Lynda Stierle-Dunn
  - Draft Test Premium is out on the GLNC website, NCA website and the Facebook page.
  - Entries open on March 1, 2013
  - Entries close on April 1, 2013 or when test is full
  - Volunteer for the draft test by April 1, 2013

- Draft Test Secretary: Marie Acosta
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“SHOW YOUR COLORS”
National Date are: April 29th thru May 4th 2013

- Exhibitor Hospitality: John and Cathy Borklund
- Fine Arts: Stacy Roderick
  - Please contact Stacy if you have any items to donate to the auction.
  - Deadline to donate is April 1, 2013
- Golf Carts: Mike Lovett / Reservations Kathy Whitney / Distribution
  - Deadline to reserve a cart is April 1, 2013.
- Grooming Building: Steve Britton
  - Met with City of Frankenmuth and discussed some alternate grooming locations if the Kern Pavilion fills up
  - Earliest postmark January 8, 2013 and deadline is April 1, 2013
- Grounds: Chris Lyden
  - Looking into pricing for a dumpster to recycle plastic/water bottles
  - We currently supply recycle bin for cardboard.
  - Have some signs from 2001 GLNC National to use on grounds.
- Handler Parking: Kathy Whitney
  - Earliest postmark is January 8, 2013 and deadline is April 1, 2013
- H & L / DNA: Jenny Zablotny / Health & Longevity Committee
  - DNA clinic will only be held on Thursday from 9pm-5pm.
  - Dr. Joshua Stern will be the speaker on the SAS at 6:30 – 8:00pm on Wednesday, May 1.
  - Dr. Stern will also do the oscultations and echo cardiograms at the National with all monies going to research for canine cardiology.
- Honors Parade: Mary Lou Roberts
  - Parade will be Wednesday, May 1 during lunch break.
  - Deadline for entries is March 1, 2013.
- Judges Hospitality: Barbara Finch
  - Barbara has begun contacting judges to find out arrival, departure, transportation arrangements.
- Juniors: Cissy Sullivan
- Legislative Committee – Janice Anderson
  - Presentation will be Wednesday, May 1 at 8:30pm
  - Working on getting food for between H&L seminar and Legislative program
  - Program will be Frank Lousy
- Living Legends: Pam Rubio
  - Will be held Thursday, May 2 at lunch break
- Logo Wearables: Amy Lane
  - Ocean State Embroidery is our logo company
  - In response to requests we have also offered screen print items in addition to embroidery on certain items.
- Newsletter: POSSIBLE PERSON TO FILL POSITION – Lynn Kitch
  - Name of Newsletter will be The Kaliedoscope
- Obedience (National and Regional): PONC / Dan Carr Obedience Chair
- Opening Ceremonies: Jill Britton/Sandee Lovett
  - Olympic style opening ceremonies with Regional Clubs participating in a “float” style processional.
  - Deadline for entries is April 1, 2013
  - We are STRONGLY encouraging Regional Clubs to participate and come together to showcase what the clubs do for the dogs and the NCA.
- Publicity: Jill Britton
- Raffle Tickets / Basket Sales:
  - We are hoping SENC will have volunteers to sell the tickets for the basket raffles.
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- Regional Club Baskets: SENC / Laura Rader
- Registration: Dawn Staffen
  - Early bird deadline is February 1, 2013
  - Deadline for registration is April 1, 2013
  - Getting items ordered for the registration bags
- Rescue Ceremony: Sue Miller
  - Parade/Ceremony will be Friday during the lunch break.
  - Deadline is April 1, 2013
  - Rescue will have their Silent Auction in the Health Challenge tent on Friday, May 3.
- Ringside Hospitality: Susan Wagner
- Ringside Reserved Seating: Amy Lane
  - Deadline March 1, 2013
- RV Camping and RV Day Parking: Chuck Ialungo
  - Overnight camping available for up to 20 self-contained RVs
  - Earliest postmark to accept reservations is January 8, 2013 and deadline is March 1, 2013
- Show Photographer: Rob Gerity
- Top Twenty: Sue Wagner/Cissy Sullivan
  - Tailgate party will begin Thursday at 6:30 and the Top 20/10 event will begin at 7:30. Grooming building will be closed from 7:30 til 9:30pm and re-open at 9:30 until 11:30pm.
  - Begun to take orders for their merchandise deadline for pre orders is April 1, 2013
  - Sponsorships available to help support the Top 20/10
  - Deadline to purchase tickets to this event is April 1, 2013.
- Treasurer: Mike Lovett
- Trophies: David/Jennifer Hansen
  - ALL CLASSES have been sponsored. Total sponsorships are over $10,000. GREAT job by Jen and David.
  - Special Awards Donation of trophy has a deadline of March 1, 2013.
- Vendors: Marc Saunders
  - Marc is planning to have the vendors sheltered under two large tents around the ring this year rather than using individual tents.
  - Deadline is April 1, 2013.
- Videographer: Show Dog Video Pros
  - On Demand Video will be available again from the ShowDogVideoPro website. Each evening after judging the On Demand Video will be available to purchase for viewing.
- Water Orders: Lynne Anderson-Powell
  - Millbrook Water—delivery will be on Friday or Saturday
  - Deadline to reserve water for the National is April 10. 2013.
- Website: Marylou Zimmerman
  - Packet information sent. Packet on NCA Website.
- Welcome Reception: Amy Lane / Sandee Lovett
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2013 NCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

