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Board of Directors
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May 3-4, 2015 Face-to-Face Meeting
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Agenda

1. AKC Delegate’s Report (David Helming)

2. Approval of minutes
   • Minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting

3. President’s Report (Pam Saunders)
   • Board meeting at National and room logistics

4. 1st Vice-President’s Report (Pat Randall)

5. 2nd Vice-President’s Report (Lynne Anderson-Powell)
   • Summary of committee reports

6. Recording Secretary’s Report (Mary Lou Cuddy)
   • Prepared the March 19, 2015 agenda packet & minutes of February 19, 2015
   • Report on NCA Applicant vote

7. Corresponding Secretary’s Report (Pam Rubio)
   • Distributed correspondence to appropriate committees
   • Request from AKC to help develop breed-specific content for AKC website
8. Treasurer’s Report (Mary L. Price)
   - 2014 National Specialty report
   - Update on Breeders Education Committee seminar revenues and refunds

9. Committee Reports
   - Breeders Education Committee
     - AKC Breeder Education and Outreach site/program
   - Digital Distribution Committee
     - Instagram™ post, shared on Facebook™
   - Juniors Committee
     - Junior recognition at all-breed shows (from 3.19.15)
   - NCA Policy Manual
     - Proposed General Education Committee chapter
     - Proposed Health & Longevity Committee chapter
   - Recognition Committee
     - Report on obedience pins
     - Revised request for Versatile Newfoundland pins and patches
   - Regional Club Liaison
     - Update on dormant regional club question
     - Update on High Country Newfoundland Club
     - Clarification of NCA Governing Documents Committee & proposed regional club bylaw changes
   - Rescue Prevention Committee
     - Tutorial presentation
   - Steering Committee
     - Committee approval for the use of the NCA “wordle”
     - Results of the Steering Committee’s health priorities survey
   - Technical Resources Advisory Committee
     - Preview of presentation of the iphone/Android app for the Annual Meeting
     - Update on members-only section and online membership capabilities for NCA Website

10. Executive Session
    - Approval of NCA Applicants
    - Letter concerning NCA International members voting privileges
    - Update on Breeders List member concern
    - Newf Ambassador Committee
    - Candidates for NCA Member of the Year
    - Committee reviews/appointments

11. Unfinished Business
    - Discussion Item: Develop criteria for the NCA Good Sportsmanship Award (from 8/21/14) (tabled until 1/15/15 meeting)
    - Committee Overlap & Job Descriptions
    - Breeders Education / Health & Longevity Committees:
      - Update on books from Dr. Battaglia
12. New Business

- Discussion Item: StartMeeting™ (our current provider for Board teleconferences) has a “broadcast” system that allows live streaming of the audio of the Board meeting. A URL can be sent out allowing members to listen if they like. It can be stopped and re-started to accommodate executive session (we just have to remember to do it). We could have members send their emails to a) let us know who was there and b) let them know when we are back in open session. I move that we refer this to technical resources to work out any necessary details. It is high time we got back to honoring our now ancient statements that Board meetings are open to the membership. This would now be possible with almost no work on our part. (Pat Randall) (from 3.19.15)

- Discussion Item: We have spent an enormous amount of money on our database, but its utility is very limited. It does not have specialized queries to allow on to obtain a selection of dogs with the same sire, same dam, particular clearances etc. I move that we refer to the database committee a motion that we provide a read only clearance to individuals that would like to access the database via an external SQL client. If we end up using another vendor’s software to handle the membership renewals, dues, etc. this should not entail an enormous security issue. (Pat Randall) (from 3.19.15)

- AKC Welcome to AKC Clubs and Events (Lynne Anderson-Powell)

13. Adjournment

14. FYI

- AKC Health Microsite
- Letter regarding Draft Test
- Photos of the AKC ReUnite trailer with NCA logo
Good morning Lynne

As breeders, owners, and enthusiasts we all have the power to do good. Every time the phone rings, an email arrives, or we are stopped in a public place and asked about our dogs, we have the opportunity to make a positive impression. We can explain what our breed was bred to do, why it looks like it does, and how it interacts with its surroundings and people—and maybe we can help people decide if the breed is right for them.

One question we should be asking ourselves during these conversations is, “am I making a good impression?”

Read the full article and more in the Breeder Education section of our new Health Microsite.
Today’s Instagram post - shared on Facebook -

And the comment from AKC Gazette -

**AKC Gazette** What a great photo! Kudos to the NCA for doing such a terrific job of reaching out and providing great information to owners of the breed.
GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Duties and Responsibilities
General Education Committee Chair serves as the AKC Public Education Coordinator for the NCA, working as a liaison between the NCA and AKC to implement education programs at the Club and community level.

General Education Committee representatives will disseminate to the NCA members and to existing/prospective Regional clubs educational information received from the AKC.

Committee will also prepare and disseminate packets of materials to any interested party inquiring about Newfoundlands.

The packet* will include items such as the following:

* Cover Letter
* Breeders List
* The Newfoundland and You booklet
* List of Regional Clubs of the Newfoundland Club of America
* List of reading materials available from Newf Novelties

*NOTE: Upon specific request a flyer describing how to apply to the NCA for membership and/or subscribe to Newf Tide will be included.

