



Bulletin Board

Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors Regular Monthly Tele/Video Conference Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2023

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 David Helming, AKC delegate.

President John Cornell called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and Recording Secretary Steve Britton was present.

Other board members who answered the roll call: Lynne Anderson-Powell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Mary L. Price, Katie Sidesinger, Donna Thibault, and Susan Wagner. Sue Marino joined the meeting at 8:04 p.m. and Pam Saunders joined the meeting at 8:09 p.m. and Stacy Roderick joined the meeting at about 8:32 p.m. Pam Rubio was absent.

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, Robin Seaman Grenier chair of the Specialty Show Committee, Charlene Freiburger, chair of the Membership Engagement and Retention Committee, and Marylou Zimmerman, chair of the Steering Committee were present for portions of the meeting.

NCA member Jo Nussle attended portions of the meeting not held in executive session as a guest.

President Cornell requested a moment-of-silence in memory of the following recently departed club members: Nancy Wheeler and John Van Brandeghen. Also, mentioned were recently departed former members: Joan Bendure and Dr. Mary E. Summers.

Lynne Anderson-Powell moved, Susan Wagner seconded, and the directors voted to adopt the agenda as amended. (Absent: Roderick and Rubio)

Without objection, the consideration of the December 15, 2022 meeting minutes were postponed to later in the meeting. (Absent: Roderick and Rubio)

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

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

While in executive session the board of directors took the following actions:

- Accepted Brooke Moore's resignation as chair of the Public Education Committee with regret.
- Appointed Beth Van Horn to the Sales and Marketing Committee and Lydia Klein to the Membership Engagement and Retention Committee.
- As an NCA event, the Board of Directors instructed the 2023 National Specialty to provide two options for registering to participate in the 2023 Living Legends event, participation with attendance and pickup of memorabilia at the show site or participation while not attending with shipping of memorabilia after the event. Living Legends registrations marked for shipping will not be available

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for pickup at the show site. Registrations marked for pickup must be picked up at the show site (by the registrant or their designated proxy) and will not be shipped after the event unless notification and payment for shipping is received by the event chair no later than 14 days prior to the event. The BOD recommends pricing for registration with pickup at the show site be \$25 and registration with shipping be \$35.

- Instructed the club Treasurer to forward copies of the NCA's Federal Tax Returns to a member who requested them in accordance with IRS rules, or forward copies to the club's corresponding secretary so she may forward copies of the returns on request.

Susan Wagner moved, Steve Britton seconded, and the board of directors adopted the following motion (Absent: Rubio):

As suggested by the NCA Specialty Show Committee, that the NCA BOD direct the 2023 Specialty Show Committee to dedicate the 2023 National Specialty to those NCA members and former NCA members who have passed away since we last gathered together at the 2022 National Specialty. The 2023 National Specialty show catalog shall publish a list of those for whom the show is dedicated on a single page in a prominent location within the catalog.

Steve Britton moved, Sue Marino seconded, and the board voted to postpone (Abstention: Anderson), as a general order, the consideration of referring the investigation of forming a new owner support group to the February board of directors meeting. (Absent: Rubio)

Mary Lou Cuddy moved, Donna Thibault seconded, and the board of directors adopted the following motion (Absent: Rubio):

That through the 2nd Vice-president, to refer to the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee a recommendation by the Membership Engagement and Retention Committee to publish a candid photo page (collage) in each issue of *Newf Tide*, and for the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee to explore and assess the potential impact on the collage may have on the production of *Newf Tide*, the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee and the *Newf Tide* Editor.

Steve Britton moved, Lynne Anderson Powell seconded and the board of directors adopted the following motion:

To adopt a request by the Legislative Committee to distribute to members via email information from the American Kennel concerning the USDA Puppy Protection Act. (Absent: Rubio):

Steve Britton moved, Susan Marino seconded, and the board of directors adopted the following motions (Absent: Rubio):

To approve a recommendation of the Breeder Education Committee to add Frozen Semen as a listing category to the on-line Puppy and Stud Dog listing through the NCA Litter Referral Service.

To refer the AKC Fit Dog Program to the NCA Working Dog Committee for review for the February 16, 2023, board of directors meeting.

Steve Britton moved, Sue Marino seconded, and the board of directors voted to refer the following to the Technical Resources Advisory Committee:

To study the feasibility and expense of placing an updated version of the *Newf and You* booklet into an electronic e-book version. (Absent: Rubio)

Steve Britton moved to refer a proposed revised duties of the membership chairman to the bylaws committee. The motion did not receive a second and was not considered.

Sue Marino moved, Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded and the board of directors adopted (Abstention: Britton) amendments to the duties of the Membership Chairman position and to refer the amended job description (policies) to the bylaws committee. (Absent: Rubio):

Sue Marino moved, Steve Britton seconded and the board voted the following:

To engage the Intellectual Property Law Firm of Ware, Fressola, McGuire and Barber to submit the U.S. Trademark Application for the Newfoundland Club of America, INC and to approve the trademark fee of up to \$850.00. (Absent: Rubio):

The board of directors referred the proposed bylaws of the High Country Newfoundland Club back to the regional club so it may clarify and provide greater succinctness of its election process.

The board of directors entered executive session. After it returned to regular session, the meeting adjourned.