

North Central Newfoundland Club

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Jan 29, 2012

The Board Meeting was held at Pat's Pizza Grayslake, IL

Present: C. Hartke, T. Bertrand, S. Nummer, J. Jackman, L. Larsen, J. Mertens, W. Woodrich, K. Van Wie, Ex Officio President C. Sullivan

The meeting was called to order at 12:07pm.

S. Nummer presented the minutes from the Dec. 1 2011 board meeting.

A motion was made by J. Mertens to accept the Dec. 1, 2011 board minutes. Seconded by L. Larsen All in favor the motion carried. The minutes were approved as written.

Secretary Report: No report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: The report will be given when C. Brigham arrives at the meeting.

Regional: J. Jackman reported that everything was on schedule for the Regional. Trophies are ordered, many have already arrived. Trophy sponsorship is still in process, most have been sponsored. The raffle item is scheduled to arrive in February. Again this year a Regional Facebook page will be created. Information will be sent to various Newf forums.

C. Brigham enters meeting at 12:10 pm.

Picnic: J. Mertens stated details are progressing.

Water Test: L. Larsen stated her committee is as follows: D. Baker, secretary. Third committee member is W. Woodrich and C. Sullivan will handle the banquet. Judges: John Jackman has accepted. Jo Nuzzle has not accepted yet. WRDX and Senior requalifying will be one day and Juniors and Seniors will be the following day. Saturday's lunch will be Jimmy Johns. Sunday will be a member's pot luck. Banquet details have not been finalized.

C. Hartke asked C. Brigham if she has received any further reports from the 2011 water test chair. C. Brigham stated that the money still does not reconcile for 2011. Discussion followed. C. Hartke stated J. Gunn needs to be contacted to provide a final correct accounting of receipts and money for the 2011 water test. C. Brigham will contact J. Gunn with a time frame of 30 days to complete and submit final paperwork.

Draft Test: T. Bertrand stated the 2012 draft test site will once again be at Nippersink in Lake County, IL. Draft test committee members are: R. Hartke, chief steward. K. Clancy, secretary. L. Larsen, decorating and hospitality. T. Bertrand has contacted the Dunaways to judge, but has not received a reply. She will contact them again.

Ed Day: C. Sullivan stated Ed Day will take place on March 18 at Happy Tails Ranch in Island Lake, IL. The draft seminar will run from 9am to 11am. A general membership meeting will be held from 11am to 11:45am. Gerry Heinz will teach the seminar with John Jackman assisting. A handout from NCA will be distributed to participants. The seminar is free.

Newfiepalooza: The Newfiepalooza chairs have indicated they will not be able to hold the event this year.

Policy and Procedures: No report at this time.

Rescue: C. Hartke stated thank you notes were received from NCA Rescue and South Central for donations from Newfiepalooza funds. Copies of all bank statements were submitted to both the secretary and treasurer.

Discussion followed regarding Facebook postings of Newfs in need of rescue within NCNC's region.

Legislative: No report at this time.

Newsletter: No report at this time.

Nominating Committee: C. Sullivan stated her committee consists of M. Price and K. Clancy. She is awaiting a pending board discussion before proceeding with the work of the committee.

Black Paw Peddler: T. Bertrand stated D. Burke, K. Clancy and K. Van Wie will be helping her. She is soliciting suggestions from members regarding items to sell on the web site. She is investigating a possible external web site and establishing a link on our web site.

IKC Meet the Breeds: C. Hartke stated there has been no contact from the show chair of IKC despite several attempts to contact her. No information was available on the IKC web site. T. Bertrand and C. Hartke are still prepared to participate in Meet The Breeds.

J. Mertens motioned to go into executive session at 12: 59 pm. J. Jackman seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

The board came out of executive session at 2:10 pm and resumed the regular board meeting.

As a result of executive session J. Mertens motioned to accept the following new members. Pinny Wendell and Karen Schlipf, Brian and Jan Gorman, Kristie Metz, Sue Schaars, Melanie and Jason Larson. T. Bertrand seconded with motion. With all in favor the motion passed.

As a result of executive session J. Jackman motioned to appoint J. Siefert as chairman of the judges selection committee. T. Bertrand seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

A discussion regarding supported entries was tabled to the next meeting.

Water Seminar: L. Larsen stated J. Jackman will serve on her committee. Several members stated they will also help with the seminar. Discussion followed. Seminar date was set for June 16.

Water Training Sites: For 2012 the current training sites are Les Morris's site in Antioch, IL and the WI site coordinated by K. Van Wie. Discussion followed.

Treasurer's Report: C. Brigham presented her report. She stated there was no activity. After discussion, J. Mertens motioned to accept her report. W. Woodrich seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Bylaws: C. Hartke presented the opinion of the last ByLaws committee chair, D. Jackman regarding term limits. At the Dec. board meeting, C. Hartke requested that Policy and Procedure chair, R. Nummer research term limits. R. Nummer distributed a spreadsheet detailing years of service of sitting board members. He also discussed his research. After his presentation, a lengthy discussion followed. R. Nummer proposed the following procedure.

After lengthy discussion W. Woodrich motioned to clarify a motion made at the Dec. 1st board meeting regarding term limits. L. Larsen seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried. The policy adopted follows below.

New Policy:

TERM LIMITS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Date of Approval by Board: January 29, 2012

Effective date of Procedure: January 29, 2012

ARTICLE VII Section 6. Term Limits

Term Limits. Officers and Directors may not serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board. Members will be eligible for election one year post vacated position.

While the intent of Article VII Section 6 regarding the maximum consecutive length of service that a Board Member may serve in normal circumstances is clear, Section 6 does not address partial terms resulting from resignations or removal from office, nor does it address appointments to fill out unfinished terms.

It is the intent of this Committee to provide additional language to address terms of service that are aberrations of the normal two year elected term, and by extension maintain the integrity of the election cycles. In addition to the language in Article VII Section 6, the following shall apply to the interpretation of Article VII Section 6.

1. For uninterrupted terms on the Board, an Officer or Board Member shall be eligible to succeed themselves only once.
2. After one year off the Board a member shall be again eligible to serve two consecutive terms of service.

3. In the event that a member has been appointed to a partial term to fill a vacancy, the partial term shall not be considered for the purposes of determining if he/she is eligible to succeed himself/herself as provided for in Section 6.
4. The three previous items and notwithstanding appointments, no member shall serve more than six consecutive years on the Board, regardless of the position(s) held.

At 3:05 pm C. Sullivan left the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Rescue Trust 501c3: J. Mertens initiated discussion of a 501c3 trust. After discussion, J. Mertens will chair the ad hoc committee and formulate recommendations on how to proceed with a 501c3. T. Bertrand motioned to name J. Mertens chair of the committee. K. Van Wie seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Bylaws: With a consensus of the board, J. Mertens will distribute the bylaws to members. This will include the missing parts previously distributed.

Next Board Meeting: The April board meeting was set for April 12. Location to be announced.

New Business

Regional Specialty 2013: After discussion, J. Mertens motioned to approve the Regional Specialty in conjunction with Yorkville KC in Dekalb, IL. The motion was seconded by T. Bertrand. With all in favor the motion carried. J. Jackman will contact judges selection committee chair, J. Siefert. Discussion followed.

ByLaws Committee: J. Mertens initiated discussion of current bylaws. After discussion J. Mertens and R. Nummer will co-chair the by-laws committee with a consensus of the board.

RCC: C. Brigham gave her report. Discussion followed.

W. Woodrich motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by L. Larsen. With all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nummer

NCNC Secretary