The NCA General Education Chair will serve as coordinator and place advertisements for the Newfoundland breed in publications such as the following:

* Dog Fancy
* Dogs USA
* Dog World
* AKC Gazette

The Education Committee will develop articles for publication in Newf Tide.

As requested, the Education Committee will help Specialty Host Clubs develop educational programs for members as well as educational programs for Regional Clubs to present to the general public.

The Education Committee will develop packets of educational materials for distribution to prospective Regional Clubs. This packet will contain general information and educational materials to assist the prospective club in the advancement of the Newfoundland breed (i.e.; NCA Committees/services, list of Regional Clubs, Newf Novelties information, various Regional Clubs materials, etc.).

The General Education Committee’s ADOA Principal Accountabilities include:

* Inform the ADOA of the name and address of the new Delegate by requesting the appropriate ADOA form. This form must be signed by the NCA Recording Secretary, attesting to the official appointment of the new Delegate by the NCA Board.
* Inform the ADOA of the name and address of the individual to whom the ADOA annual dues notice will be sent. This individual is currently the NCA Treasurer, but can be changed to the ADOA Delegate if desired.
* Prepare an annual formal report in December on ADOA activities and submit to the NCA Committee Liaison for inclusion in the Spring issue of *Newf Tide* annual committee report.
* Participate in the annual mail election of ADOA board members.
* When requested, present ADOA issues, policy changes, etc. to the NCA Board.
* If approved by the NCA Board, nominate the NCA as a candidate for the ADOA Board of Directors. Nominations are solicited by the ADOA in November and close on February 1. Election is held in April.
* If elected, the NCA must agree to send their delegate to the next ADOA annual meeting. Term is one (1) year.
* Submit to the NCA Board (Recording Secretary) requests for additional donation(s) to the ADOA special funds (education, defense).
* Prepare reports for publication in *Newf Tide* on various ADOA accomplishments or critical issues affecting NCA members.

**History**

5/2-5/10: *Newf and You* approved.

10/15/09: Board approves the amended wording for the Breeding Sock Health Testing statement. The statement would read: “Breeding Stock Health Testing: The Newfoundland Club of America considers it necessary to test all breeding stock for the following: hips (x-ray), elbows (x-ray), heart (cardiologist) and cystinuria (DNA or parentage). The NCA also strongly recommends testing, where indicated, for thyroid, eyes and patellas. All test results should be available in a publicly accessible database.

7/16/09: Board approved the business/trading cards as proposed with the amendment of the logo on the front being moved to the back of the cards.

4-28-09: General Education Committee is a Board appointed committee.

4/26-27/09 General Education Committee job description approved as amended.

10/30/08: Prepare a handbook to make available to regional clubs for hosting a fun day.

4/30-5/1/07: Place NCA informational advertisements in the catalogs of the major benched shows in the U.S.

11/4/06: Send the Rescue Prevention Committee’s proposal for an 800-number to the General Education Committee to implement the proposal with help and support from the Rescue Prevention Committee. This proposal reads: The Rescue Prevention Committee proposes to the Board that a small operational committee be appointed for the purpose of implementing and running the 800-number breed information/referral program. The Rescue Prevention Committee will work with that committee in finalizing the details of the program, e.g. preparing scripts, recruiting volunteers, planning for regional club involvement and finalizing the actual phone system to be employed. The actual operation of the program would be the charge of the new committee.

11/4/05: The General Education Committee should prepare three articles dealing with puppy behaviors at two months, three months and four months and to submit these articles to the Board for review for posting on the website and for use by breeders in their puppy packets.

V36.2 1/5/04 Do away with the $1.00 fee for the GEC packets and regional clubs may request copies from the GEC at no charge.

V36.1 11/30/04 Website links in ads should point to individual pages on the NCA website so that we can keep track of how much traffic is generated from these ads.
The NCA, for educational purposes, take a position that non-refundable deposits for unborn puppies are not considered to be part of a responsible breeder’s program and that this information be forwarded to the General Education Committee for development as part of the educational effort.

GenEd should confer with the Finance Committee regarding their request for additional funding for Internet advertising. GenEd should consider developing “friendlier ads” and perhaps removing the logo and the reference to the $5.00 packet of breed information. The NCA website should be listed on the ads. GenEd is to confer with Helen Munday, Effective Advertising Committee Chair, and John Rodley, Internet Committee Chair and then come back to the Board with its request by June 15th.

To promote consistency in our educational efforts, all relevant communications to state that it is necessary to test all breeding stock for hips, elbows, heart and cystinuria clearances. The NCA also strongly recommends testing, where indicated, thyroid, eyes, and patellas.

Approve Great Lakes Newfoundland Club use of “cute puppy” ad for Detroit Kennel Club show and financed by GLNC.

Board approved one page flyer “Looking for a Puppy - Look Past Pretty Picture” and four page brochure “Adorable, Huh?” designed to reach and educate potential Newf owners. Board approved printing of 2000 of each. $1170 added to General Education budget.

Internet, General Ed and Rescue Prevention Committee work to develop page for prospective puppy buyers looking for a Newfoundland who enter website from a puppy source link. Page to contain information to determine reputable breeder, questions to ask breeder, health concerns and what to look for in a puppy.

Participate in “Meet the Breeds” at AKC/Eukanuba American Dog Show Classic in Orlando, FL.

Board approves Congratulations on your Newfoundland.

Board approves recommendation for MB-F website.

