Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.  
Regular Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting  
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Agenda

1. **Opening Ceremony:**
   1.1. Motion to adopt agenda
   1.2. Roll Call
   1.3. Moment of silence for recently passed NCA members Mark Wankel and Ken Price

2. **Special Order: AKC Delegate’s Report (David Helming)**
   2.1.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**
   3.1. Regular BOD Meeting February 20, 2020 – pp. 5-10
   3.2. Regular BOD Meeting March 12, 2020 – pp. 11-13;
   3.3. Regular BOD Meeting April 16, 2020 – pending;
   3.4. Regular BOD Meeting April 25-26, 2020 – pending;
   3.5. Annual BOD Meeting April 28, 2020

4. **President’s Report (John Cornell):**
   4.1. Strategic Plan Discussion
   4.2. Arbitration Committee member’s legal review about question put forward by NCA Arbitration Committee about their personal liability indemnification through the club insurance carrier.

5. **First Vice President’s Report (Mary Lou Cuddy):**
   5.1. See officer reports in packet, p. 14

6. **Second Vice President’s Report (Lynne Anderson-Powell):**
   6.1. See committee reports and executive session items
7. **Recording Secretary’s Report (Donna Thibault):**
   7.1. Compiled agenda and meeting packet for this meeting;

8. **Corresponding Secretary’s Report (Pam Rubio):**
   8.1. 

9. **Treasurer’s Report (Mary L. Price) – pp. 15-16:**
   9.2. Periodic Balance Sheet: May 7, 2020
   9.3. 2021 Budget Reminder

10. **Immediate Past President’s Report (Pam Saunders)**
   10.1. 

11. **Standing Committee Reports – pp. 17-25**
   11.1. TRAC – Request for BOD advise and approval of 4 items; updated projects & priorities lists
   11.2. Working Dog Committee – Sue Raney
   11.3. 

12. **Special Committees –**
   12.1. Policy Manual Updates, Donna Thibault, chair;

13. **Executive Session – pp. xx-xx**
   13.1 Care of Duty Concern, Steve Britton
   13.2 BEC request to add members, Lynne Anderson-Powell
   13.3 Membership Chairman’s Applicant Report, Mary Lou Cuddy – Separate Cover.
   13.4 

14. **Unfinished Business and General Orders**
   14.1. **What to do about Crufts Qualifying Awards for 2020?**
   14.2. **Breeders Education Committee:** A request to prepare a *Newf Tide* article about the AKC Stud Book, and the percentage of Newfoundland litters bred by NCA members. (due January 2, 2019 agenda deadline).
   14.4. Appoint Advertising and Promotions Committee (Adopted, August 18, 2016; repost position per approved action at October 9, 2019 BOD meeting).
   14.5. **National Specialty Show Coordinating Committee:** That the Specialty Show Committee thoroughly review the Specialty Show Guide and include all previous updates for NCA-hosted shows. In addition, a separate volume should be updated and created for the Regional Specialty Guide. Deadline: 2019 Fall F2F Meeting. (March 19, 2020 - 2nd Vice-president to follow-up; update due June 2020 meeting)
14.6. The following was referred to the National Specialty Show Committee: (update due June 2020 meeting)

Motion: Request the National Specialty committee to consider guidelines for dedicating an NCA national to specific persons.

Whereas,

1. sometimes it is appropriate to dedicate a specialty to a particular person, but there are no guidelines on any criterion to be used, and
2. It would be better to consider this problem in advance rather than on the spur of the moment,

Therefore, I move that

1. The problem be referred to the National Specialty committee for their input on guidelines, and they report back to the board at the February meeting with some rough guidelines on such a policy or the statement that they do not think any policy is feasible at this time.


