

High Country Newfoundland Club
Board Meeting 5/20/2018
Minutes

Agenda and Sign In Distributed

Confirmation of Quorum: Board Members Present: Johanna Matsuda, Mark O'Connor, Claudia Walters, Jan Curtis, Steve Gunther, Terri Desnica and Katherine Payne. General Members Present: Matt Sidesinger, Kathy Ackerman, Shine Sturtz, Claudia Walters, Jeff Jefferson, Carol Jefferson, Sue Schneider, Sue Raney, Kady Eckstrom, Larry Eckstrom and Lyle Payne. The teleconference line was still activated from the general meeting however no one joined by phone.

At 1:35pm the Board Meeting was called to order by New President, Jan Curtis in the meeting room at Lakewood Library.

The following items were corrected on the agenda.

- 1) 2017 Regional – funds from Kevin G (Sue Raney) was changed from Regional to National.

The Minutes of the 3/11/2018 Board Meeting were distributed previously through email and a hard copy was available at the meeting. Johanna Matsuda made the motion to approve; Mark O'Connor made the second. During discussion there was a correction to the second paragraph where it written "the board meeting was called to order my president" and was corrected to "By president". No further discussion, a new motion to approve the minutes with the amended correction was made by Matt Sidesinger. Steve Gunther made the second. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Report of the President – Jan Curtis, President did not have a specific report to present, however did want to thank the board and membership for their support and vote in this election. She expressed she is looking forward to serving as president and hope we grow our participation and attendance of events such as our water tests and overall support of our club.

Report of the Secretary – There was no report to present as it was presented in the general meeting held prior to the board meeting.

Report of the Treasurer – There was no report to present as it was presented in the general meeting held prior to the board meeting.

Newsletter Editor Report – No report to present

Committee Reports –

Regional – Claudia opened regarding the 2018 Regional reporting that the application has been submitted and that Ingrid Lyden will be the breed judge and that Johanna Matsuda will be the sweeps judge. Claudia reported that there will not be a dedicated Newfoundland Obedience trial at the regional because we are unable to secure a local obedience judge. However the Pueblo Cluster will be having an all breed obedience trial. There was some discussion concerning the low number of available judges in Colorado for obedience.

Shine Sturtz presented a Trophy Proposal for the 2018 Regional requesting we have our trophies created by a stained glass artist. Shine shared the photographs of the work from this artist who has been highly

regarded within the Newfoundland community. Further discussion about the trophies included securing sponsors for the awards and sharing the past history of trophies with HCNC.

Johanna Matsuda asked Claudia Walters what the budget for awards is and Claudia reported there was no budget submitted as of yet. Claudia reported that last year the trophies from LLB were \$1175.00.

During discussion Terri Desnica shared that the board had previously created a vendor list of three vendors for trophies and also suggested we increase the minimum amount for trophy sponsorship.

Shine reported that this artist could start working on these pieces as soon as possible if approved.

When asked when the deadline to make the decision was asked, Claudia Walters indicated she had an early June Date to submit the trophies to be published in the premium with Onofrio.

Katherine Payne made a motion that HCNC approve Shine Sturtz's request to use this vendor for the Trophies for the Regional. Terri Desnica made the second. There was no further discussion so a call for the vote to approve was made by Jan Curtis.

Board Members Approving:

Claudia Walters

Terri Desnica

Steve Gunther

Katherine Payne

Johanna Matsuda

Mark O'Connor – Abstained.

The motion was approved.

The next item on the agenda was regarding Clarification around Regional Raffles (Shine Sturtz). There was discussion regarding how fundraisers had previously been handled for events. Specifically when fundraisers for events other than the events that the fundraiser was being held at. After extended discussion the board agreed (without a required vote) to direct Shine to move forward with her plans for fundraiser raffles or auctions and to also reach out to Karen B regarding any possible fundraiser for the awards banquet that might be held at the regional.

Club Communication - No communication to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Club Sponsored Banquet Awards – This agenda item has been tabled throughout the past year, so in an interest to resolve the matter and remove from ongoing agendas, the data regarding the Awards presented at the past 4 Banquets was compiled by Katherine Payne and further data was added to the spreadsheet by Matt Sidesinger. The consideration of limiting the number of awards that the club would sponsor (pay for), and allowing members to sponsor any awards in excess of the limit was discussed. There was discussion regarding awards that were not AKC or NCA and Terri Desnica shared the history as to how HCNC came to include the other achievements and accomplishments members have had with their dogs. There was no action taken on this matter, however after discussion the item is considered resolved with the club not making any changes to the awards process.