(Tentative Schedule)

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Submitted by: Amy Lane and Sandee Lovett
Hi Steve,

Amy and I met with the Event Planner at the Bavarian Inn Lodge today to go over meeting room and food details for the National Specialty.

As we did so, we realized we were missing the information about what the NCA Board of Directors needs and desires at this year’s National.

• At this point, we have reserved a meeting room for the same times that the Board met in 2011. However, we would appreciate confirmation of the Board’s meeting times as soon as they become available so we can make any changes, if needed.

• We also need to know the Board’s desire concerning food arrangements. For example, does it want us to arrange for a continental breakfast in the meeting room on Monday morning? What other arrangements does it want us to make for meeting refreshments, if any?

• Does the Board want us to make arrangements for refreshments at the ANNUAL MEETING? If so, what is its budget amount for this? Would it like the chocolate fountain with assorted goodies, an ice cream social, or something else?

Would you please include these questions on a future board meeting agenda, so the board can discuss them and let us know the answers. Thanks so much.

Sandee
Hello Steve.

Welcome to your fifth issue of the LifeStages newsletter, geared toward the months age of a Newfoundland puppy. Your newsletter is available online: LifeStages, Issue 5, 6 months

Topics covered in this issue include:

• Cleaning Ears
• What They Shouldn’t Eat
• Nutrition Basics
• Training With Others
• Starting a Puppy for Water Training
• Therapy Programs
• Tracking

In addition, the Newfoundland Club of America web site contains volumes of information on the breed, its history, regional Newfoundland clubs, and more. Please visit the NCA web site to learn more. And if you have any questions, please contact us.

REVIEW INFORMATION: New content is in the Short Topics section.

1. Video is Part IV of IV, posted on Youtube in review status (not publically listed).

2. The article on Nutrition is introductory, to elevate awareness about the level of nutritional detail that is important in formulating a standardized diet. Our plan is to follow later with an article on Choosing a Good Quality Diet. We plan to do this as a part of the continuing development of the LifeStages issues after the initial launch. This is a topic that may generate a lot of reaction, since people tend to have firm convictions about feeding methods and diet choices, so building the consensus needed to develop this article is expected to take more time. In the interim, a link is included at the bottom of the Nutrition article on “How to read a pet food label”. There are many versions of this topic online, and this one provides clear and important aspects of labels with a reference to the AAFCO standards for labeling. A disclaimer was added to be clear that the product or formula used for example is not being endorsed. (Note: The example chosen by Hill’s for this page does not appear to be from a Hill’s product.)

3. Sandee confirmed that she wants to complete the Starting a Puppy in Water Training article, but needs additional time. We are asking for approval of Issue 5 with the exception of this article, which will be presented separately at a later date.
GROWING UP WITH YOUR NEWFOUNDLAND

Have you looked for information on the ancestry of your puppy? The Newfoundland Club of America has a searchable database that includes any Newfoundland who has earned a title or has an OFA health clearance. In addition, the German Newfoundland database contains international information on Newf parentage.

THERAPY DOGS: A NATURAL FIT

Every Newfoundland owner is keenly aware of the calming influence that well-behaved Newfs have on people, young or old, at home, hospitalized or in an institutional setting. This incredible furry-coated dog presents a naturally unassuming, reassuring invitation to those in need.

TRAVELING WITH YOUR NEWFOUNDLAND

Traveling with your Newfoundland can be a wonderful experience, with some preparation. Whether your plans take you across the country or involve a day trip to go hiking, some simple reminders may be helpful.