14.13. General Order: Jack Dean move, and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that:

“Whereas it appears that:

1. The status of the NCA seal as a copyright or trademark item is uncertain and board members having different impressions of what the law is and how we enforce our rights.
2. The NCA seal has never been registered with federal authorities.
3. There should be some type of competitive bidding on having someone properly register the NCA Seal. Now, therefore, I move that the board should come up with a plan to find qualified people and determine what they would charge for doing this as well as other associated costs. The motion passed unanimously. (The action was amended on October 17, 2019 by assigning a reporting date of December 5, 2019 -for the December 19, 2019 meeting. A partial report was received on March 26, 2020;update due for June 2020 meeting.)

14.14. General Order: Retired Kennel Name Prefixes. (Lynne Anderson Powell, chair of a Special Committee)

15. New Business:

15.1. Proposed amendment to the Newfoundland Breed Standard (Steve Britton)

Out of concern for the proposed amendments to the AKC Dog Show Rules regarding markings and that were published to the AKC Secretary's page forwarded to you at the April 16, 2020 meeting, I am forwarding this to you now in part as previous for the next regular NCA Board meeting either in May or June. Proposal on p. 20
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NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED: NOT YET (DRAFT)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020
EASTERN STANDARD TIMES ARE NOTED.

Unless noted otherwise, times are Eastern Standard Time.

NCA Board of Directors: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), Steve Britton (SB), John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Jack Dean (JD), Roger Frey (RF), Sue Marino (SM); Mary L. Price (MLP), Pat Randall (PKR), Pam Rubio (PSR), Katie Sidesinger (KS), Donna Thibault (DT), Dave Helming, AKC delegate (non-voting), Pam Saunders, immediate past president (non-voting).

OPENING
President John Cornell called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. and Recording Secretary Steve Britton was present.

Other board members who answered the roll call: Lynne Anderson-Powell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Jack Dean, Roger Frey, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Pat Randall, Pam Rubio and Donna Thibault; Katie Sidesinger was absent; Pam Saunders, Immediate Past President and David Helming, AKC Delegate, were present.

Also joining the meeting at 9 p.m.: Stacy Roderick, board member elect, Bill Matlock, chair, Dan and Mary Lou Zimmerman, Terri Lewin all of the Technical Resources Advisory Committee; Aura Dean, chair of the Newf Tide Policy Committee joined the meeting at 9:30 p.m. and Susan Wagner, chair of the 2020 National Specialty, joined the meeting at 10 p.m.

Jack Dean requested a motion regarding rebating dues to senior members be considered at the same time as a motion to increase dues. There was no objection to his request.

Pam Rubio moved, and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded to adopt the meeting agenda as amended. The board of directors adopted the agenda without objection.

AKC DELEGATE’S REPORT
David Helming, AKC Delegate, updated the board regarding the following:
- AKC Juniors Survey;
- Promotion of AKC Parent Clubs;
- The pending AKC Board of Directors election.

David Helming apprised the board of directors of his views about the strengths of the various AKC Board of Directors candidates.

Pam Rubio moved, and Roger Frey seconded to allow the club’s AKC Delegate to vote at his own discretion in the upcoming AKC Board Directors election. The board of directors adopted the motion without objection. (absent: KS)

MINUTES
The board of directors approved meeting minutes as follows:
- Annual Membership meeting dated April 30, 2019 - as published;
- Fall Face-to-face Board of Directors Meeting dated November 15 – 17 and November 21, 2019 (as amended).
- Fall Face-to-face NCA Charitable Trust Trustee meeting, November 17, 2019 (as presented).
During the approval of the Fall Face-to-face meeting minutes, Jack Dean moved a Point of Order. His point was: A motion to correct the minutes to strike-out a portion of the draft was a main motion and should be recorded in the minutes.

The recording secretary explained to the board of directors that the analysis was incorrect, and he would supply the board member the appropriate citations from *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised (11th edition)*.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President John Cornell reported that an attorney was looking into the club insurance regarding the Arbitration Committee’s indemnification.

He further reported that the need to set a tentative schedule for the Face-to-face meetings at the 2020 National Specialty.