Committee instructed to send each Regional Club a letter (with a single copy of each available GEC pamphlet) and advise them how to acquire them. Board approves GEC recommendation to approve the text (breed profile) for a book authored by Michele Lowell published by Henry Holt & Co.

GEC budget increased to provide for two-inch (2”) display ads in Dog World and Dog Fancy and expand the ads to include the NCA’s website address.

Board approved final revisions to Newf and You pamphlet. Committee to have new supply printed. (Subsequently further modified and approved at 11/23/97 Board Meeting - V29.1.)

Responsibilities of (former) ADOA delegate, presently handled by the General Education Committee, assigned to AKC Legislative Liaison position.

Board approved text of “Introducing the Newfoundland” brochure (abstracted from the approved text of The Newf Tide and You).
V29.2 03/24/98 (Teleconference) Board approved revisions in pamphlet “Congratulations on Your New Newfoundland”.

V27.3 04/23/96
Regional Clubs can obtain up to 75 *Newf and You* (educational) packets annually at no cost provided they sell them for no less than $1.00 per packet. Additional packets may be purchased by the Regional Club at the NCA’s cost (including postage). All revenue generated by sales of these packets would be retained by the Regional Club (V28.1 11/01/96).

NCA members (breeders) may purchase educational packets from the NCA at cost (including shipping and handling) for distribution to puppy buyers.

Educational articles published in *Newf Tide* will include a statement that reprints are available from the General Education Committee for use by NCA members and Regional Clubs and not for commercial purposes.

Consensus of the Board that the NCA would like to participate in the AKC’s program to include breed information with new registrations.

V26.3 04/25/95
General Education Committee Chairperson to serve as NCA representative to ADOA

V25.3 05/22/94
Any future printing of *The Newf and You* requires prior approval from the Board concerning content and budget.

V26.1 11/04/94
A modified General Education Newfoundland brochure was reviewed and accepted.

V25.2 11/07/93
The current General Education pamphlet will not be used any longer due to an advertisement on the inside front cover that was not approved by the Board. An appropriate version of the pamphlet will be created.

V24.3 05/02/93
General Education Committee to assume ADOA responsibilities.

V23.2 05/03/92
Due to the vastly increased number of requests for information on the Newfoundland received to date, $5 will be charged for the General Education Committee packet.

V21.2 02/90 (Mail Meeting) The Board approved splitting the present Education Committee into two (2) committees to include Judges’ Education Committee and General Education Committee.

V22.4 11/09/91 The Chair of this Committee is to acquire and distribute to the Regional Clubs various educational materials to aid the Regional Clubs in promoting the dissemination of educational material, most of which are supplied free of charge by various dog food companies, the AKC and the AVMA.

The Chair will also distribute to existing and prospective Regional Clubs a packet containing one (1) copy of *The Newf and You*; a copy of the NCA By-Laws along with information on how to apply for NCA membership; a list of NCA committees and services they offer; a list of Regional Clubs; a Newf Novelties catalog; and other Regional Clubs’ programs, from which further copies can be distributed to their membership.

V22.4 11/09/91
AKC requested the appointment of a Public Education Coordinator to work as a liaison between the NCA and the AKC “to implement education programs at the Club and community level.” Given the considerable overlap of this position with the General
Education Committee Chair, the person holding that position will also be the AKC Public Education Coordinator.

**V15.4 01/10/85 (Mail Meeting)**
Education Committee formed.

**V18.4 11/07/87** Responsibilities of Standard Committee turned over to Education Committee.
HEALTH AND LONGEVITY COMMITTEE

Duties and Responsibilities
The goal of this committee is to promote health and longevity in the Newfoundland dog. Specifically, this involves the collection of data from Newfoundland owners concerning health and longevity. Significant health problems identified by these studies will help the Board of Directors, through the Charitable Trust, select appropriate research projects for funding.

The committee will make reports on the collected data available to the owners of Newfoundlands and the Board of Directors and other committees to benefit the breed.

The committee will collect and maintain a library of material on health issues. Submission of articles on canine health to NewfTide, the NCA Website and NCA e-notes is a committee responsibility.

The committee shall suggest and facilitate projects that promote the health and longevity of the breed, including health clinics at the National Specialty.

An end of year report should be submitted to the Second Vice-President for NewfTide publication by December 15th.

In May, a projected annual budget should be sent to the NCA Treasurer.

History
11/6-8/09: Board approved the DNA Guidelines as developed by the Health & Longevity Committee
9/17/09: Health & Longevity Chair to be copied on correspondence received from OFA regarding the information developed from the CHIC, DNA and OFA health reports
3/19/09: Approval of the posting of OFA information on the NCA Website by the Health & Longevity Committee with the exception of the closed or open reporting field and the...
owners’ names and addresses.

3/19/09: Board approval of the cystinuria policy as written.
10/30/08: Amended job description
10/16/08: Require all applications submitted to OFA be placed in the OFA open database for a Newfoundland to receive a CHIC number.
1/17/08: The letters TOD will be used as a designation to mean Heath Tested Open Database, requiring the same test currently required for inclusion into the CHIC database (hips, elbows, cystinuria, heart cleared by a board certified cardiologist)

The letters D designates the Newfoundland’s blood has been banked in the OFA DNA Registry and would be the last designation to the dog’s name as published, either

To list dogs with TOD, D and TODD designations in NewfTide and the Annual of Titlists (living and dead) the owners must apply to Awards Committee in order to receive the award

Recognition to those who have posted the required tests in the open database with a pin and to be included in the list to be handed out at the Annual Membership Meeting.