Cardiologist, ophthalmologist, orthopedic specialist, oncologist, allergist, Board Certified, echocardiogram, TPLO - if you own dogs, sooner or later you will hear at least one of these terms. Veterinary medicine, as with human medicine, has specialists and specialized equipment. The internet has made information about these more available to the average dog owner. However, this has led to more questions: Which new technique is best for my dog? Which diagnostic test will provide the most accurate results? Which drug will be most effective and have the fewest potential side-effects? The NCA has developed a good article on second opinions and referrals. In addition, the Health Information page has a set of links under “Find a Specialist”. Your dog’s breeder should also be a good source of information to help you with veterinary decisions. And, if you need have additional questions, please contact us.
GROWING UP WITH YOUR NEWFOUNDLAND

The Newfoundland Club of America takes the health of the breed very seriously. Countless hours and dollars are spent on research for emerging health threats and to educate breeders and fanciers about the health issues facing these gentle giants. Many conditions have a genetic basis. Please visit the NCA Health pages to learn more. You can help, too, by contributing a blood sample from your Newf to the data bank for future genetic research. Samples are needed from both healthy and affected individuals. The Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA).

TRACKING

Newfoundland owners enjoy spending time with their dogs. The Newfoundland is a great work and travel companion, and a versatile working dog. Many breed enthusiasts work their Newfoundlands in AKC Tracking events. This is an activity that can be started with young pups, and many Newfoundlands earn their TD title before they are a year old. Read about getting started in this fun sport.

An important part of the Newfoundland Club of America is the many Regional Newfoundland Clubs that host our working tests, sponsor Regional Specialty shows, and serve as grassroots ambassadors for our breed. A Regional Club can be a great place to get advice on training, behavior, grooming and more, as well as a place to socialize with people equally enthralled with these marvelous dogs. Find a Regional Club near you. Your breeder can also give you tips on training, and answer questions about grooming and diets. If you have further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us, we would love to hear from you.

The Newfoundland Club of America
Pam Saunders, President

PROGRAMS FOR THERAPY DOGS

Pat Dowell suggests that before beginning any animal-assisted therapy work to first get you and your Newf certified. "Not only will you be covered under the organization's liability insurance policy (this is the case with most national organizations), it will provide you with the training you need, the temperament/situation testing for your Newf and the access to others involved in therapy work.

Read more about canine therapy organizations.

SUCCESS IN THE SHOW RING: COMPETING

In order for a dog to be a strong show dog, type and temperament need to be present in great balance. Therefore, socializing one's prospective show puppy is the single most important thing an owner can do, according to Michael Floyd. This socializing can take many forms: attending puppy classes (not necessarily formal obedience), fun matches, handling classes, breed club events, etc. Any handler wants to be able to take a dog out and show off its best qualities. Read More.
Please add this to the RPC items.

The RPC requests the addition of a link on the NCA Contacts page for the contact for subscriptions to Newf Tide.

The relational is that people may want to subscribe and having the link will facilitate that. The Contacts page is linked from other pages such as the RPC Answers page and a sample Newf Tide is given via the coupon from the NCA letter enclosed with every Newf registration. But some people will also find that from the new Info card link as well as visits to other NCA pages from search results.

We want to use all avenues to educate and entice people to learn more about Newfs and NCA.

From: Greg or Donna <countrymouse@joplin.com>
Subject: PAGE HITS
To: “NCA BOD 2nd VP” <ncabod2ndvp@live.com>, “Steve Britton” <stevebritton.ncaboard55@yahoo.com>
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 11:36 AM

Hello Lynne & Steve.

I missed getting this into the Board agenda for the next call, but would like to get the monthly counts for the number of times the Answers page is accessed for the 2013 calendar year from Marylou. This will help me assess the effectiveness of this effort.
From: Jenny Zablotny [mailto:newfdock@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2013 7:16 AM
To: 'Lynne NCA BoD 2nd VP'
Subject: Agenda item

Hi Lynne,

I know yesterday was the deadline. This is an informational item and can go either on February or March's agenda. I actually just remembered that I had this! I don't know if the Board wants to officially endorse the OFA registry or not. They are supposed to be sending quarterly or monthly reports to the breed clubs on eye diseases. CERF was supposed to be doing that and wasn't. Anyhow, here is the info. Let me know if you need more info.

OFA is now offering an eye registry similar to the Canine Eye Registry Foundation (CERF). The actual exam is still the same and must be performed by a veterinarian that is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO). Results of all exams performed by ACVO ophthalmologists will now be sent to OFA instead of CERF. These are statistical results only and will facilitate OFA reporting incidences of ocular diseases to the breed clubs. Open reporting of results of testing done on individual dogs will still be up to owners. The options now will be to send results to either CERF or OFA. There is a fee involved with both organizations, unless an abnormal result is sent to OFA, in which case the result is recorded at no charge. CERF's database continues to be closed with only normal results being reported publicly and they will continue to share data with OFA regarding dogs that have been tested. OFA will accept CERF paperwork, but CERF will not accept OFA paperwork as OFA's
forms are not able to be read by computer. (Think #2 pencil!) OFA's registry is being endorsed by the ACVO.

Thanks!