Further, John was not sure where the club stood concerning a donation solicitation from the American Dog Show Judges Advanced Institute. The Advanced Institute is a function of the American Dog Judges, Inc. He had received a follow-up communication from Bob Ennis of the institute. He noted that he had not earlier received the initial solicitation. Roger Frey volunteered to contact Dr. Gerald Penta, president of the American Dog Judges Association to inquire about more information about the advanced institute.

Without objection, President John Cornell set the date and time of Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 3 p.m. EDT at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth, Michigan, for begin the first board of directors meeting at the National Specialty. (absent: KS)

Without objection, John Cornell set the date and time of the Steering Committee report for 8 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020. (absent: KS)

Without objection, John Cornell set the date and time of the NCA Charitable Trust Trustee meeting for Monday, April 27, 2020 at 1 p.m. (absent: KS)

Without objection, John Cornell agreed to follow-up on letter received from the Dog Judges Education Foundation of the American Dog Judges Association. Roger Frey volunteered to contact Dr. Gerald Penta, president of the American Dog Judges Association to inquire about more information about the advanced institute and the deadline for its printed booklet. (absent: KS)

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

1st Vice-president Mary Lou Cuddy presented a written report as follows:


During the meeting:

- Clyde Dunphy reported that Consie Powell had updated the new rack cards for the National Specialty and they are at the printers.
- Mary L. Price reported the following:
  - That the Trust’s balances were doing well as was the Donor-Advised Fund with the AKC Canine Health Foundation. The Morgan Stanley funds have also gained well.
  - The attorney for the O’Leary estate informed her that the remaining three real estate parcels may be put up for public auction in order to close out the estate.
o The Hunting Horn has donated $220 to Newfoundland Rescue which was the profit from a
dedicated Christmas ornament.
o That a regional club has donated $2000 to Newfoundland Rescue to help with costs resulting
from rescues in the club’s territory that other clubs and Newfoundland Rescue have absorbed.
o That an application for a Barrister Fund grant has been forwarded to Clyde for his review.

- The CTMB approved the use of the Charitable Trust logo on the back of the Goofie Newfies
  fundraiser calendar. This year’s Newfs Gone Bad calendar sale raised over $1000 each for the
  Health Challenge and for Newfoundland Rescue.
- Clyde reported that Virginia attorney Frank J Rooney has approved the Trust’s application for
  registration at a charity and it been sent to the state of Virginia for processing.
- Members of the CTMB discussed the Trust’s Fine Arts auction and silent auctions at the NCA
  National Specialty at length and reviewed historical data and policies. The CTMB stated that, in
  some years, the Trust was not billed for expenses related to the silent auctions. The CTMB
  approved paying a percentage, based on the number of dedicated pieces, of the Fine Arts auction
  expenses but not to participate in a percentage of the total revenue generated at the Fine Arts
  auction. The CTMB must respect the donors’ wishes for the funds raised from the donated items
  going to the requested area of the NCA Charitable Trust.
- Members of the CTMB discussed the genetic diversity proposal at length and approved the Health
  & Longevity request to fund the UC Davis study as presented. It was noted that there needs to be
  a plan developed as to how to use the information received from this study no matter what results
  are received.
- It was reported the 2019 Annual Report has been completed and will be mailed with the First
  Quarter issue of Newf Tide and distributed throughout the year to grantees, donors, NCA
  membership applicants, and other interested parties.
- There was a brief discussion (at the CTMB meeting) about the Morris Animal Foundation Donor-
  Inspired studies. It was stated that studies on Sub-Aortic Stenosis and Newfoundland Forelimb
  Anomaly were not currently being funded by MAF. Further discussion was tabled until the March
  meeting.
- The CTMB approved funding DNA collections ($10 per dog plus $100 for supplies) at the 2020
  National Specialty.
- The CTMB’s next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Jack Dean raised a Request for Information. Why was it necessary to list the entire 2nd Vice-
president’s report in the executive session portion of the board meeting packet?
The second vice-president answered that due to a grammatical faux-pax, her report document was
placed in the executive session portion of the packet, but all the non-executive session business none-
the-less was otherwise listed under committee reports.

