

North Central Newfoundland Club

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2013

The Board Meeting was held at B. Hearn's home in Wauconda, IL

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm

Present: C. Hartke, T. Bertrand, M. Bertrand, , B. Hearn, J. Mertens, W. Woodrich

S. Nummer arrived at 6:20pm

Absent: J. Jackman, M. Reggie. M. Reggie's absence was due to her attendance at an NCA board meeting.

A discussion of the board minutes from the December 20, 2012 meeting took place. After discussion, J. Mertens motioned to accept the minutes as amended. W. Woodrich seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Secretary Report: S. Nummer reported she had received the Nominating committee's slate for the June 2013 election.

Treasurer's Report: M. Bertrand presented his report. The checking account balance was \$22,923.51

M. Bertrand detailed check amounts sent out for various reimbursements. W. Woodrich complimented M. Bertrand on the detail of his report.

M. Bertrand introduced the subject of the bonding of 5 officers. He will investigate costs and report back to the board.

W. Woodrich motioned to reimburse J. Mertens \$27.47. T. Bertrand seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

M. Bertrand proposed setting up a PayPal account. Board discussion followed. After discussion, J. Mertens motioned for M. Bertrand to set up a PayPal account and obtain a card reader. W. Woodrich seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

J. Mertens motioned to accept the treasurer's report. B. Hearn seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Regional: S. Nummer stated all plans and details are in place. Entries close on March 20, 2013. Volunteers are in place. A list of Regional volunteers will be published in the Regional article for the Newf News in May.

Rescue: C. Hartke read M. Price's report. A discussion followed regarding Newfs in rescue at the moment. A discussion was held regarding having a donate button for PayPal.

A discussion was held in reference to a 501c3 status for the club. After discussion and with a consensus of the board, the subject was tabled.

Picnic: J. Mertens stated the picnic site has been reserved at Bong recreation area. W. Woodrich will co-chair the picnic.

Water Test: L. Larsen informed the board she is working on her committee.

Water Seminar: At present there is a vacancy in the chair position. Discussion followed. After a lengthy discussion and with a consensus of the board, the 2013 water seminar will be cancelled. The board will explore holding informal water sessions.

Judges Selection Committee: No report at this time.

Draft Test: T. Bertrand stated she will not be able to chair the 2013 draft test. Discussion followed. After a discussion, T. Bertrand will contact D. Burke seeking his willingness to chair the event.

Ed Day: M. Burke sent her report to C. Harke via email. All details are in place and information will be sent for publication on the web site.

Newfiepalooza: J. Mertens stated the site has been rented in Schiller Park for Nov. 2 from 8am to 3pm. An animal communicator will be there as well as Jeff Bergin, chiropractor. Brown bag and silent auction items will again be offered. Other ideas are being investigated.

Nominating Committee: W. Woodrich stated his committee members are P. Zirpoli and L. Larsen. J. Mertens motioned to approve the nominating committee members. M. Bertrand seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried. W. Woodrich stated the work of his committee is completed and submitted to the secretary in accordance with the bylaws.

Policy and Procedures: No report at this time.

Legislative: No report at this time. After discussion B. Hearn will contact the current chair in regard to continuing to chair this committee.

Newsletter: A discussion was held regarding expanding the brags on the Show and Tell page.

A discussion was held regarding criteria for ads in the newsletter.

A discussion was held regarding how much of the newsletter will be available on the web site. After discussion M. Bertrand motioned to add select items of the newsletter to the web site. The complete newsletter will no longer be published on the web site. W. Woodrich seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Black Paw Peddler: T. Bertrand presented items ready to add to the BPP web site. Some of those items are: lawn ornaments, bottle openers, key chains.

Bylaws: J. Mertens handed out proposed bylaws changes. Discussion followed. After a discussion and with a consensus of the board, this subject will be tabled to the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

IKC Meet The Breeds: C. Hartke stated she and T. Bertrand are scheduled to be at IKC on Sunday 1pm. C. Hartke's Newf, Clarence, will be our breed ambassador. Clarence was a highlight and such a huge crowd pleaser last year, he will once again attend IKC this year.

National Catalog Ad: J. Mertens presented a proof of our catalog ad for approval. After discussion, changes were suggested and approved.

NCNC'S Regional Basket: T. Bertrand requested a \$50.00 gift card for the basket. J. Mertens motioned to approve a \$50.00 gift card for the basket. W. Woodrich seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion passed.

National Parade of Clubs: T. Bertrand stated the regional theme will be the Blues Brothers. She suggested the club purchase the fedoras and black sunglasses. Discussion followed. After discussion, J. Mertens motioned to approve up to \$100.00 for the stated accessories. W. Woodrich seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Unrelated Causes Table at Ed Day: Discussion took place regarding a cause unrelated to Newfoundlands or dogs and it's appropriateness for our club. After discussion, with a consensus of the board, it was determined unrelated causes are not in keeping with Newfoundlands or dogs and will not be allowed.

Web Site Oversight: A discussion was held regarding the club's web site. After discussion, B. Hearn volunteered to peruse the web site and give input to web master, K. Clancy.

At 8:58pm J. Mertens motioned to go into Executive Session. W. Woodrich seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

At 9:52pm the board came out of Executive Session and resumed the regular meeting.

New Members: J. Mertens motioned to accept Ryan and Gina Gray as new members. W. Woodrich seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

New Business

With a consensus of the board all new business was tabled to the next meeting.

With no further business before the board, J. Mertens motioned to adjourn the meeting. W. Woodrich seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nummer

NCNC Secretary