Jenny
Good Morning Lynne Anderson-Powell:

At the face-to-face, the RCC committee was assigned the annual task of reviewing the NCA "rescue policy" regarding a requirement that NCA affiliated rescue organizations, contact NCA member breeders when one of their dam's get makes it into a rescue program.

During the board meeting, we were later informed that this policy was part of the NCA Code of Ethics.

Having reviewed the Code of Ethics, I find no mention of anything which specifically applies to a regional rescue organization.

Later, Pam Rubio, in memorandum which I was copied, was informed the NCA Trust would need to review the item.

At this time, I ask the board to discharge the RCC from this assigned duty, until such time as the NCA properly amends its Code of Ethics or takes some other appropriate action.

Steve
NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

SECTION 1. Name. The name of the club shall be Newfoundland Club of New England, Inc., which shall hereafter be referred to as the Club. The name may be abbreviated NCNE.

SECTION 2. Objectives. The objectives of the Club shall be:

(a) To encourage and promote the understanding and appreciation of purebred Newfoundland Dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;

(b) To urge members, breeders, and others to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Newfoundland Dogs shall be judged;

(c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed;

(d) To encourage sportsmanlike conduct at all events in which Newfoundland Dogs participate;

(e) To conduct sanctioned match shows, specialty shows, obedience trials, tracking tests and other events under the rules of the American Kennel Club if and when permission is granted by the American Kennel Club;

(f) To promote the special qualities of the breed by sponsoring working dog activities under the rules of the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.;

(g) To urge all members to abide by the NCNE Ethics Guide as a guideline for responsible Newfoundland ownership.

SECTION 3. Nonprofit Status. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit, and no Club asset or remainder or residue from dues, fundraising activities, or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4. By-Laws. The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such By-Laws as may be required to carry out these objectives.
NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I
Membership

SECTION 1. Eligibility. There shall be four (4) types of membership open to persons who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc., and who subscribe to the purposes of the Constitution of the Newfoundland Club of New England, Inc. (hereafter referred to as the Club):

(a) Individual Membership. Open to individuals 18 years of age or older. Individual members (referred to hereafter as members or membership) shall enjoy all privileges described within these By-Laws and receive all Club publications.

(b) Family Membership. Open to members of the same household. Two (2) members from the same household who are 18 years of age or older shall have all the privileges of Individual Membership, but will receive only one (1) copy of Club publications.

(c) Junior Membership. Open to individuals under the age of 18 years of age. Junior Members shall have all of the privileges of Individual Membership except for the rights to vote or hold office. Upon reaching his 18th birthday, a Junior Member may convert to an Individual Membership by notifying the Secretary.

(d) Honorary Life Membership. For members or former members who have made an outstanding contribution to the Breed and/or to the Club. They shall have all the privileges of Individual Membership including the rights to vote and hold office.

SECTION 2. Dues. Membership dues for members shall be determined by a majority vote of the full Board of Directors. In any year in which the Board has not acted by October 1st to change the amount, dues for the ensuing year shall be at the current level. Honorary Life members are exempt from dues.

Dues are payable on or before the 1st day of January of each year. In November of the prior year, the Board shall notify each member of dues for the ensuing year. Such notice may be included in a Club publication. The Board shall mail to each member whose dues have not been paid by February 1st of the current membership year a notice that his dues are in arrears. Honorary Life members shall receive a notice as a method of keeping data current.

SECTION 3. Election to Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form approved by the Board of Directors which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Club's Constitution, By-Laws and the rules of the American Kennel Club (AKC). The application shall carry the endorsement of one (1) member in good standing. Along with the application, the prospective member shall submit the dues payment for the current year. The Board may also establish and set the amount of an initiation fee.
The applicant's name and sponsor's name shall be published in a Club publication following receipt of the completed application. Any comments received by the Secretary within thirty (30) days of publication shall be included in the material distributed to Board members prior to final consideration by the Board.

An applicant may be elected at any Board of Directors meeting or by written vote of the Board.

Affirmative votes of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the present Board shall be required to elect an applicant. The Board may deny membership for any reason and it is not required to give any reasons for denial of membership. An application which has been denied may be presented for reconsideration by the applicant's endorser at a subsequent meeting of the Club, and the members may elect such applicant by secret ballot with a favorable vote of three-fourths (3/4ths) of the members present.

Any member in good standing or former member may be proposed for election to Honorary Life Membership by a Board member or by a Club member through the Secretary. Election shall be by two-thirds (2/3rds) favorable vote of the entire Board of Directors voting by secret ballot.

SECTION 4. Termination of Membership. Membership may be terminated by:

(a) Resignation. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary, except that no member may resign who is in debt to the Club or a Club-sponsored function or who is in possession of Club property.