It was further explained that the only item related to her report listed under executive session was the
appointment of a committee member.

Jack Dean raised a Point of Order: His point was the order for the pending combined committees
report was not listed in the agenda. John Cornell ruled the point not well taken and the board member
should not make these comments, and further requested Donna Thibault to address the issue. Lynne
Anderson-Powell addressed the board member’s concern by pointing out the issue was listed as Standing Committee Heading 11.6 Update and Unfinished Business item 14.3.

**RECORDING SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Recording Secretary Steve Britton reported on his recent attendance at a Michigan Legislative Committee Hearing regarding dangerous breed restrictions.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Corresponding Secretary Pam Rubio reported the following correspondence:

- A note she received and read from Nancy Duggan thanking the board of directors for her election to honorary membership;
- A letter of thanks from AKC for participating in Meet The Breeds at the AKC Championship Dog Show.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Mary L. Price reported the following written treasurer’s report:

- Net Receipts and disbursement January 6, 2020 – February 8, 2020: -$11,794.44.
- Cash balance on February 8, 2019: $ 250,137.23
- The treasurer requested guidance from the board of directors concerning maturing certificates of deposits.
- Discussion followed regarding trophy donations and the Limited Edition Plate (Trophy Fund) Certificate of Deposit.
- On behalf of the treasurer, Steve Britton moved, and Lynne Anderson Powell seconded to renew the Live Oak Bank CD for NCA Operations for six months at 1.9% APY for the Juniors Fund - $ 5,219.82; the Uniform Trophy Fund - $8,373.39; and NCA Operations - $36,334.40. The board of directors adopted the motion; Abstain: JD; Absent: KS.

**TECHNICAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Bill Matlock, chair, and members of the Technical Resources Advisory Committee (TRAC) members noted earlier joined in the meeting.

The committee reported on how it crafted its 2020-21 Proposed Priorities List. Bill Matlock indicated that the committee had greater project demand from within the NCA than it has the capacity to deliver; hence it needs to set priorities. Further:

- When considering a particular project’s priority, the committee considered a project’s overall member benefit, and whether a particular project’s development provides a building block for a future system or project.
- An aide to keep a project on task is a new computer program, Monday-dot-com. Eventually, the program will allow the board to easily monitor the committee’s progress. The committee hoped to present a short tutorial for the board of the directors about Monday-dot-com at the 2020 National Specialty.

Bill Matlock described many of TRAC’s ongoing projects to the officers and directors.

The committee further reported that the new Affinipay credit card processing company provides more than adequate security for credit card processing.
NEWF TIDE POLICY COMMITTEE

Aura Dean reported on the Newf Tide Policy Committee’s request to receive all National Specialty reporting by June 15, 2020.

Roger Frey moved the following motion on behalf of the Newf Tide Policy Committee:

All Submissions for the 3rd Quarter edition of Newf Tide that are related to any aspect of the 2020 (current year to be inserted) National Specialty must be submitted to the editor on or before Monday, June 15, 2020 (date to reflect current year).

The board of directors adopted the motion without objection; Abstain: SB; Absent: KS.

NEWF AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Newf Ambassador Committee, Donna Thibault, 2nd vice-president, reported on a request to add a member to the Newf Ambassadors Committee.

Steve Britton moved, and Pam Rubio seconded that a website posting for current and pending vacancies on the Newf Ambassador Committee be authorized. The board of directors adopted the motion; Absent: KS.

Jack Dean, requested information on when the combined committees under item 11.3 would be meeting and rendering its report to the board of directors. President Cornell responded that this would take place at the March 19 meeting.

REGIONAL CLUB LIAISON

Without objection and after discussion, the presentation of the pending Meet The Breeds Document was postponed to the March 19, 2020 meeting.

Sue Marino spoke to her concerns about the NCA resolving an NCA Regional Club Social Media policy.