8/16/07: Board assigned the task of naming the new NCA health testing award for dogs owned by NCA members. To be eligible for the award, the dog must have, at a minimum, results of tests for hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, cystinuria, and heart status listed in an open database. Owners of the dogs must apply for the award and submit proof of such listings.

4/30/07: The Board made the Health and Longevity Committee a closed committee with no more than 12 members plus the chairperson(s)

11/3-5/06: The Board also approved H&L’s recommendation that a listing or link to upcoming health clinics be added to each issue of Newf Tide, the NCA website, and sent out to all regional clubs.

4/20-5/1/07: Made Health and Longevity a closed committee with not more than 12 members plus the chairpersons.

11/3-5/06: The Board accepted the committee’s recommendation that whenever possible, any health program established by the Newfoundland Club of America will be open to all purebred Newfoundlands provided the program is free of charge to the NCA. H&L proposals using NCA funds must include a specific plan detailing whether non-NCA dogs and dogs of other breeds may participate. If so, criteria for their participation must be included.

The above proposal is intended to:
1. Allow all purebred Newfoundlands to participate in future health programs/discounts established by the NCA provided there are no NCA funds involved.
2. In the case there NCA funds are involved, it is the intention of these policies to ensure that when the H&L committee is developing proposals, priority be given to NCA member Newfoundlands while at the same time allowing for adequate participation to ensure that the program will be viable.

9/21/06: The Board accepted the Health & Longevity committee’s recommendation to make a change to the wording in the notice inserted in each issue of Newf Tide as follows:
The Newfoundland Club of America endorses and encourages the testing and release of all results, normal and abnormal, into an open registry. The Newfoundland Club of America endorses and encourages the use of the open option for registering all health results. Owners are urged to provide all health screening results to the OFA. When using the OFA, please remember to check the “Authorization to Release Abnormal Results” box on the application. Only by knowing the health status of sires and dams,
their siblings and get can we begin to reduce the incidence of polygenic diseases such as hip and elbow dysplasia and subvalvular aortic stenosis. The future of our beloved Newfoundlands can be improved if we all share necessary information regarding our Newfoundlands' health.

1/6/06: Accept OVC and PennHip results along with OFA test results for the OFA discount program and to state that utilizing the open registry would be necessary for the discounts.

1/6/06: Health & Longevity Committee will solicit NCA volunteers to mail/receive the paperwork for OFA discounts. The NCA will place the appropriate OFA forms on their website with a link to the OFA, and ask Regional Clubs to do the same. Newfoundland owners will be notified of the program via the NCA and regional club websites, Newf Tide and regional club newsletters.

11/5/05: Assign the motion concerning quantity submissions of cardiology, thyroid, patella and cystinuria test results to OFA to the Health and Longevity Committee to appoint a person to coordinate this.

11/4/05: Arrange with OFA for NCA members to have the opportunity to submit their cardiology, thyroid, patella and cystinuria test results, along with completed OFA application forms, for batching and submission to OFA at the half-price rate individuals may obtain with quantity submissions.

V35.4 7/8/04: Pass the Health and Longevity proposal as amended.

V35.4 7/8/04: Eliminate the requirement of gathering specific information from an amendment to a motion passed at the April 19-21, 2004 face-to-face meeting stating, “If there is to be a rebate or reduced price to the individual NCA members then they must consent to having the data on their Newfs made available.”

V35.4 7/8/04: Approve funding up to $2000 for a health clinic at the 2005 National with the direction to H&L and the Health Challenge that summary data, at the minimum, be made available, if possible. H&L is to investigate the feasibility of the OFA registration rebates as part of how it will spend the amount.

V35.3 4/19/04

Put a cap on the number of committee members at the current level of 36.

V34.1 11/3/02

Board approved following health initiatives:

1. Board officially goes on record to strongly recommend a set of health clearances for all Newfoundland breeders to perform on breeding Newfoundlands including cardiology clearance by Board Certified cardiologist, hips, elbows, cystinuria and eyes.

2. All Newfoundland breeders are strongly encouraged to perform the five health screening tests on breeding Newfoundlands. Information regarding NCA’s position should be widely disseminated, eg. AKC Gazette article, contact non-member breeders with entry in stud book, Newf Tide article and article for Regional Club newsletters.

3. Encourage screening clinics at Nationals and Regionals, eg. Cardiology and DNA testing.


V34.1 11/2/02

Board encourages host National Specialty clubs to hold AKC DNA clinics at National Specialties at a reduced fee offered by AKC.

V34.4 7/30/02

Use already approved funds to conduct study to determine or verify the cause of death, specific cancer type and/or any other missing information for dogs reported in the 2001 Health Survey.

V33.1 12/1/01
Ad Hoc committee established to evaluate the feasibility of holding a Health Class at the National Specialty and/or Regional Specialties. Committee would work closely with Health and Longevity and Database Committee.

Ad Hoc Committee established to evaluate feasibility of having a Health ROM or other Health Award.

Work with Breeders List/Breeder Education Committee to evaluate impact of fertility problems on the number of health Newfoundlands available from reputable breeders.

