



Bulletin Board

Newfoundland Club of America Board of Directors Tele/Video Conference & Face-to-Face Meeting Thursday, April 20, 2023 & Sunday April 30 - May 1, 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), 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 8:02 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 2023. 1st Vice President Mary Lou Cuddy agreed to serve as Recording Secretary pro-tempore for the session. Other board members who were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell, Steve Britton, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Pam Rubio, Pam Saunders, Katie Sidesinger, Donna Thibault and Susan Wagner. Stacy Roderick was absent.

AKC Delegate David Helming was present for a portion of the meeting.

Board members-elect Leah Schlagel & Jo Nussle were present.

Nicki Dobson, chair, and Bill Matlock, member, of the Sales and Marketing Committee; Robin Seaman Grenier, chair, Specialty Show Committee; Marylou Zimmerman, chair, and Deb Schuch, member, Steering Committee were present for portions of the meeting.

The Board of Directors held a moment of silence for Mark Iken, Joan Steik and Wilma Lister.

Pam Rubio moved and Donna Thibault seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Stacy Roderick)

Sue Marino moved and Mary Lou Cuddy seconded to approve the minutes of February 16, 2023 as amended. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Stacy Roderick)

At 8:19 p.m., Stacy Roderick joined the meeting.

Donna Thibault moved and Stacy Roderick seconded that Shauna Bryant, chair of the Health & Longevity Committee, be asked to represent NCA, Inc at the AKC Canine Health Foundation Parent Club Health Conference to be held in St. Louis, Missouri August 11-13, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Britton moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Bassett Hound Club of America, Inc. be allowed to borrow language from the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. bylaws and social media policies for their use. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Britton moved and Pam Rubio seconded to postpone discussion of a letter received regarding the historical breed information that is usually included in the National Specialty catalog until after the specialty show reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Saunders moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. renew a 12-month CD at Live Oak Bank for another twelve months to take advantage of the good rates. The motion passed unanimously.

Donna Thibault moved and Pam Rubio seconded that the Legislation Committee's request to send Brooke Moore to the National Animal Interest Alliance conference be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Britton moved and Pam Rubio seconded to concur with and approve the Awards Committee recommendation that Top Twenty points should not be awarded for wins at non-NCA affiliated specialties. No vote was taken.

At 9:11 p.m., Stacy Roderick moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded that the Board go into an executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:21 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Steve Britton seconded that the Board return to regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

While in an executive session, a discussion was held concerning NCA-affiliated specialties and non-affiliated shows and events.

Mary L Price moved and Stacy Roderick seconded that the Board affirm that, according to *NCA Policy* and the Awards Committee recommendations, the Awards Committee will award Top Twenty points, NCA medallions and free photos in *Newf Tide* for specialty wins only to Newfoundlands competing at NCA-affiliated regional specialties. Further, only NCA-affiliated working events, exhibitors and resulting titlists will be recognized. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Britton moved and Sue Marino seconded to lift the confidentiality of the previous executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Rubio moved and Sue Marino seconded that the proposed Newfoundland Ambassador application changes be approved. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn pending further review.

At 9:44 p.m., Mary Lou Cuddy moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board go into an executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:56 p.m., Sue Marino moved and Stacy Roderick seconded that the Board return to regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

While in an executive session, the Board:

- Reviewed pending membership applications.
- Was updated on a committee appointment.

At 10:31 p.m., Donna Thibault moved and Steve Britton seconded that the Board go into an executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 11:19 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Stacy Roderick seconded that the Board return to regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

While in an executive session, the Board:

- Awarded the NCA Member of the Year to Kathleen Hamilton
- Awarded the Sam Butler Good Sportsmanship Award.

At 11:21 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Lynne Anderson-Powell seconded to adjourn the meeting until 9:00 a.m., Sunday, April 30, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

**Face-to-Face Meeting
April 30 – May 1, 2023
Bavarian Inn Lodge
Frankenmuth, Michigan
continuation of April 20, 2023 meeting**

President John Cornell called the meeting back to order at 9:08 a.m on April 30, 2023.