Also, Sue Marino reported on Penn Ohio Newfoundland Club Bylaws.

2020 NEWFOUNDLAND NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Susan Wagner reported that Bill Matlock had informed her that the 2020 National Specialty revenue has reached the $100,000 benchmark with $88,000 flowing through the online store.

Catalog ads and honors parade have closed and their numbers declined over 2018 and 2019, with a net loss from last year of about $1,000. The premium list is ready for publication and the superintendent (MBF) had received mailing labels from the NCA Membership Chair.

Susan Wagner reported that the show grounds chair had been contacted and was asked to order a separate tent for Health Challenge ring side auctions. Without objection, the item was referred to the CTMB for further discussion.

2020 DUES

Mary L. Price reported that she had not researched the item much this year, but she felt it was unnecessary to raise dues for 2020. However, she believed the concern will need revisiting next year.

Jack Dean moved, and Roger Frey seconded the following motion:

Because the board is considering for a regional club there may be such a thing as a provisional membership status which is NOT referred to in the bylaws, and in the past the board has ruled that
we cannot not offer a senior membership because it is not explicitly stated in the bylaws, I hereby
move that the NCA establish a senior membership status that is entitled to a rebate of $15.00 to be
credited against their dues.

Steve Britton moved and Roger Frey second to move the previous question (call the question). Voting
in favor (to end all discussion and amendment on the pending motion): LA, SB, MLC, JC JD, RF, SM
MLP, DT Voting against PKR and PSR; Absent: KS

The vote on the main motion was lost. Voting in-favor: JD; Voting against: LA, SB, JC, MLC, RF, SM.
MLP, PKR, PSR and DT. Absent: KS.

Steve Britton moved and after amendment the following motion was adopted:

To set the current dues for Junior Member class as follows: Without *Newf Tide* - $1 per year; with *Newf
Tide* - $13 per year; waiving the Junior member application fee. Voting in-favor: LA, SB, JC, MLC, RF,
SM, MLP, PSR, DT; Voting against PKR; Abstain: JD; Absent: KS.

Pam Rubio volunteered to subsidize the processing fee for each new Junior Membership application
fee.

Mary L. Price moved, and Pam Rubio seconded to accept Pam Rubio’s pledge to subsidize each
Junior member’s application fee. Voting in-favor: MLP and PSR; Voting against: LA, SB, MLC, RF, SM,
PKR and DT; Abstain: JC and JD; Absent: KS

**2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Sue Marino moved, and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to approve the amended 2020 NCA
Membership Renewal Form. The board of directors adopted the amended 2020 Membership Renewal
Form.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Without objection, the board entered executive session; without objection, the board returned to
regular session.

While in executive session, the board of directors considered:

- New member applications.
- Appointed Katherine Payne to the Newfoundland Ambassador Committee.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Donna Thibault reported that she and Dan Carr were working out the bugs with the Policy Manual and
NextCloud.

The board of directors returned to regular session.

Steve Britton moved and Pam Rubio second to adjourn. At about 11:45 p.m., President John Cornell
declared the meeting adjourned.

*Steven J. Britton*

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NCA Recording Secretary
NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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OPENING

President John Cornell called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. and Recording Secretary Steve Britton was present.

Other board members who answered the roll call: Lynne Anderson-Powell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Jack Dean, Roger Frey, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Pat Randall, Katie Sidesinger and Donna Thibault; Pam Rubio joined the meeting at 8:05 p.m.; also, Pam Saunders, immediate past-president, and David Helming, AKC Delegate, were present.;

Further, Stacy Roderick, board member elect, Robin Grenier, chair of the National Specialty Show Committee, Susan Wagner, 2020 NCA National Specialty Show chair, Bill Matlock, National Specialty Treasurer and Dr. Charles Lane, MD, NCA member were present.

President John Cornell opening remarked that various national sporting events were cancelling events and seasons. This included AKC All-breed Dog Shows and various AKC National Specialty Dog Shows.