AKC will now include all breeds in CHIC database. Newfoundland data from OFA database to include hips, elbows, cardiac and cystinuria data. OFA now registering cystinuria testing. All four tests must be done, abnormal results may be included, to be entered into the database. Board recommend cost of OFA input of cardiac and cystinuria and/or cost for registry be paid by NCA. NCA will negotiate for reduced fee. Article to be written for NewfTide to explain CHIC database and policy.

Approved $700 for copying and distribution of final chapter of Health Notebook.

Approve $800 for second mailing of Health Questionnaire to increase response rate and improve statistical findings.

Ad Hoc committee formed to review the criteria and purpose of the Breeders List, the concept of publishing the list and a Breeder Education Committee.

Include in items to consider by Breeders List/Education Committee the impact of fertility problems on the number of healthy Newfoundlands available from reputable breeders. Committee should work with Health and Longevity Committee.

Establish position of Health Liaison to facilitate communication between Newfoundland Health Challenge, Research Advisory Committee and Health and Longevity Committee.

Pre-survey at 2000 National Specialty regarding format, type and depth for upcoming health survey.

NCA to participate in (AKC) Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) whose mission is to provide a source of health information for owners, breeders, and scientists that will aid in breeding healthier dogs. Four (4) diseases selected were: Cystinuria, Congenital Heart Defects, Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia using semi-open registration. (Protocol for NCA participation to be written (11/29/99).

AKC/DNA Collection Study Program to be conducted at 2000 National Specialty. Board to advise committee to make every effort to include dogs of diverse lineage and use dogs from the Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, and Maturity classes.

Committee instructed by Board to conduct a Newfoundland Health Survey.

Board approved NCA participation in a Purdue University study to identify a genetic marker for Subaortic Stenosis (SAS). Health & Longevity Committee to facilitate the auscultation and collection of blood samples from Newfoundlands at 1999 National Specialty. Study objective is to collect samples from 200 dogs.

V29.1  11/22/97
NCA to participate in AKC’s DNA collection study program.

V28.4 06/25/97 (Mail Meeting)
Board referred a member’s question regarding establishing an NCA policy on cloning.

V28.3 03/25/97
Profits from all sales of Health and Longevity notebooks to be allocated to Newfoundland Health Challenge.

V28.2 12/23/96 (Mail Meeting)
Ad hoc committee established on genetic disorder to develop policy on disseminating information on individual dogs identified as affected and/or carriers of various genetic disorders. (See cross reference to Committee.)

V26.3 04/27/95 (Annual Meeting)
Board directed by membership to consider participating in funding a Genetic Marker study (see Newf Endowment for history of study).

V26.3 04/25/95
Board granted approval to the Newfoundland Club of Great Britain to reproduce and distribute the NCA’s Health Notebook.

V24.4 08/93 (Mail Meeting)
OFA’s research information reports along with a list of newly certified Newfoundlands shall be sent to the Chair of the Health and Longevity Committee to include synopses of important developments in Health and Longevity’s Newf Tide column.

V18.4 11/07/87
New health and longevity proposal presented; Phase I accepted by Board and Phase II tabled for further consideration.

V12.1 02/08/81
Health and Longevity Committee established.
Here is the revised request for the VN Pin & Patches.

This information is from Bethany Karger. She has gathered the prices below. These are the vendors that were previously used to order the Pins and Patches for the VN awards.

**Pins (repository of mold)**
Marlin Kvamme, Sun Trading 1285 Sykes Creek Rd., Rogue River, OR 97537
Ph. 541-582-2207

**Patches (not original, but more recent)**
Chuck Packer, *Prism Patches*, Inc, 8940 Marilyn Dr., Frisco, TX 75034
Ph. 972-987-5824

For the patches, for the VN patches from the current supplier, 100 patches would cost $2.86 each for a charge of $286.00. An order of 200 patches would amount to $1.99 each for a total of $398.00. The more you order the less the price per patch.

The Patches4Less that Sue Raney used had higher prices. Patches4Less quoted $3.20 per patch for 100 and $2.23 for 200. Bethany is guessing that Sue’s patches are much smaller than the VN patch and Patches4Less charges by the size of the patch in addition to the number of stitches. I haven’t seen a VN patch recently but if remember correctly they are an oval shape making them a little larger than the others that are round. (I have asked Bethany for the actual size and stitch count. I am just waiting for her reply.)

For the VN pins, the minimum order for the pins would be 150 pins at $8.30/each which would also have a charge of $80 tooling fee. This would cost $1,325.00. On the current usage, this number of pins would last about 8 years. By ordering 250 pins, this cost would be $6.60/each plus the $80 tooling fee. This would come to a cost of $1,730.00 and, upon current usage, would last about 12-13 years.

The vendor did tell Bethany that the company requires a minimum order of 250 pins but the dealer whom she has been contacting has gotten the company to agree to a minimum of 150 but the company will require us to pay a premium charge. To go to a new company and have a new mold for the pin made would be quite costly.

Both orders would be free shipping and no tax, etc.