(b) Lapsing. A membership is considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if the member's dues remain unpaid by March 1st. However, upon written notification, the Board may, in its sole discretion, grant an additional sixty (60) days of grace to delinquent members. In no case may a person whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting be entitled to vote at any Club meeting. A person needs to reapply and be elected in order to reinstate a lapsed membership. A lapsed membership does not negate the member's obligation to resolve debt to the Club or a Club-sponsored function or to return Club property.

(c) Expulsion. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided by Article VI of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE II
Meeting and Voting

SECTION 1. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in May, June or July in one of the New England states at a place, date and hour designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the Annual Meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member or be included in a Club publication at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be one-twentieth (1/20th) of the members in good standing.

SECTION 2. Special Club Meetings. A special meeting of the Club may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present at a meeting of the Board or who vote by mail. A special meeting shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a
petition signed by twenty (20) members of the Club who are in good standing. Such meeting shall be held in one of the New England states at a place, date and hour designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed to all members by the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. This notice shall state the purpose of the special meeting and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for a special meeting shall be one-twentieth (1/20th) of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3. Voting. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year and who is 18 years of age or older shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which he is present. Honorary Life members in good standing shall have voting privileges. Proxy voting is not permitted. Voting by mail is permitted only for the election of Officers and Directors and upon proposed amendments to the Club's Constitution and By-Laws. In no case may a person whose dues are unpaid vote at any Club meeting.

SECTION 4. Board Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in one of the New England States at a place, date, and hour designated by the person authorized herein to call the meeting. Board meetings may also be conducted by teleconference. A quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of its members. Any Club member in good standing may attend any Board meeting.

The Board may schedule its next regular meeting by majority vote before adjourning any face-to-face meeting, and any meeting so decided shall be a regular meeting at which any Board business may be transacted. A regular meeting may be canceled upon the consent of a majority of the Board members. The board shall meet four times of year or as needed.

SECTION 5. Special Board Meetings. A special Board meeting may be called by the President or shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three (3) members of the Board. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting or telephone notice may be given at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted except that the election of applicants to membership is allowed in accordance with Article I, Section 3.
The duties and responsibilities of all officers shall be determined by the Board and may be changed from time to time. The following officers' duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, appoint all special committees except the Nominating Committee, and have the duties and powers normally attributable to the office in addition to those particularly specified in these By-Laws. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

(b) Vice President. The Vice President shall have the duties of and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's absence or incapacity. The Vice President shall also serve as policy and committee liaison for the Board.

(c) Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club and provide a report of each meeting of the Club and of the Board to the membership. Such reports may be included in a Club publication. The Secretary shall also have charge of general correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify Officers and Directors of their election to office and carry out such other duties as prescribed in these By-Laws.

(d) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club and deposit the same in the name of the Club in a bank or an account approved by the Board. The Club's books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Board. The Treasurer shall report to the Board at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and at the Annual meeting shall be able to account for every item of receipt or payment during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall also prepare a proposed Club budget for the upcoming official year for consideration by the Board at its first meeting following the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.

The immediate past President may be invited by the new Board of Directors to become a non-voting member of the Board of Directors for two years.

The Board shall select one of its members other than the President or Treasurer to carry out the duties and exercise the powers of the Treasurer in case of the Treasurer's absence or incapacity. The Board member selected shall have signatory power over all Club accounts but shall not automatically succeed to a vacancy in the office of the Treasurer.

In case of the absence or incapacity of the Secretary, the President shall appoint a director to serve until the absence or incapacity ends or the position becomes vacant.

SECTION 3. Vacancies. A Board member may resign from the Board upon written notice to the Secretary. Any Board member who fails to attend three (3) face-to-face Board meetings during any term of office shall be deemed to be vacated. However, the Board by two-thirds (2/3rds) affirmative vote by secret ballot has the option to invite such Board member to return to the Board of Directors for his remaining term.
A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President. Any other vacancy occurring on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term of office by a majority vote of all remaining members of the Board. Any person filling a vacancy must meet the requirements of an "eligible candidate" as defined in Article IV, Section 2 below. The vacating officer or director shall turn over to his successor all records and properties relating to that position within thirty (30) days after the succession. Any person who fails to do so within ninety (90) days may be suspended from all privileges of the Club until the transfer is affected.

ARTICLE IV
The Club Year, Nominations, and Elections

SECTION 1. Club Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the installation of Officers and Directors at the Annual Meeting and shall continue through the installation of Officers and Directors at the next Annual Meeting.

SECTION 2. Nominations for Board Positions. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with this Section, and no person may be a candidate for more than one position.

The Board shall select, no later than ninety (90) days after the Annual Meeting, a Nominating Committee (hereafter called the "Committee") consisting of a chairman and two (2) other members, plus a first alternate and a second alternate, all of whom must be in good standing. No more than one (1) of the five (5) may be a Board member. No person shall serve on the committee for two (2) consecutive years.

