



Bulletin Board

Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors Semi-Annual In-person and Tele/Video Conference Meeting Friday, October 14, Saturday, October 15 and Sunday, October 16, 2022.

All times Central Daylight Time

(In an effort for prompt communication with the membership, here is a list of the motions made and actions taken at this meeting. This list is presented by the board for your information and is to be considered unofficial. The complete official minutes of the meeting will be published when approved.)

NCA Board of Directors: Lynne Anderson-Powell (LA), Steve Britton (SB), John Cornell (JC), Mary Lou Cuddy (MLC), Sue Marino (SM), Mary L. Price (MLP), Stacy Roderick (SR), Pam Rubio (PR), Pam Saunders (PS), Katie Sidesinger (KS), Donna Thibault (DT); Susan Wagner (SW) and Dave Helming, AKC delegate.

President John Cornell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and Recording Secretary Steve Britton was present. The president and recording secretary answered Friday's roll call and attended all meetings during the session.

Board members who answered Friday's roll call and attended all meetings during the session in-person: Mary Lou Cuddy, Mary L. Price, Stacy Roderick, Pam Rubio, Pam Saunders, Katie Sidesinger and Susan Wagner. Sue Marino joined the meeting at 8:30 p.m., in-person, and attended all meetings during the session in-person.

Board members who answered the roll call and attended all meetings during the session electronically: Lynne Anderson-Powell and Donna Thibault.

AKC Delegate David Helming joined electronically at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022 and attended a portion of the Saturday afternoon meeting.

Clyde Dunphy, Charitable Trust Management Board chair, Robin Seaman, Specialty Show Committee chair; Ingrid Lyden, Awards Committee chair; Tara Bertrand, Newf Ambassador Committee chair, Nicki Dobson, Sales and Marketing Chair and Bill Matlock, Sales and Marketing Committee member also attended the meeting to give their reports.

The board of directors held a moment-of-silence in Linda Morley-Roser's memory.

Susan Wagner moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded to adopt the published agenda. The board of directors adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: Marino)

Steve Britton moved and Pam Rubio seconded to dispense with the reading and approval of the September 15, 2022 meeting minutes. The board of directors adopted the motion without objection.

Pam Rubio moved and Stacy Roderick seconded to enter Executive Session. The board adopted the motion.

Without objection, the board of directors returned to regular session.

While in executive session, the board discussed sensitive committee matters.

The board of directors postponed consideration of adoption of an NCA Harassment Policy to later in the meeting.

Pam Saunders moved and Katie Sidesinger seconded to send out corporate sponsor email blasts to members through the NCA TRAC Committee. The board of directors adopted the motion without objection. (Absent: Marino)

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Susan Wagner moved and Steve Britton seconded to recognize the highest qualifying AKC NOHS Newfoundland, and subsequently, the top NOHS Newfoundland from 2022 will receive a special rosette annually at the NCA Annual Meeting beginning in 2023. A roll call vote was taken: Affirmative votes: Britton, Cuddy, Marino, Roderick, Rubio, Sidesinger and Wagner. Negative votes: Anderson-Powell, Price, Saunders, Thibault and Cornell. The board of directors adopted the motion.

Pam Saunders moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded to refer the following motion to Technical Resources Advisory Committee:

That the NCA investigate having a Point-Of-Sale-System for the 2023 National Specialty and moving forward. The board of directors adopted the motion without objection.

Without objection the board adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:40 a.m. on Saturday, October 15. All officers and Directors were present.

Steve Britton moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded to adopt the proposed NCA Harassment Policy. The board adopted the motion without objection.

The board of directors postponed to its next meeting consideration of amendments to the Seattle Newfoundland Club and High Country Newfoundland the Club Bylaws without objection. Consideration of each club's bylaws will be made a general order on the next meeting's agenda.

Susan Wagner moved and Sue Marino seconded that affiliated Regional Clubs be required to renew its status annually with the NCA's Regional Club Liaison on or before January 1st of each year; this renewal procedure includes the regional club providing the following: Its current officer information, a copy of its current membership roster, its minutes from the previous year and a list of events held in the previous year. If the Regional Club Liaison does not receive the regional club's renewal materials on or before the following February 28th, the regional club shall be placed on a probationary status wherein the club is restricted from making application for holding Working or other events until the information is received by the regional club liaison and the regional club is brought into compliance. It is the Regional Club Liaison's responsibility to keep the Regional Specialty Coordinator and Working Dog Committee apprised of a regional club's status once it is placed on probationary status. The board of directors adopted the motion without objection.

Pam Saunders moved to refer to the Technical Resources Advisory Committee a question about offering discounts to NCA members in the on-line store for logo items in 2023. The board of directors adopted the motion without objection. The TRAC Committee will report back to the board as soon as possible.

Without a motion, appointed Kristine Bruno, a volunteer paralegal from Danbury, Connecticut to the club's Registered Trademark project. The board requested the second vice-president to check with Mary Bylone concerning her availability to continue working on the project.

Pam Saunders moved and Sue Marino seconded that beginning in 2023, the NCA will place an information page in the national specialty show catalog with a URL and/or QR code linked to the NCA website with historical show catalog information. Also, that the future revision of the National Specialty Show Guide include this change to decrease the associated cost of producing a show catalog. The board of directors adopted the motion without objection (Abstention: Anderson)

Steve Britton moved and Sue Marino seconded to discharge the Recognition Committee from further consideration of the NCA opting-in to the AKC title program for the American Temperament Test Society Award. The board of directors adopted the motion without objection.

Steve Britton moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded to postpone indefinitely the Recognition Committee consideration of the NCA opting-in to the AKC title program for the American Temperament Test Society Award. The board of directors adopted the motion without objection.

Steve Britton moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded, and after amendment, the board of directors adopted the following motion:

To register (trademark) the following titles and their alpha abbreviations (titles): NCA Water Dog, NCA Water Rescue Dog, NCA Water Rescue Dog Excellent, NCA Beginner Draft Dog, NCA Draft Dog, NCA Draft Dog Excellent, NCA Team Draft Dog, NCA Team Draft Dog Excellent, Versatile Newfoundland and NCA Working Achievement Award.

At 12 p.m. the board of directors recessed its meeting for lunch. The meeting reconvened at 1 p.m.

With Tara Bertrand, Newf Ambassador Committee chair present, the board of directors adopted a motion to enter an executive session.

Tara Bertrand left the executive session.

While in executive session, the board adopted a motion to give the Newf Ambassador Committee thirty days to show cause and/or provide documentation to deny appointment of a Newf Ambassador.

The board of directors approved the September 15, 2022 Minutes as corrected.

Without any objection, the board of directors approved February 21, 2023 as the Record Date for the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Without objection, the board of directors approved permission to publish the initial Annual Membership Meeting notice in the Fourth Quarter *Newf Tide* issue.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. on Sunday, October 15, 2022. (Absent: Marino and Rubio)