We are asking for approval for 200 patches and 250 pins. This quantity will last for at least 8 years based on current and recent VN’s per year.
Mary Lou Cuddy

From: Susan Marino [vnnewf97@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 7:27 PM
To: Mary Lou Cuddy
Subject: Fwd: CRNC disband

Please see the email below confirming that Columbia River is no longer a regional club of the NCA. I would suggest that we notify PNNC that they may absorb the geographical area of CR.
Sue

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: CRNC disband
Date: Sun, 29 Mar 2015 17:47:18 -0700
From: JULIE STRANBURG <jstranburg@yahoo.com>
To: vnnewf97@charter.net
CC: Kris Cooper <kristinadcooper@gmail.com>

Hello Susan;

The Columbia River Newfoundland Club will no longer be a regional club of the NCA. We disbanded approx 2 years ago as no one volunteered for office of President. I could not continue do to health issues.

Thank you for your support all these years.

Sincerely,

Julie Stranburg
Good Evening High Country Members,

Attached please find the 2015 Election Candidate Bio's PDF. Many of you may know these members already and some of you may not. We hope by extending to the club the bio's with a photo it will give you an opportunity to read a little about those members running for the board positions in this coming election.

The Vice President position is held by Mark O'Connor and he is running unopposed as is the position of Secretary being held by Carol Jefferson.

We have four members running for the two open General Member positions: Karen Benenati and Kady Eckstrom join Lynn Kitch (currently serving) along with Katie Sidesinger (currently serving).

This message is being sent to ALL HCNC Members and we understand some members are outside the demographic region and do not cast votes, however we want everyone to have the information.

Ballot packets will be mailed on April 15th, to the address of record to voting members.

Our general membership meeting on Sunday, May 17th, 2015 we will be counting all official ballots received by May 16th.

Personally,
Lyle Payne
Nominating Committee Chair

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You are receiving this email because of your affiliation with HCNC.
The High Country Newfoundland Club (HCNC) encourages and promotes the pure-bred Newfoundland dog. HCNC provides education and information to members, breeders, and all those who love and are loved by these gentle giants. HCNC also maintains a placement network to provide a safe and healthy environment for Newfs in our region. HCNC’s regional territory covers the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Utah. Visit our Website at: www.hcncnewfs.org
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2015 High Country Newfoundland Dog Club
Election Nominations

You will be receiving by USPS the official ballot to cast your vote for the 2015 HCNC Election. In that packet you will find several items. One official ballot for each voting member in your household, and one small envelope for each ballot and a return envelope addressed to our HCNC Secretary. Once you’ve cast your vote please place your ballot in the smaller envelope and mail in the return envelope. You must use the official ballot and mail in the envelope provided. The envelope must be received by May 16th in order to be counted at the May 17th General Board Meeting. Please make sure you put appropriate postage on your envelope to mail so there is no delay in receiving your vote.

You will be voting for 4 board positions, two positions; Vice President and Secretary are running unopposed. There are four candidates for the general member position and you will be voting for two general board members. We would like to introduce you to our candidates with their bio if you do not personally know them.

Vice – President

Mark O’Connor

My name is Mark O’Connor. I have owned Newfoundlands for 10 years. My Lucy (Castaways Lucille Ball of Fur, CGC/TDI, CD) just turned 12 at Thanksgiving. Not only is she my first Newf she is my first dog. I joined the North Central Newfoundland Club shortly after we got Lucy in 2003. Several years passed and we wanted to get her a playmate and so we adopted Panda (Makepeace China Bear CGC, CD, WD, WRD), a Landseer, in 2006. It was after we adopted Panda that we got more involved in Newf activities. Initially I was a little intimidated by all the things people were doing with their dogs. I doubted I’d ever be able to do what they did. So, at first, I just volunteered at events-I stewarded a water test and a Regional Specialty. People in the club encouraged me to go to training and to show my dog. Apprehensively I did. The next thing I knew I was entering all sorts of events and getting involved in the club. I have entered and passed water tests and I have entered and failed water and draft tests and obedience trials. I put obedience titles on both my dogs and would have continued until Panda was diagnosed with a spinal condition last year. In April of 2013, we added Daley (Haytee and Journey's Hizzoner Mister Mayor.) He’s our first boy and has been a lot of fun. I’ve shown him some and even earned a few points. We are also currently working toward a Jr. water title and a Novice obedience title.

In January 2012 my wife and I moved to Colorado from Chicago for a job opportunity. I am a Certified Financial Planner and I work for a medium sized investment firm in Lakewood. We live in Littleton. My wife works in Software sales and travels frequently. We joined the High Country Club in 2012 and we love Colorado. I have stewarded for 3 draft tests and 8 water tests for the club. When there was an opening on the Board, someone suggested I volunteer and so I did. I am currently the Club VP. I look...
forward to continuing to serve the club and mentor newer members and encourage them to get involved as others did for me. Newfoundlands are Working Dogs but the work we do is fun. And so this is my approach to all the events; yes the tests, trials and shows are serious but they should be enjoyable for the dog and owner. I try not to lose sight of that in my role as a board member.

Mark O’Connor, Vice President HCNC

Secretary

Carol Jefferson, Secretary HCNC

Hi, I am Carol Jefferson, and I’m running for the position of HCNC secretary in the upcoming 2015 election. My husband Jeff and I have shared our home with Newfoundlands since 1989. Our Newfs have come to us in a variety of ways, and whether we raised them from puppy to adult, fostered them as heart puppies, or welcomed them as middle aged or senior rescues, they have each enriched our lives in their own way.