The Secretary shall promptly notify the Committee members and alternates of their selection. If any member is unwilling or unable to serve or continue to serve on the Committee, the alternates shall succeed to the Committee in the order of their selection.

The chairman shall call a Committee meeting which shall be held at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the Annual Meeting. This meeting may be conducted in person, by mail or by telephone. Electronic mail (e-mail) may be used if all Committee members have a current e-mail address. The Committee, by majority vote, shall nominate one (1) eligible candidate for each position on the Board of Directors becoming vacant.

After securing the written consent of each eligible candidate to accept the nomination and, if elected, to attend all Annual Meetings and Board meetings during his term of office, the Committee shall submit its slate to the Secretary in writing at least ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Secretary shall provide written notification, which may be included in a Club publication, of the Committee's slate of candidates to each member at least eighty (80) days prior to the Annual Meeting. This notification shall also advise members of the procedure for making nominations by petition.

Additional nominations of eligible candidates may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and received at his regular address at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual
Meeting. Each petition must be signed by twenty-five (25) members in good standing and accompanied by the written acceptance of the candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate and, if elected, to attend all Annual Meetings and Board meetings during the term. The additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those eligible candidates who have not accepted nomination by the Nominating Committee.

Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting or in any manner other than as provided by this Section.

In order to be an "eligible candidate", whether nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition, the individual must meet all of the following: (i) be a member of the Club in good standing, (ii) be over eighteen (18) years of age, (iii) have been a member in good standing throughout the two (2) year period immediately preceding the nomination, and (iv) cannot be an immediate family member of another Director whose term is not expiring.

SECTION 3. Annual Election. If no additional valid nominations are received by the Secretary by the due date, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected at the time of the Annual Meeting and no balloting shall be required.

If one or more valid additional nominations are received, the election for the contested director position(s) shall be conducted by secret ballot. At least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall mail to each member eligible to vote a ballot listing all nominees for each contested position in alphabetical order together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Secretary and marked "Ballot Enclosed" and bearing the name of the member(s) from whom it was sent. So that the ballots remain secret, each voter, after marking his ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope which in turn shall be placed in the return envelope.

To be considered valid, a returned ballot must be received by the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting, and the envelope must bear the name of each member whose ballot is enclosed. Valid ballots shall be opened and counted by the Secretary in the presence of two (2) inspectors who are members but not candidates. The two inspectors shall be appointed by a majority vote of those Board members whose terms are not expiring and who are not on the ballot. The member receiving the largest number of votes for each contested position shall be declared elected at the time of the Annual Meeting.

The elected Officers and Directors shall take office upon installation at the Annual Meeting, and each retiring Officer and Director shall turn over to his successor all records and properties relating to that position within thirty (30) days after the Annual Meeting. Any person who fails to do so within ninety (90) days may be suspended from all privileges of the Club until the transfer is affected.

If any nominee is unwilling or unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and the resulting vacancy shall be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided in Article III, Section 3 of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE V
Committees
SECTION 1. Appointments. The Board may appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as Club events, rescue and other activities which may well be served by committees. Special committees may be appointed by the President to aid in particular projects. All committees shall always be subject to final authority by the Board. A committee appointment shall remain in force as long as the member remains in good standing unless terminated as provided in Section 2 below.

SECTION 2. Termination. Any standing committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee, and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated. Any special committee appointment may be terminated by the President upon written notice to the appointee, and the President may appoint successors to those whose services have been terminated. Each committee chairman or member whose services have been terminated shall turn over all records and properties relating to that committee within thirty (30) days after the succession to his successor or, if the committee has been dissolved, to the Secretary. Any person who fails to do so within ninety (90) days may be suspended from all privileges of the Club until the transfer is affected.

ARTICLE VI
Discipline

SECTION 1. Suspension. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club or the Newfoundland Club of America is automatically suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

SECTION 2. Charges. Any member or group of members may prefer charges against another member for conduct alleged to be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the Breed including failure to abide by the Constitution or By-Laws of this Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed with the Secretary together with a deposit of Fifty and 00/100 ($50.00) Dollars which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained in whole or part by the Board. The Secretary shall, within fourteen (14) days of receipt, send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or, provided there will be no prejudicial delay, present such charges at the next scheduled Board meeting. In addition, any member of the Board may prefer charges (without posting a deposit) alleging that a member’s application for membership contained material misrepresentation or omission.

