NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA
AND ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS
MAY 1, 2018
BAVARIAN INN LODGE
FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN
AGENDA

I. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions: 
   Pam Saunders, president

II. Approval for using voting cards (two-thirds rising vote).

III. Approval of annual meeting minutes of April 11, 2017 -
     (Published in Newf Tide, third quarter, 2017.)

IV. Approval of Agenda (majority vote).

V. Reports of Officers:
   A. President Pam Saunders
   B. First Vice-president John Cornell
   C. Second Vice-president Lynne Anderson-Powell
   D. Recording Secretary Steve Britton
   E. Corresponding Secretary Pamela Rubio
   F. Treasurer Mary L. Price
   G. AKC Delegate David Helming

VI. Report of the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board
    Clyde Dunphy, DVM, NCA Charitable Trust Management Board Chair
    NCA Charitable Trust Financial Statements as of April 30, 2018
    Mary L. Price, NCA Trust Treasurer.
VII. Reports of Standing Committees: Annual committee reports were published in Newf Tide, first quarter, 2018.

A. Awards Committee

Deborah Bridge & Dejah Petsch, presenters

1. Top Obedience Dog
2. Top Show Dog
3. Top Show Bitch
4. Top Sire
5. Top Dam
6. Register of Merit
7. Oldest Living Newfoundland
8. Heroic Newfoundland Award

B. Juniors Committee

Donna Thibault, chair

C. Recognition Committee

1. Working Achievement Linda Mahuson
2. Versatile Newfoundlands Joan Locker-Thuring, chair

D. Awards Committee Pam Saunders, presenter:

1. NCA Good Sportsman Award
2. Members of the Year
3. Honorary Memberships

E. Newf Tide Policy Committee Aura Dean

VIII. New Business (Member Comment):

1. Pricilla Hensel: “Failure of working event judges to know the NCA regulations and conduct working events according to them. Failure of Working Dog Committee to discipline judges for this. Allowing judges to supervise themselves by allowing them membership on the working dog committee.”

2. Jack Dean: “A New Board Member’s Perspective on the NCA.”

IX. Other Announcements

X. Adjournment
At the March 2018 Delegate’s meeting, from a slate of 7 candidates, the following Delegates were selected to serve four (4) year terms on the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2020: Ann Wallin, Christopher Sweetwood, Harold “Red” Tatro III. Subsequent to the meeting, the Board re-elected Ron Meneker to serve as Chairman, Thomas M. Davies as Vice-Chairman and Dennis Sprung as President/Chief Executive Officer.

During the last year, two NCA Reginal clubs once again participated in the AKC’s Meet The Breeds (MTB) educational days - The Newfoundland Club of Florida presented our breed at the December AKC Invitational Show in Orlando, Florida and the Bear Mountain Club did the honors again at the MTB day recently held during the 2018 Westminster Week in New York City. Bear Mountain earned a Working Group 2nd which represented the 4th consecutive year they have been recognized as part of the top displays. Our appreciation goes to both of these clubs for their continued dedication and enthusiasm in educating the public on the Newfoundland.

During 2017, the AKC developed and implemented multiple tactics supporting their long term goal of increasing participation in AKC Sports and Events. This involved expanding youth outreach with a Juniors Recognition program and Junior Versatility scholarships that celebrate Junior’s achievements across all sports. The AKC also executed marketing campaigns to promote activities and events such as specialty shows and B matches. Plans continue to relocate the AKC Museum of the Dog to New York City in early 2019. AKC New York’s operations will also be moved to the building which will house the museum.

Some of the AKC’s 2017 accomplishments include:

- Introduction of novel activities that offer new challenges to dog lovers such as the AKC Tricks and AKC Scent Work programs.
- Creation of the Club Development department which offers administrative support and insight to clubs and helps them to enhance their events in a variety of ways.
- The new AKC Canine College initiative became the home of a diverse set of online continuing-education courses, first for judges and later for breeders and groomers. By year’s end, the program hosted greater than 322 courses.
- Liter registrations increased by 9% in 2017 over 2016 and dogs registered increased by 7%. – very positive movement.
- Awarded $26,000 in 2017 Veterinary Outreach Scholarships and 24 high school, college and graduate students received 2017 AKC Junior Scholarships ranging between $500 - $2,000.
- The AKC, AKC Reunite, the AKC Humane Fund and member AKC clubs took the lead in funding and coordinating relief efforts for pets and their owners in parts of Texas, Louisiana and Florida following devastating storms. The Newfoundland Club of America participated in this monumental effort.
- The AKC Puppy of Achievement program was launched creating incremental steps of success for those participating in dog shows with their puppies.
- The AKC introduced Advanced Levels of Recognition for Breeders of Merit program (sponsored by Royal Canin) to acknowledge breeders who have produced numerous titled dogs.
- 2017 overall entries included over 1.4 million in conformation events and over 1.2 million entries in Agility events as its popularity grows.
- Financially, total consolidated revenues of $ 87.8 million reflected a 20% increase over 2016 and consolidated gain on investments totaled $ 12.1 million – up due to very favorable market conditions from $ 3.8 million in 2016. Operating expenses of $ 97.0 million were significantly up over 2016 ($26.9 million) as new business opportunities were started and developed to market during the fiscal year.
- The AKC continues to promote its AKC Marketplace as 22,000 breeders (or in some cases individuals who bred a litter of dogs) were listed at year’s end – 75% increase over 2016. The NCA has been working with the AKC to clean up inaccuracies on the Newfoundland section and is presently engaged with them to highlight breeders who are on the NCA Breeder’s List- other parent clubs experiencing some of the same problems are also pursuing 2018 solutions.
- I will continue to keep the Board and Membership apprised of AKC activities and news as they impact our Club and the Newfoundland. I am honored to serve as our Delegate to the American Kennel Club.

Respectfully Submitted, David Helming, AKC Delegate