



Bulletin Board

Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors

Regular Monthly Tele/Video Conference Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 2022.

All times Eastern Standard 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 8:00 p.m. and Recording Secretary Steve Britton was present.

Board members who answered the roll call: Lynne Anderson-Powell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Pam Rubio, Mary L. Price, Pam Saunders, Katie Sidesinger, Donna Thibault, and Susan Wagner. Sue Marino joined the meeting at 8:08 p.m. and Stacy Roderick joined the meeting at about 8:37 p.m.

AKC Delegate David Helming also answered the roll call and was present for a portion of the meeting.

Nicki Dobson, chair, and Bill Matlock, member, of the Sales and Marketing Committee; Charlene Freiberger, chair of the Membership Engagement and Retention Committee and Sue Raney, chair of the Working Dog Committee were present for portions of the meeting.

President Cornell requested a moment-of-silence in memory of the following recently departed club members: Karen Caesar and Richard Donnay.

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved, Mary Lou Cuddy seconded, and the directors voted to adopt the agenda as amended. (Absent: Marino and Roderick)

The board of directors approved the following minutes as presented:

- Semi-annual In-person and Tele/Video Conference Session held October 14, 15, and 16, 2022. (Regular October meeting)
- Regular Monthly TeleVideo Conference meet held November 17, 2022.

Second Vice-president Lynne Anderson confirmed and without objection, that the following club members accepted appointment to the 2022 – 2023 NCA Nominating Committee: Sue Wagner, chair, Patti Pidgeon, Janet Harriss, Lori Littleford, Todd Bennett. Alternates: Tom Broderick and Deb Rothwell.

Without objection, the board of directors requested a list of documents from Roger Frey's Estate that Mary Lou Cuddy now has in her possession.

Pam Rubio moved, Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded, and the board of directors voted to enter executive session. (Absent: Roderick)

Without objection, the board returned to regular session.

During its executive session, the board of directors took the following actions:

- Waived its policy on posting committee openings and appointed Jody Porrazzo to the Membership Committee.
- Appointed Deborah Schoch to the Steering Committee.

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- Appointed Christopher Bromson to the Steering Committee-pending completion of his Membership Application process.
- Reviewed sensitive correspondence from a regional club officer and directed the Regional Club Liaison to inform the regional club officer that NCA members who are former members/officers of a regional clubs can be held accountable by applying Article VI, Section 2 Discipline of the NCA Bylaws.
- Reviewed the list of membership applicants.

Steve Britton moved, Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded and after discussion the board of directors voted to approve the Membership Engagement and Retention Committee's announcement letter for its patch program and *Newf Tide* announcement pending final adoption of the Membership Patch program.

Donna Thibault moved, Sue Marino seconded, and after discussion the board of directors to approve the Membership Engagement and Retention Committee's proposed Membership Patch program.

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved, John Cornell seconded, and after discussion the board of directors, without objection, appointed Katie Sidesinger to the Regional Club Committee as its Facebook® group moderator.

The 2nd vice-president agreed to contact the member who appealed a decision by the Newf Ambassador Committee to deny her application. The board of directors subsequently sustained the decision of the Newf Ambassador Committee.

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved, Donna Thibault seconded, after discussion and without objection the board of directors adopted the following policy:

The NCA adopts a policy regarding the rejection of an applicant for any special NCA position such as Breed Mentor, Newf Ambassador Working Event Judge, Breeder Mentor, where the applicant meets all published requirements. This policy will require the committee to withhold the proposed denial from the applicant until reviewed and approved by the Board. The committee shall submit the proposed rejection to the Board by the next Board meeting agenda deadline for the Board's review and decision. The submission is to include:

- The applicant and documentation provided by the applicant.
- The published requirements.
- The specific reasons/rationales for the proposed rejection of this applicant.
- Documentation and verification of the reasons/rationale for the rejection.
- The committee members' vote tally on the application.

The board will have the final decision of the applicant.

Pam Rubio moved, Steve Britton seconded and after discussion, the board of directors approved the budget of \$1,910.00 submitted by the Bear Mountain Newfoundland Club for the AKC Meet The Breeds event at the Jacob Javits Center. (For parking, food and shirts-for up to six persons-and materials for the booth. It was not clear whether AKC was providing electricity without charging for it this time.)

Steve Britton moved, Mary L. Price seconded, and after discussion, the board voted to instruct its Corresponding Secretary to use her discretion to write letters to the AKC and AKC Gazette Editor about the board of directors' concern over the AKC Gazette's use of photos depicting Newfoundlands of disqualifiable colors in AKC Gazette articles.

With no further business, the board adjourned its meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.