As soon as practical after receipt of the charges, the Board, in Executive Session, shall make a determination whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, would be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed or would constitute a violation of the Certificate of Incorporation, Constitution or By-Laws. Unless the Board, by majority vote, determines that if proven the actions would be prejudicial or constitute violations of the Certificate of Incorporation, Constitution or By-Laws, no further action will be taken and the matter will be closed. If the matter is closed, the Board may, but shall not be required to, send notice of the charges and its decision to the accused.

If the Board, by majority vote, determines the charges merit further inquiry, the matter shall proceed to hearing and the Secretary shall so inform all parties to the charges by a method of communication which includes proof of receipt. The notice shall contain the date, time and place
of the hearing. The hearing shall be held at the next regularly scheduled face to face meeting of the Board, unless the date of that meeting would be less than sixty (60) days from the date of the notice. In that event or should the Board decide that such scheduling does not allow adequate preparation time, the hearing date shall be delayed until the following face to face meeting. Due to the confidentiality of such hearings, no member of the Board may participate unless he is physically present at the hearing.

SECTION 3. Board Hearing. The hearing shall be informal. No strict adherence to the Civil Rules of Evidence or Procedure shall be required. The Board shall have absolute discretion to make all decisions regarding process and procedure, including without limitation, placing time constraints on the parties and limiting the number of witnesses. At the conclusion of the hearing, the parties (and legal counsel, if applicable) shall be excused and the Board shall move to Executive Session to discuss and vote on the matter. A vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Board members present, but not less than five (5) Board members present shall be required to sustain the charges. If any charges are sustained, the Board shall determine the appropriate punishment which may include (i) reprimand, (ii) suspension of member privileges for period of not more than one hundred eighty (180) days or (iii) suspension plus the recommendation of expulsion. If the charges are sustained by the Board, the $50.00 deposit shall be refunded to the proffering member(s). The Board's findings and actions shall be put in written form immediately and filed with the Secretary within three (3) days. The Secretary shall, within three (3) days of receipt, send each of the parties notice of the Board's decision by means of delivery that includes proof of receipt.

SECTION 4. Conflict of Interest. In the interest of insuring impartial and objective consideration of the charges, no member of the Board may be involved in either the hearing, deliberations or voting in regards to any disciplinary matter placed before the Board if he has a conflict of interest. Since it is not possible to fully define what could be determined a conflict, if there is any question, the Board will first deliberate and resolve the question of a conflict prior to dealing with the disciplinary issue. Such conflicts may involve perception, personal relationships, business relationships, co-ownership or co-breeding of dogs, etc. A majority of the remaining members of the Board will make that decision by a vote. If a conflict is deemed involved, the Board member who is in conflict shall recuse himself from the meeting.

SECTION 5. Expulsion. Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only by vote of the members at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within sixty (60) days but not earlier than thirty (30) days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion.

The accused shall have the privilege of appearing on his own behalf though no new evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendation, then invite the accused (if present) to speak on his own behalf if he wishes. The members present who are 18 years of age or older shall then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of those present and voting shall be necessary to effect the expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.
ARTICLE VII
Amendments

SECTION 1. Proposed Amendments. All amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws of the Club must be ratified by vote of the membership. Amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by one-tenth (1/10th) of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors, and the Secretary must submit them to the membership, together with the Board's recommendations, for a ratification vote within ninety (90) days of receipt of the petition.

SECTION 2. Ratification. The Constitution and/or By-Laws may be amended at any time upon ratification of proposed amendments as provided herein. The Secretary shall mail to each member in good standing who is 18 years of age or older a copy of the proposed amendments, a ballot (dual envelope procedures described in Article IV, Section 3 shall be followed in handling such ballots) on which the member may indicate his choice for or against the amendments, and a notice specifying a date not less than thirty (30) days after the date of mailing by which the ballot must be received by the Secretary. The Secretary will only open the ballots in the presence of two Inspectors of Election. The two Inspectors shall be appointed by majority vote of the Board of Directors. The favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the valid ballots shall be required to ratify any proposed amendment.

No amendment to the Constitution shall become effective unless and until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.

ARTICLE VIII
Dissolution

SECTION 1. Dissolution. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members in good standing. In the event of dissolution, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds therefrom nor any asset of the Club shall be distributed to any individual or member. After payment of the just debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. or to a non-profit organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX
Order of Business

SECTION 1. Club Meetings. At meetings of the Club the order of business so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit shall be as follows:

Roll Call
Minutes of Last Meeting
Report of President
Report of Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Reports of Committees, if any
Unfinished Business
Installation of Officers and Directors (Annual Meeting)
New Business
Adjournment

SECTION 2. Board Meetings. At meetings of the Board the order of business, unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Roll Call
Minutes of Last Meeting
Report of Secretary
Report of Treasurer
Election of New Members
Reports of Committees, if any
Unfinished Business
New Business
Adjournment

ARTICLE X
Interpretations

SECTION 1. Gender and Number. All references to the masculine gender in these By-Laws shall be deemed to include the feminine gender. Where appropriate, references to the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

Newf Ambassador Contact Evaluation

My name:_________________________________________________________________________
Address:____________________________________________________________________________
Phone:____________________________ E-mail:___________________________________________

Name of Newf Ambassador: ____________________________________________________________
Date contact made:___________________by phone_____ E-mail___________
Date Newf Ambassador contacted you:___________________ Length of Contact:____________________

How did you learn about the Newf Ambassador program?