AKC DELEGATE

David Helming, AKC Delegate, updated the board of directors about AKC’s position on event cancellations related to Covid-19. Generally, AKC’s position about event cancellations is left to the host clubs, but AKC reminded clubs that they need to consider a local jurisdiction’s authority when making cancellation decisions.

REPORT OF DR. CHARLES LANE, MD

Dr. Charles Lane, MD, a physician and NCA member from Hardy, Virginia was invited to address the board of directors and regarding the pending Covid-19 Pandemic.

Briefly, Dr. Lane informed the NCA Board of Directors that he contacted health officials and emergency preparedness experts in Saginaw County, Michigan; he expressed concern about the potential for the health department in Saginaw County or the State of Michigan imposing restrictions that would make it impossible to move forward with the 2020 NCA National Special. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is projecting Southeast Michigan as a Corona Virus “hot spot, and the age demographics of NCA National Specialty attendees is a “perfect storm” for a very bad health situation to occur.

Board members and guests asked questions. In response to a question, Dr. Lane explained that a risk from delaying a decision to cancel the specialty is mute if (when) Michigan’s Governor makes a decision to raise the emergency level from a “state of emergency” to a “public health emergency”.

Hence, the decision would essentially be made for the NCA by state or local officials.

Dr. Lane further explained the idiosyncrasies of the Covid-19 virus.
Katie Sidesinger, a board member who is a Critical Care Nurse, agreed with Dr. Lane about the seriousness of this virus and the situation.

**2020 NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

Susan Wagner, show chair, gave a financial impact report on the effect of cancelling the 2020 NCA National Specialty

Roughly, Susan Wagner estimated that moving forward and cancelling the specialty could result in up to a $52,000 loss to the NCA. Moving forward with a National with smaller than usual participation is forecast to result in a $30,000 loss.

Mary L. Price discussed the implications of refunding the 2020 Trophy donations and credit card processing fees with the NCA’s credit card processing provider.

Bill Matlock addressed the on-line store sales and shipping.

Susan Wagner reported details (nuances) regarding the contracts with the Bavarian Inn Lodge, the City of Frankenmuth and Moss-Bow Dog Show Superintendent.

Susan Wagner reported she conducted preliminary research about future specialties purchasing an event cancelation insurance policy.

Jack Dean moved and Pat Randall seconded to cancel the 2020 National Specialty in Frankenmuth out of concern for the health of the membership and the Covid-19 Pandemic. The board of directors adopted the motion.

Jack Dean moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the show chair and club president place a public statement on the NCA website, NCA eNotes and in social media regarding the status of holding the national specialty by March 19, 2020. The board of directors adopted the motion.

Discussion followed regarding a cancellation reimbursement policy.

Steve Britton moved, and Jack Dean seconded to appoint a special committee of five comprised of Susan Wagner, chair, Bill Matlock, show treasurer, Mary L. Price, NCA treasurer, Robin Grenier and John Cornell to formulate a 2020 National Specialty club refund policy and it will report to the NCA Board of Directors at its March 19, 2020 regular meeting. The board of directors adopted the motion.

Jack Dean moved to authorize the special committee of five to place a notice (memo) within a reasonable amount of time about the cancelation of the 2020 National Specialty in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

**SPRING DRAFT TESTS**

Sue Marino reported that the working dog committee was meeting this evening and it was concerned about the spring draft test schedule. It was the consensus of the board members attending that the cancellation of a draft test was the host regional club’s decision.

**ALTERNATIVES TO HOLDING A 2020 NATIONAL**

David Helming suggested that the NCA may wish to consider holding a bare bones conformation National Specialty Show at the Morris and Essex Show in New Jersey on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President John Cornell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.
Steven J. Britton

NCA Recording Secretary

During the meeting:

• Clyde Dunphy recapped his Chairman’s report to the Trustee at its April meeting and summarized the remainder of the meeting.