We have been members of the HCNC since 1990, and although many of you know me as the lady who makes lunches for water and draft tests, throughout the years I have been active in the Club in varied capacities. As a general board member for several terms I served on numerous committees including Bylaw revisions, Banquet, and Fundraising. When the board was re-formed this past October, I was asked to serve as interim secretary, and have been serving in that capacity since then.

I served as the Hospitality Chair for the 2007 Nationals that were held in Boulder. My husband and I have also participated in holiday parades throughout the years, and have been stewards for a variety of working and fundraising events as well. We have had the opportunity to be a part of carting at Larimer Square, Tabor Center, and Writers Square with petting and P.R. dogs, and this past several years in Golden with Ollie as a full fledged parade and carting dog. (We can't wait until next year!)

Over the years our Newfs have regularly visited schools in several districts as the resident Lewis and Clark dogs, and every March they have participated in Read Across America activities, where we get to share our favorite Newfoundland books and stories. These are experiences I hope to share with my dogs for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration,
Carol J. Jefferson, Secretary HCNC
General Board Member Position Candidates - You will be voting for Two in this election.
Our Candidates are:
Karen Benenati  
Kady Eckstrom  
Lynn Kitch  
Katie Sidesinger

Karen Benenati  
Karen Benenati got her first Newf in 2006, but she was not new to dogs as she grew up with them all her life. Her first venture into the show ring was at age 6 showing her family’s Siberian Husky in Peewee showmanship. She continued to show Siberians for many years in Conformation, Junior Showmanship and also 4H. She was very active in 4H with her family with both her dogs and her family's dairy goats. Since becoming involved with Newfoundlands she has finished multiple champions, her first home bred champion is currently a Bronze level Grand Champion. She has been a member of HCNC since she acquired her first Newf. She is also the leader of the 4H Dog project in Teller County. “4H is such a great program; and there is nothing better than to grow up with animals in your life. They teach us so much, we carry those lessons and the dedication throughout our lives”. She enjoys sharing her experience and helping the members develop a bond by working with their dogs. Nothing compares to that bond, “I guess that is why I have always enjoyed showing my dogs myself, so much fun to be sharing the ring together.” Newfoundlands are such incredible dogs, such sweet gentle souls, and most of mine have a very silly, jovial side, which I especially enjoy! Karen was chairperson and organizer for the 2015 Awards Banquet this year.

Kady Eckstrom  
I would like to express my interest in any one of the open positions on the HCNC board. I have been a member since 1979 and have served the club in a wide variety of positions. These positions have included:
President
Vice President
Board Member
Newsletter Editor for approximately 10 years
National Specialty Chairperson 1984 & 1989
Regional Specialty Chairperson (several times)
Chairperson of HCNC’s first Draft Test
Secretary of Water Test
Volunteer for many HCNC Working Events (steward, etc.)
Co-Founder of HCNC Rescue 1980
Served on the Nominating Committee many times
Member of NCA since 1979
HCNC Historian
Chairperson of Awards Banquet (many times)
Chairperson (and participant) of many Breeder’s Showcases, including HCNC’s ‘Award Winning’ booth at the 1980 Gaines Classic Showcase
Chair and Co-Chair of HCNC’s Christmas Carting event for 27 years
Chairperson for several all-breed fun matches
Judge for several all-breed fun matches
Chairperson (and trainer) for many other HCNC events, including grooming clinics, handling clinics, obedience clinics, fun days etc. I purchased my first Newfoundland in January 1979 and acquired the second in the fall of that year. Since that time I have never had less than 2, usually 3 or 4. I joined HCNC in the Spring of 1979 and joined the NCA during the summer of 1979. I have been a member of both organizations since that time. I also joined Flatirons Kennel Club (all-breed club) in the Spring of 1979 and have served as Treasurer, Vice President and Board Member for that organization. I am currently a Life Member of FKC. I co-founded HCNC Rescue and was one of the first members to do therapy work at Children’s Hospital, as well as at Hospice and Nursing Homes.
I have trained many dogs to their CD’s, one to a WD, handled some to their Championships and bred several litters of puppies under the ‘Fireside’ Kennel name, producing Champions, Obedience & Working Titles and ROM’s.
Professionally, I have been a Certified Veterinary Technician and an all-breed groomer, as well as spending the last 23 years in customer-service and law enforcement.
My focus as an HCNC board member would be to encourage the club to become a fun and educational organization with the best interests of the breed as our base. I would like to see us present more events of interest to the general pet owner as well as to people who are working-event focused. I think the future of dog clubs lies with our youth, and I would like to see us increase the ‘families’ in our membership and offer events that encourage our young people to participate.
Though I have not been a very active member for the last couple of years, (I am currently an honorary member) I believe my past participation and my over-all experience would be an asset to the Board and the general membership of HCNC.
Sincerely,
Kady Eckstrom
Lynn Kitch

Lynn and her husband Cory have called Durango, CO home for over 20 years. Lynn got her very first dog two months before she was even born, a Beagle, and has always had at least one dog in her life ever since.

She got her first Newfoundland, Hudson, in 2004. It’s been an incredible journey with these gentle giants ever since! She is a member of the NCA and the Durango Kennel Club. The first dog show Lynn ever attended was the Newfoundland National in Frankenmuth in 2011. When all the Newfs entered the ring for best of breed she was hooked! Since then she has a Championship on her second Newf, T-Bone, as well as Rally, Obedience, Water and Draft Titles. She also has a Grand Champion title on her female, SeeSea.