Reason for contacting Newf Ambassador:

Did Newf Ambassador provide resources to you? NCA website________
Other websites:_____________________________________ Regional Newfoundland Club___________
Brochures and other materials____________________________________________________________

Did you receive satisfactory answers/guidance for your questions?

Any questions the Newf Ambassador was unable to answer?

Do you have any suggestions to improve the Newf Ambassador program?

Please return the completed evaluation to:
Newf Ambassador Record of Contact

Name of Newf Ambassador: ____________________________________________________________

Client name:_________________________________________________________________________
Address:____________________________________________________________________________
Phone:____________________________ E-mail:___________________________________________

Contact Information: Date received: __________________Date contact made:___________________
Method of contact:_______________ Length of contact:____________________
Who was present?_________________________________________________

Reason for contact/topics discussed with Newf Ambassador: Please expand explanation is necessary.
    o  Want to meet a Newf in person
    o  Locating breeder
    o  Health issues
    o  Training
    o  Shelter/rescue
    o  Exercise
    o  Feeding/Nutrition
    o  Grooming
    o  Showing
    o  Working events
    o  Obedience
    o  Pet therapy

Information/website links provided:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Assessment of contact:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Hi Lynne,

Can you bring this back to the Board as follows:

The JEC recommends -


2. To remove the Recommended Reading List link from the Judges Education section of the NCA website and transfer the list of books to the Newfoundland Dog Library.

3. To replace the current recommended reading list provided in judges handout packets with the following:

   Books on the Newfoundland in general can be found on the Newfoundland Club of America’s website (http://www.ncanewfs.org/) under Newfoundland Dog Library.

4. To add the official breed standard and the Illustrated Guide to the Judges Education section of the NCA website.

Thanks,

Denise
NCA JEC Chair

Denise & Marc Castonguay
CastaNewf Kennels

www.castanewf.com
Lynne --

I would like to add to this a discussion about the cost of the engraving of the lapel pins for obedience. The prices I am getting are $5 a pin and up. That's outrageous for a $2.50 pin.

Please let me know that you received this

Thanks

Joan & the big black furry gang
www.bluwaternewfnschip.com

On Wed, Jan 30, 2013 at 4:28 PM, newflover <newflover@gmail.com> wrote:

Lynne

I two items for the next meeting, I would like to call in to talk about the them. The first is file issues for the VN extract file. I have attached a spec for what is needed.

The other Item, which I don't actually need to present for but since I am calling in I can present it. We would like to send a Letter of Congratulations to those that earn a High in Trial and High Combined like we do for the BIS and Group placements.

Thanks

Joan & the big black furry gang
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Requirements for the VN extract from the NCA Database

This document is to specify what is needed in the extract file supplied to the VN committee by the TRC. Currently the file being supplied does not contain the data needed for the VN committee to properly do their job, to do it properly and to have the information needed in time for the presentation of the Rosettes and Certificates National each May.

In addition this file is supposed to be supplied monthly. If there is a monthly were there are no new VN candidates, The VN Committee should be notified so they know not to expect a file that month.

Records to select: All those who meet the VN requirements of having earned a Championship, Companion Dog, Water Rescue Dog, and Draft Dog titles.

Currently, this file contains the following fields:
- Dog Id
- Registered Name (No Titles)
- Registry Id
- CH (Date of Championship)
- CD (Date of Companion Title)
- DD (Date of Draft Title)
- WRD (Date of Water Rescue Dog Title)
- VN (Date VN Requirements were Completed)
- Owner Name

In addition the following fields are required:

- All Titles earned by the dog

We would also need the Registered Name in the format with the all titles earned.
Example: CH Kennel name dog CD, WRD, DD, RN, OA

If available the following information would be extremely helpful:
- Owners Contact info
  - Street Address
  - City
  - State
  - Zip Code
  - Country
  - Email address
  - Telephone Number
There also needs to be a header record with the name of the fields and those fields numbered in the following order:

1 - Registered Name With Titles
2 - Owner Name
3 - CH (Date of Championship)
4 - CD (Date of Companion Title)
5 - DD (Date of Draft Title)
6 - WRD (Date of Water Rescue Dog Title)
7 - VN (Date VN Requirements were Completed)