• Mary L Price reported the following:
  o Updates on the balances
  o That she had received the CTMB ad refund from the National Specialty.
  o That she had received $806.58 from the Purina Parent Club Program, which is a significantly lower amount than in years’ past. John Cornell reported that Pam Rubio has agreed to contact Purina for an ad in Newf Tide and she will prepare an article for Newf Tide and NCA e-notes to remind members of this program.
  o That Morgan Stanley is working on developing metrics to assess investment performance.
  o Informed the CTMB that UC Davis is ready to start the genetic diversity study and that the CTMB is ready to release the $10,000 deposit.
  o Requested the CTMB approve the tax return for filing, which the CTMB then voted to approve.

• Mary L and Mary Jane agreed that the Silent Auctions dates will roll over to 2021. The Health Challenge days will be Wednesday and Thursday and Newfoundland Rescue will be Friday.

• It was reported that Cathy Derench of That Newfoundland Place rescue service promoted the Barrister Fund and how to donate to it in her newsletter. This was in appreciation of the $1500 grant from the Barrister Fund to a dog who had cruciate ligament surgeries.

• Clyde reported that he had been in contact with Morris Animal Foundation regarding the Newfoundland Forelimb Anomaly pilot study and the SAS Donor Inspired Study. He encouraged MAF to utilize the DNA stored with OFA.

• In a report from the Research Advisory Committee, it was explained that some members of the committee are still asking for the full proposals to review. It was explained that because of intellectual property issues, full proposals are no longer being released, only a general synopsis.

• The CTMB unanimously elected: Clyde Dunphy – Chair, Lori Littleford – Vice Chair, Mary Jane Spackman – Secretary and Mary L Price – Treasurer.

• Denise Hatakeyama informed the CTMB that the Newfoundland Forelimb Anomaly Group will be meeting in the next week or two.

• Clyde reported that the 2020 rack cards will be used in 2021, rather than printing new cards.

• Mary L reminded that at the next CTMB meeting the CTMB’s 2021 budget and grant request will be reviewed.

• The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 3, 2020.
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**OVERALL TOTAL**  

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## Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.
### Balance Sheet
as of May 7, 2020

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### Operations - Checking
- Total: 18,555.58

### Operations - CDs
- CD 6 months - due 8/28/20 1.90%: 36,595.94
- CD 6 months - due 5/10/20 1.75%: 72,242.95

### National Specialty - Checking
- 2018 Natl. Specialty: 21,133.16
- 2019 Natl. Specialty: -638.98
- 2020 Natl. Specialty: 20,359.62
- 2021 Natl. Specialty: -16,171.35
- Total: 24,682.45

### National Specialty stipend CD
- CD 30 months - due 7/26/20 2.60%: 12,644.40

### Total Operations

#### Juniors Fund
- Checking: 1,682.70
- CD 6 months - due 8/28/20 1.90%: 5,248.73
  - Total: 6,931.43

#### Uniform Trophy Fund
- Checking: 2,216.97
- CD 6 months - due 8/28/20 1.90%: 8,418.88
  - Total: 10,635.85

- NCA, Inc.: 36,122.86
- Total: 24,682.45
- Total: 121,483.29

prepared by
Mary L. Price
Treasurer
TRAC –

1- Need the Board to advise on what health testing/ clearances should be included in various reports and publications. OFA is now recording more test results and these are being sent to NCA and added to the dog database. Since there are reports used in the production of by Newf Tide and Annual of Titlists and there are limitations in printing all of the tests we would like the Board to advise TRAC or refer to H&L as to which should be included in the publication report.

2- TRAC would like Board approval to work incrementally on the National Specialty Store and web site as soon accurate information can be provided by the National Show Committee Chair. Currently the process has been to have TRAC wait for the entire packet to be approved. Since many items are actually finalized well before the entire packet is approved, it would be better for resourcing, scheduling and completing the work on the National Online store and web site information when the Show Chair is confident that any changes will be minor. TRAC will work closely with the National Show Chair to ensure that items are reasonably stable before working on them. The site and store will not be released until the Show Chair has approval but this method will allow the site to be up and running sooner and with less angst.

