

North Central Newfoundland Club
TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2011

The Board Meeting was held by teleconference.

Present: C. Sullivan, C. Hartke, C. Brigham, S. Nummer, J. Jackman, J. Mertens, K. Van Wie, L. Larsen

Absent: T. Bertrand

The meeting was called to order at 6pm. M. Price also joined the meeting.

A motion was made by J. Jackman to accept the January 29, 2011 board minutes. Seconded by L. Larsen. All in favor the motion carried. The minutes were approved as amended.

Secretary Report: No report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: C. Brigham stated she did not have a formal report. She stated the checking account balance was \$22,980.30. She detailed the checks cashed, but did not have a formal figure at this time. C. Brigham explained the monthly fee of \$9.95 is a Chase bank fee.

There was a discussion on renewals.

There was a discussion on the second signature on the CD account. C. Brigham was directed to take the necessary steps to add her name as a second signature on the CD account.

M. Price reported she transferred \$3,000 from the Rescue checking account into the new CD. It will now mature March 14, 2013. The rate she obtained was 1.25 APY. She stated the CD account has a balance of \$12,258.96.

J. Mertens motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by L. Larsen. All in favor the treasurer's report was accepted.

Newfiepalooza: No report at this time.

Regional: J. Jackman stated that everything is going very well with Regional plans. He stated entries close on March 23. Silent Auction and brown bag items will have not only Newfie items, but items of interest to all breeds. Some of those items are Blackhawks photos, one entry from Roy Jones, one entry from Onofrio. As of this date, the scissor raffle has made \$450.00. The T-shirt sales as of this date are 8 sold. John stated he felt t-shirts sales may be slow with Newfiepalooza so close and also selling t-shirts.

J. Jackman gave thanks to J. Mertens who is creating the 1-4 placement signs for the Regional. J. Jackman stated he felt we would use these at future Regionals. He also thanked Barb and Jack Rozner for all their work in soliciting brown bag and silent auction items. Thanks also to Tara Bertrand for her taking on the job of decorations for the Regional. J. Jackman asked C. Sullivan to take candid photos at the Regional. J. Jackman also asked C. Brigham to purchase the Target gift cards.

J. Jackman stated all trophy sponsors will be acknowledged on a board to be displayed at the Regional.

Policy and Procedures: R. Nummer was not present at this time, so no report was given.

Rescue: C. Sullivan brought up the tax and trust discussion. M. Price gave a detailed resume on Mr. Sledzik which included his extensive background working with dog clubs. Mr. Sledzik did the NCA trust, NCA Inc. and does NCA's tax return. C. Sullivan gave a summary of her previous discussion with Mr. Sledzik. She stated NCNC's current tax status is a 501c7.

M. Price detailed the benefits of changing NCNC's status to a 501c4. She gave information which described the difference between a 501c7 and a 501c4. A lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of changing NCNC's tax status took place. After further discussion, J. Mertens motioned to have Mr. Sledzik file paperwork to change the tax status from a 501c7 to a 501c4. J. Jackman seconded the motion. More discussion followed. After discussion, the question was called. All in favor the motion carried.

C. Sullivan was directed to contact Mr. Sledzik to begin the paperwork to change the tax status from a 501c7 to a 501c4.

There was a lengthy discussion on proceeding with a 501c3 trust. The step to change the tax status to a 501c4 is a step forward to forming a 501c3 trust for rescue.

M. Price leaves the conference at 7:46 pm.

Unfinished Business:

National Ad. J. Mertens has completed the ad and will be sending it in.

National Basket: A discussion took place on our participation with a regional basket at the National. No correspondence was received from the National committee. A consensus of the board is that no regional basket will be sent to the National.

RCC: C. Brigham gave an overview of their meeting. She stated the National Specialty has been approved and will go back to Frankenmuth in 2013. The dates for the 2013 National Specialty are May 5-11. C. Brigham related that the Great Lakes club is looking for other Regional clubs to take "pieces" of the National.

Trailer Plates: J. Mertens stated the plate information was sent to the state (WI). It was not known how long it will take to get the plates from the state.

Business Cards: J. Mertens sent the business card template to S. Nummer to give to R. Nummer for printing and to K. Clancy for the web site.

Decal: C. Sullivan gave an update on the decal. She received a package from D. Rattner. C. Sullivan had not opened the package at this time to see how many decals were enclosed. She noted that one end of the package was bent. She will bring the package to a future meeting.

Tent Repairs: C. Sullivan noted that when the tent was brought back to her house, J. Gunn informed her that some grommets were damaged and there were some splits in the tent roof. She stated J. Gunn informed her of the need to have these areas repaired before the tent is used again. Discussion followed. After discussion, it was decided that when the weather breaks, repairs will be investigated.

Facebook Page: C. Hartke informed the board she and K. Clancy have been in correspondence about creating the new North Central Facebook page. She and K. Clancy will act as co-administrators of the page. Her hope was to have the page active by the weekend.

IKC Meet The Breeds: S. Nummer will be attending the IKC Show and will go check the booths in the Meet The Breed section of the IKC show. She stated she will report her impressions back to the board for our future participation.

Lifetime Honorary Membership: C. Sullivan presented T. Bertrand's idea of having a designation of Lifetime Honorary membership. After a discussion it was decided that parameters need to be fine tuned. This subject will be revisited at a later board meeting.

Puppy Buyer/Litter Listings on Web Site: A lengthy discussion took place centering on what information can be placed on the NCNC web site. After an extensive discussion it was decided the following information will be available on the NCNC Breeder list page. Above the list of names a link to the NCA Ethics Guide will be placed. The Breeder List will include: Breeder's name, Kennel name, Breeder's City, State and phone number, email address, followed by NCA member yes or no and lastly puppies available, yes or no and the date litter was whelped.

It was also decided that puppy information and the list of recommended reading on Newfoundlands would be the first page of the Newfoundland Referral List. At the bottom of this page will be a link to the Breeders list with the above information listed.

J. Mertens has agreed to draft a letter each breeder will need to sign which states the breeder agrees to abide by the Ethics Guide, once signed the statements will be kept by the membership chair.

R. Nummer joined the meeting at 9:30pm. He was asked for some clarification on Robert's Rules procedures for reporting minutes.

J. Mertens motioned to adjourn. J. Jackman seconded. All in favor the meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Nummer NCNC Secretary