There is no WAY to get bored with a Newfoundland Working Dog! Lynn encourages everyone to try different events/training. Volunteer, observe, and above all just have fun.

Lynn earned her Bachelor’s in Economics and Psychology from Salem College; a liberal arts women’s college in NC. And her Master’s in Nutrition and Physical Performance from University of North Carolina. She is a Registered Dietitian turned “pizza Pusher”, as she and her husband now own and operate two Pizza Restaurants in Durango. She is probably the only Registered Dietitian turned “Pizza Pusher” in the known universe…..that is also a Tap Dancer!

Lynn Kitch, Board Member and Editor of HCNC NewfNews

Katie Sidesinger

We got our first newf 8.5 years ago. I knew she would be big and need training so we took her to our local all breed club. They recognized her talent and encouraged me to put obedience titles on her. I had to look up what an obedience title was, but after reading about it I decided she could probably do all those things. 8 years later that newf has multiple obedience, draft, team draft, water and rally titles to her credit as well as being a therapy dog at our local hospital. You could say I was hooked. That passion and knowledge gained from working our first newf led to a VN all owner handled on our second newf at
just 21 months old. Our third is still young but we have high hopes for him in the conformation ring and working events.

I have a passion for all aspects of newf ownership from health, grooming, showing, working and just having fun with these wonderful dogs. Outside of Newfs I am a cardiac nurse and enjoy running, cycling and triathlons. I had a baby (human) in December and am very excited for him to grow up with Newfs!! I have been an active NCA member for 6 years as well as a member of PONC, Columbus All Breed Training Club and a founding member of The Buckeye Bernese Mountain Dog Club. I am excited to be a part of HCNC and look forward to many wonderful years with this club, its members and its newfs!!

Katie Sidesinger, Board Member
With
TLCs Fudge Brownie Bella CDX TDD DD3 WRD RE CGC TDI (Bella)
VN GRCH Honey Lanes Do Something Great CD RN TDD DD3 WRD4 (Mojo)
Honey Lanes A Slice of Life on Heavy Seas CD (Dexter)
**From:** Steve Britton [mailto:britone@centurytel.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015 9:10 PM

**To:** 'Katie Kramer'

**Cc:** Marino, Susan D.

**Subject:** RE: Regional Club Question

Hi Katie:

As far as bylaws, I’m the guy. Through the National Association of Parliamentarians, of Independence, MO, I hold a credential as a Professional Registered Parliamentarian. As far as policies about active or inactive regional Newfoundland clubs, it would not surprise me if the NCA has some sort of policy. Off hand, I’m not sure what it is.

The regional club liaison is Sue Marino. I’m copying her this response.

Nice meeting you.

Steve Britton

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**From:** Katie Kramer [mailto:kkramer@kramerinsurancegroup.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015 5:50 PM

**To:** regionalliaison@newfdogclub.org; rcc@ncadogs.org

**Cc:** jvoss@pcez.com

**Subject:** Regional Club Question

Hi Steve & Sue:

I was talking with Pam Saunders and she suggested I contact you. I am Treas of the Pacific NW Newf Club. At our membership/board meeting last week it was determined we need to revise/update our bylaws. We also questioned if the Columbia River Newf Club was still a “sanctioned” club. If you look at their website they have not had any activity in years. Their Facebook page states:

- “The Columbia River Newfoundland Club has been a certified Newfoundland Club of America regional club since 1989 until 2013. Now we continue as friends with a love of Newfoundlands and fun sharing them.”

To be a sanctioned club, wouldn’t there need to be activities? If PNNC revises their bylaws we would like to include their territory – absorb theirs into PNNC. PNNC feels if someone is looking for a contact locally it would be in the best interests of everyone for the person to be referred to the PNNC. This could be an issue for rescue. If a person is needing to place a dog in rescue, they may wait a long time for a response if they contact a club that is in essence defunct. In our area there seems to be a lot of confusion as to the status of Columbia River. The Facebook page for them would seem to imply they ceased operations in 2013. PNNC feels this should be “tidied” up and if they are no longer a functioning club shouldn’t they be deleted from the NCA website? If that is the case then when we revise our bylaws we would like to have their territory included in PNNC.

THANKS for your assistance in clarifying this matter for our club.

Katie Kramer, Treas. (and NCA member)
Here are pictures of the survey results on the priority of the choices – 6 being most important. This shows that the most #1 votes were for research on disease prevention and detection (testing), followed closely by requiring health standards for breeders. The idea of providing rebates for testing received the least support.
Please rank the following strategies to address health in the Newfoundland breed, in terms of the value of NCA resources you feel should be devoted to the item. Please rank your highest priority with number 6 and your lowest priority with number 1.  

Look at the current health education provided by the NCA. You can review the research currently funded by your donations to the NCA Health Challenge online. You can see the current member rebate program for Health Testing here. Read the existing NCA Health Testing Recommendations for all breeders.

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What would be your preferred method of obtaining health information and education? Please rank your most preferred method with number 5 and your least preferred method with number 1.

1 = Least

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If you would like to receive a copy of the poll results, as well as other NCA mailings, or if you have additional comments to share please provide your name and email address.

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