Agility Trial – Change of Venue – Terri Desnica reported that the 2018 Agility Trial will be held indoors this year at the Apex Center in Arvada. Because this is a NCA Event, we are required to have 5 NCA Members in attendance at the trial. Terri Desnica needs additional NCA members to meet this requirement; the 5 members as of now are: Terri Desnica, Patti Pigeon, possibly Sue Raney. Steve Gunther asked the question if the same 5 people need to be there the entire time of the trial and Terri

reported that it would be best to have the same 5 people. Terri Desnica will send a note to Katherine Payne to have distributed to the membership to secure these 5 members.

Fun Match - The item was on the agenda looking for a chairperson, however this matter had been addressed at the prior meeting. The March 2018 Minutes reflect that we would cancel the Fun Match and Terri Desnica would move forward to request a refund of the deposit from Jeffco.

Health Clinic and Education – This item was tabled to the next meeting.

First Aid for People and Dogs - This item was tabled to the next meeting.

2018 Complied Dog Event Calendar – Terri Desnica shared the information on this combined Calendar that has been created in the past and been used to help with event planning, knowing when there are other events being held in Colorado and the surrounding states, including Conformation, Obedience, Tracking, Agility or other Dog Events. This is not a public document however Terri has access to it to share with our membership. After discussion, it was felt having a link to the calendar would be useful for our membership and Terri will move forward on this.

HCNC Documents, Policies and Procedures: The documents, policies and procedures of HCNC need to be reviewed, updated and submitted for approval. This has been an ongoing agenda item and task for HCNC for many years. There was discussion regarding the process and moving forward on this project. Johanna Matsuda agreed to take the position on the committee. Katherine Payne made the motion to approve the committee of Johanna Matsuda, Claudia Walters and Steve Gunther. Terri Desnica made the second. Further discussion revealed that the committee will start the process with the By-Laws first. There being no further discussion, a call for a vote was made by Jan Curtis. The motion was carried unanimously. The committee will work on these documents with each member reviewing the documents and sharing suggested edits via email and comprising an initial draft with the next 30 days that can be presented to the board. The board and committee understand the amount of work this task/project will require and also understand this project will continue for some time until its conclusion and resolution.

NEW BUSINESS

October Draft Test Application – Sue Raney submitted a Draft Test Application by Email on 5/7/2018 to the HCNC Secretary that was forwarded to the board members to review. Sue Raney was present to answer any questions and request approval for the test. The Proposal is a 2 days test October 20 and 21st, 2018 at Fairmount Park, in Golden, CO. Offering NCA DD and DDX both days. In addition to the NCA tests, offering All breed DD/DDX both days; a Tad-Pull and Veteran both days (non NCA events). The proposed committee is:

Sue Raney – chairperson

Steve Gunther – secretary

Lisa Johnson – third committee member

A list of judges to consider was also presented with this application.

Other events associated with the proposed draft test would include a dinner event on October 20th, and holding a possible draft clinic or draft match.

A budget for the event was also presented.

Terri Desnica made a motion to approve the application for the Fall Draft Test October 20-21st 2018.

Katherine Payne made the second.

Johanna Matsuda asked about the judges list and if the board was to pick from that list to approve and Katherine Payne explained that the list is comprised by the committee of potential judges they would like to ask and if approved they would see who was available on that list. In the event that all the judges are unavailable to accept the assignment, the committee would return to the board with additional names for consideration.

Questions concerning the budget and how it compared to the prior test budgets concluded the budgets are pretty much the same. The entry number is expected to be a little lower.

Johanna Matsuda asked about fun raising ideas that the committee would have and Sue Raney responded in addition to the Draft Clinic or Draft Match, they would likely hold the on-line auctions as we have held in the past.

There being no further discussion, a call for the vote by Jan Curtis. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Board Meeting and General Meeting - The next General meeting will be scheduled once more information on the Fun Day is known, potentially combining the General Meeting with the Fun Day. The next Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 5th and Katherine Payne will try and secure the Lakewood Library or the Standley Lake Library for the Aug 5th meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Payne
Secretary – HCNC