Other board members who were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell, Steve Britton, Mary Lou Cuddy, Mary L. Price, Pam Saunders and Donna Thibault. Attending by teleconference: Pam Rubio, Sue Wagner

Absent: Katie Sidesinger, Sue Marino and Stacy Roderick

Board member-elect present: Leah Schlagel.

At 9:15 a.m., Donna Thibault moved and Steve Britton seconded to recess the meeting until 1:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Sidesinger)

At 1:06 p.m., President John Cornell called the meeting back to order.

Other board members who were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell, Steve Britton, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Stacy Roderick, Pam Saunders, Donna Thibault and Sue Wagner. Attending by teleconference: Pam Rubio.

Absent: Katie Sidesinger

Board members-elect present: Leah Schlagel.

At 1:39 p.m., Pam Saunders moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board go into an executive session. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Sidesinger)

At 2:13 p.m., Sue Marino moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the Board return to regular session. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Sidesinger)

While in an executive session, the Board:

- Discussed the lack of communication with the Board by an NCA committee.
- Set a special Board meeting for Monday, May 15, 2023 at 8 p.m. EDT to discuss the lack of communication by the NCA committee.
- Reviewed a new pending NCA membership application.

Pam Saunders moved and Steve Britton seconded the recommendations from the Working Dog Committee to add all NCA working dog titles to the AKC FitDog program. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Sidesinger)

By consensus, the Board directed Lynne Anderson-Powell to submit the following kennel names (Coastwise, Dryad, Edenglen, Halirock, Harborbeem, Little Bear, Seaward, Shipshape, Tranquilis, Waseeka) to the AKC for permanent retirement. Additional names will be presented for permanent retirement in the future.

At 3:06 p.m., Susan Wagner moved and Stacy Roderick seconded that the Board go into an executive session. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Sidesinger)

At 3:19 p.m., Donna Thibault moved and Stacy Roderick seconded that the Board return to regular session. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Sidesinger)

While in an executive session, the Board took no action.

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed until 7:00 p.m.

At 7:12 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

Present were: John Cornell, Mary Lou Cuddy, Lynne Anderson-Powell, Steve Britton, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Stacy Roderick, Pam Saunders, Donna Thibault and Sue Wagner. Attending by teleconference: Pam Rubio.
Absent: Katie Sidesinger

Board members-elect present: Jo Nussle, Leah Schlagel

Guests: Sue Raney, Tamzin Rosenwasser, Windy Reed

At 7:13 p.m., the meeting was recessed for the Newfoundland Club of America Charitable Trust Trustee meeting.

At 8:23 p.m., the meeting of Newfoundland Club of America, Inc. was reconvened.

Pam Saunders moved and Donna Thibault seconded that the revised working test judges requirements and qualifications as presented by the Working Dog Committee be approved. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Sidesinger)

At 8:35 p.m., by unanimous consent, the meeting was recessed until May 1, 2023 at 9:15 a.m.

May 1, 2023

At 9:17 a.m., President John Cornell called the meeting back to order. 1st Vice President Mary Lou Cuddy, recording minutes for Steve Britton, was present.

Other board members who were present: Lynne Anderson-Powell, Steve Britton, Sue Marino, Mary L. Price, Stacy Roderick, Pam Saunders, Donna Thibault and Sue Wagner. Attending by teleconference: Pam Rubio. Absent: Katie Sidesinger

Board members-elect present: Jo Nussle, Leah Schlagel

Guests: Bill Matlock, Dan Zimmerman, Marylou Zimmerman

Susan Wagner moved and Donna Thibault seconded to award a three-point major to the reserve winners only at national specialties. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Sidesinger)

At 1:20 p.m., Donna Thibault moved and Stacy Roderick seconded that the Board go into an executive session. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Britton, Sidesinger)

At 2:24 p.m., Sue Marino moved and Susan Wagner seconded that the Board return to regular session. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Britton, Sidesinger)

While in an executive session, the Board set the agenda for a special Board meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023.

At 2:46 p.m., Pam Rubio moved and Susan Wagner seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent: Britton, Sidesinger)

Submitted by,

Mary Lou Cuddy
Recording Secretary, *pro-tempore*