



Bulletin Board

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

Thursday, August 24, 2023

All times Eastern 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), Jo Nussle (JN), Mary L. Price (MLP), Stacy Roderick (SR), Pam Rubio (PR), Pam Saunders (PS), Leah Schlagel (LS), Katie Sidesinger (KS), and David Helming, AKC delegate.

President John Cornell called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. and Recording Secretary Steve Britton was present.

Other board members who answered the roll call: Lynne Anderson-Powell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Sue Marino, Jo Nussle, Mary L. Price, Pam Rubio, Pam Saunders, Leah Schlagel and Katie Sidesinger.

Stacy Roderick joined the meeting at 8:12 p.m. and AKC Delegate David Helming was absent.

Nicki Dobson, chair of the Sales and Marketing Committee; Robin Grenier, chair of the Specialty Show Committee; Susan Wagner, chair of the 2024 National Specialty (Duluth); Donna Thibault, chair of the 2025 National Specialty (Warwick); Aura Dean, chair of the *Newf Tide* Policy Committee, and Bill Matlock, chair of the Technical Resources Advisory Committee (and as a member of the Sales and Marketing Committee) were present for portions of the meeting. Also attending portions of the meeting: Dwight Gorsuch and Cindi Goodwin, members of the Specialty Show Committee, and Marylou Zimmerman, member to the Technical Resources Advisory Committee and Steering Committee chair.

The board of directors stood at ease until 8:09 p.m.

The board of directors held a moment of silence in remembrance of recently departed members Ann Dunnigan, Robert Lerman and Rob Weien.

Mary Lou Cuddy moved, Pam Rubio seconded, and the board of directors voted to adopt the agenda as amended. (Absent: Roderick)

The board of directors approved minutes of the following meetings:

- June 15, 2023 Regular Meeting as amended.
- June 22, 2023 Special Meeting as presented.

At the request of the recording secretary and without objection, the board of directors postponed the reading and approval of its Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2023, until after the Specialty Show Committee Report was presented.

Sue Marino moved, Mary Lou Cuddy seconded, and the board of directors voted to ratify a *pro forma* letter sent to the corresponding secretary of the Queen City Newfoundland Club by the NCA President. The letter gave NCA approval to the Queen City Newfoundland Club for holding concurrent specialties at all-breed dog shows at the Cabarrus Arena & Events Center in Concord, North Carolina, July 13th, 14th, and 15th, 2024. Voting in the affirmative (to ratify the president's action): LA, SB, MLC, SM, JN, MLP, SR, PR, LS KS, and JC. Voting in the negative: PS.

Pam Rubio moved, Mary Lou Cuddy seconded, and the board of directors voted to hold the club's annual membership meeting via internet connections on a date prior to the 2024 NCA National Specialty (as called by the President).

Mary Lou Cuddy moved, Pam Saunders seconded, and the board of directors voted to convene the 2024 Annual Board of Directors meeting following the 2024 NCA annual membership meeting adjourn, and subsequently reconvene the annual board meeting meeting in person at the 2024 NCA National Specialty in Duluth, Minnesota. Subsequently, the board of directors will elect club officers and NCA's AKC Delegate at this reconvened meeting.

Without objection, and due to a time conflict with the 2024 Westminster Kennel Club Working Group telecast, the board of directors agreed to hold a Special Meeting of the Club at the 2024 National Specialty on a date and a time to be announced. The initial purpose for the Special Membership Meeting is to present awards and recognition.

The following are a list of meeting dates and times for the Fall Face-to-face Board meetings at the Sonesta Chicago O'Hare Airport Rosemont:

- Friday, November 10th, 2023, 7 p.m. Central Standard Time
- Saturday, November 11th, 2023, 9 a.m. Central Standard Time
- Saturday, November 11th, 1 p.m. Central Standard Time (NCA Charitable Trust Trustee Meeting)
- Sunday, November 12th, 2023, 9 a.m. Central Standard Time (tentative time)

Steve Britton moved, Pam Rubio seconded, and the board of directors voted to postpone further discussion about succession planning to the Fall Face-to-face meeting. (November 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2023)

Steve Britton moved, Sue Marino seconded, and the board of directors voted to approve a survey proposed by the Curriculum Development Group.

On behalf of the Specialty Show Committee Sue Marino moved, and the board of directors voted to published NCA past specialty winners, ROMs and VNs, etc., in a booklet to be distributed with registrations or show catalogs, at the discretion of the hosting organization, at future NCA national specialties.

Steve Britton moved, Leah Schlagel seconded, and the board of directors voted to authorize the Technical Resources Advisory Committee to approach AKC about establishing Application Program Interphase links between the AKC and NCA databases. Currently, only dog show superintendents have this capability with AKC.

Steve Britton moved, Pam Rubio seconded, and the board of directors voted to approve the proposed data access rules (policy) as proposed by the Technical Resources Advisory Committee.

The board of directors approved the minutes of the July 20th, 2023, Regular Meeting as amended.

Mary Lou Cuddy moved, Stacy Roderick seconded, and the board of directors voted to enter an executive session.

Pam Rubio moved, Mary Lou Cuddy seconded, and the board of directors voted to return to regular session. While in executive session, the board of directors reviewed a membership application.

Without a motion, the board of directors accepted Gina Bonnell's resignation as Living Legends assistant. It also gave its permission to Pam Rubio to solicit a volunteer as a replacement clerk. Pam Rubio will contact Marylou Zimmerman about placing a volunteer solicitation in eNotes for this vital position.

Pam Rubio moved, Leah Schlagel second a motion to adjourn. The president declared the meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.