3- TRAC would like the Board to advise TRAC or refer to the Historian, Awards and Recognition committees as to what achievements should be recorded in the NCA Dog database. The NCA Dog database can be modified to record significant achievements of individual Newfs such as Top Show Dog and Bitch, Top producers, Top 20/Top 10, NCA Heroic Newf, National BOB, BOS, BOW, Selects, HIT or BOB, BOS, AOM at selected important shows like the AKC National or Westminster or BIS, BISS, HIT at Regionals or All Breed shows. We would also like to record awards such as NCA Good Sportsman, Member of the Year and Isabel Kurth. There may be other achievements that should be captured. Once added to the database some of these achievements would be used to automate the lists we present in the National Catalog and/or our web pages.

4- It is inherent that many TRAC projects require TRAC to work with and obtain input from various committees, therefore TRAC requests your approval to work directly with the Newf Tide editor, Annalyn Paz, the Annual Of Titlists editor, Karen Clancy and NTPC to determine requirements to allow data, files and payments needed for these publications to be more efficiently collected and stored appropriately.

WORKING DOG COMMITTEE – Sue Raney

The WDC just met tonight for our monthly meeting, and I know this may not be possible, but we would like to request time on the June board agenda to discuss the possibility of relaxing one of the water test regulation requirements for judges for THIS SUMMER ONLY in order to assist clubs who may still be able to hold tests within Safer at Home local guidelines.

Regional clubs are just now sorting out the local restrictions for summer events. And we would like to be proactive in offering clubs options for their tests in the event that judges who agreed to attend tests outside their areas way back when this pandemic was not upon us, who now may
be reluctant to travel or unable to travel due to current guidelines in their area during the summer.

While our regulations do allow for substitution in judging panels,

Section 18. Changes of Judges, Water Test Officials, or Site
If a Water Test Committee is informed at any time prior to the opening of its water test that an advertised judge cannot fulfill his/her engagement to judge, the Water Test Committee will substitute a judge from the NCA WDC Approved Judges List. The designated NCA Working Dog Committee member (who processed the water test application) or the WDC Chairperson (in case the designated person cannot be reached) must be notified to approve the substitution....

our regulations also state:

Section 5. Dogs that May Not Compete No dog belonging wholly or in part to a Water test judge or to any member of such person’s immediate family, including in-laws, can be exhibited under the judge

To allow for the use of local judges who may indeed have co-ownership of dogs that may want to show in water tests in their area, we would like to ask the grace to set Section 5 aside FOR THIS SUMMER ONLY.

We believe that, should water tests be able to be held within the regulations, that relaxing this one provision in the regulations for one time only may help clubs who will have limited choices if travel is an issue.
## Proposed Amendment to Newfoundland Breed Standard

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**Proviso:** If the American Kennel Club’s amendment to Chapter 14 Section 6 of its Dog Show Rules concerning color and pattern is adopted, the above amendment to the Newfoundland Breed Standard will be placed before the Newfoundland Club of America members for comment and vote.
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### Archive Project

- **Archival Requirements**
  - Investigate and recommend standards (file types, where to store, etc.) and vendors to scan NCA documents, tapes, pictures, DVDs and other perishable media or documents.

### Online Working Dog Entry

- **Build out current feature set**
  - Owner: [User](#)
  - Priority: ★★★★★
  - Status: Working on it
  - Progress: 4 / 5

### Online Storage - NextCloud

- **Pilot Phase**
  - Owner: [User](#)
  - Priority: ★★★★★
  - Status: Working on it
  - Progress: 5 / 5

### Digital Distribution

- **eNotes**
  - Status: Working on it

- **Instagram/Facebook/Twitter**
  - Status: Working on it

- **HubPages Article Marketing**
  - Status: Working on it

- **Video Creation**
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- **Pinterest**
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