

High Country Newfoundland Club
Board Meeting 10/6/2018
Minutes

Agenda and Sign In Distributed

Confirmation of Quorum: Board Members Present: Katherine Payne, Jan Curtis, Terri Desnica, Mark O'Connor, Steve Gunther, Johanna Matsuda and Claudia Walters. General Members Present: Sue Schneider, Sue Raney, Shine Sturtz, Otto Herbstritt and Lyle Payne.

At 2:25 pm the Board Meeting was called to order by President, Jan Curtis at Lions Park, East Pavilion, in Golden Colorado.

The following items were added to the agenda.

- 1) 2019 September Water Test Application
- 2) 2019/2020 Agility Trial

The Minutes of the 8/05/2018 Board Meeting were distributed previously through email and a hard copy was available at the meeting. Steve Gunther made the motion to approve; Mark O'Connor. There was no discussion. The vote to approve was Katherine Payne, Jan Curtis, Terri Desnica, Mark O'Connor, Steve Gunther and Johanna Matsuda approve and Claudia Walters abstained.

Report of the President – Jan Curtis, President thanked everyone for coming to the meeting today. She also wanted to thank the September Water Test committee for a nice test, although we did not have a great pass rate, everyone felt welcome and it was a nice experience. She wanted to also extend a thank you to Sue Raney for a good Fun Day and Picnic today.

Jan opened the floor to general members who wished to address the board. Shine Sturtz wanted to express what a great job we are doing and to keep up the good work.

Report of the Secretary – Katherine Payne reported that all communications received by the HCNC Secretary have been forwarded to the appropriate parties and distributions have continued to be sent as requested. The weekly blast from the President with what's happening with HCNC is being distributed. There were no communications not already added to the agenda (July 2019 Water Test Application).

Report of the Treasurer – Mark O'Connor distributed the Treasurer's report. Mark O'Connor reported the club has a bank balance of \$38,512.31. The club has two accounts, a money market with a balance of \$23,783.04 and the operating account with \$14,729.27. He reported there have been four events and that the 2018 Awards P/L reports -530.42. The 2018 July Water Test P/L Reports -25.20. There were no other complete P/L reports to present at this time with the September Water Test and the Agility Trial in process. Terri Desnica indicated that by her estimations, the Agility Trial is showing a profit of around \$1072.00.

Newsletter Editor Report – No report to present

Committee Reports –

Ad Hoc Constitution and Bylaws – Johanna Matsuda reported that the committee has distributed some proposed corrections and changes and she will be prepared to present to the board at the next board meeting.

Regarding Policies and Procedures – There has been no action on this item at this time and we will revisit at the next meeting.

NCA Agility Trial - Recap by Terri Desnica the Agility Trial was September 22nd at the Apex Center in Arvada. As reported during the Treasurer's report there is an approximate \$1072 Profit from the event. With the new facility and being on a very busy AKC event weekend, the trial was overall very good.

Awards Banquet – 2019 - No Report

Chatfield Park Liaison – Update by Terri Desnica. The Park has closed the Gravel Ponds and has started the work on the reallocation project. They have not discussed with them the 2019 schedule. Jan Curtis asked about the other possible site at Chatfield to train at. Terri shared that there is an area on the east side of the “big” lake where there is a no-wake zone that she had come across during tracking and the possibilities of asking if that area would be available for HCNC to train and possibly hold the water tests. This proposal has not yet been addressed with the ranger but will be discussed when they meet.

NCA Draft Test – (Fall) – The Fall draft test is October 21st and 22nd at Fairmount Park in Golden, Colorado. The judges for the test are: Dawn Druge and Mark Iken. The test is open until Monday 10/8/2018 at 7pm. The on-line entry process appears to be working well so there is still time to enter for anyone interested.

NCA Water Test - September - Sue Raney reported that she has turned all the funds over to Mark O'Connor today. The test went very well. Terri Desnica wanted to thank Sue Raney for arranging to have the Honor Society Students from Arvada West come and steward. Katherine Payne wished to add the use of the “security” fencing was very successful, it kept all the dogs safe, Jan Curtis noted that several dogs did get to the fence and that had it not been there they would have been in the street and Mark O'Connor concurred that none of the dogs who got to the fence failed because of the fencing. Terri Desnica did interject that with the use of the fencing, the cement posts that we usually use, was not able to hold the fencing so the purchase of white stakes was made and those stakes are in the trailer and the fencing was affixed to the stakes and the zip ties were used as well. Terri Desnica also reported the need to use a drill to pre-drill the hard ground to pound in the stakes and that was why the expense of a drill bit.

Rescue - Steve Gunther reported that HCNR (High Country Newfoundland Rescue) had recently gone from having a board of 6 members and are now down to two members. The case of “Nora” that had been discussed at the prior meeting resulted in her not being able to remain at the foster home she was at and there being no other appropriate foster homes to transport her to, she has been relinquished to Mountain Pet Rescue, where she is currently and they are looking for an adoptive home for her. There was discussion about Nora and also sharing that Mountain Pet Rescue has asked for any donations to help with the boarding costs they are experiencing while looking for her a home. There was discussion about reaching out to the club members for interested individuals willing to work with Rescue and also anyone interested in serving on the board of rescue. Shine Sturtz expressed an interested to be involved and Steve Gunther will be in contact with her, off-line.

Membership - Mark O'Connor reported that we are getting about 3 new members per quarter.

2018 Regional –Claudia Walters shared the premium for the Regional. Claudia reports she has been sending out post cards to members and she has a few extras so anyone who might want to have a postcard sent to someone outside our club, please let her know. Claudia reported they are still looking for items for the themes baskets. There will be one basket for each state (Colo, Utah, Wy, and New Mexico) one HCNC Themed basket and the Rescue Basket will be Wine/Cheese themed. LoriLeigh Moreland has offered to store all the stuff that gets donated for the baskets. Janet Heym has offered to assist with the baskets in the Colorado Springs area. Shine Sturtz has done an awesome job on the trophies and sponsorship all trophies have been sponsored except for the “Highest Scoring Newfoundland” in Obedience, which is an all breed obedience trial.

There was discussion regarding the 2019 and 2020 Regional venue. Katherine Payne made the motion to approve the 2019 Regional be held in Pueblo at the Southern Colorado Cluster. Steve Gunther made the second. There was discussion which included looking sooner rather than later for the 2020 venue if there is to be a change because of the

necessary time the AKC requires to approve. There being no further discussion, Jan Curtis called for the vote to approve the 2019 Regional be held in Pueblo at the Southern Colorado Cluster. The motion passed unanimously. Claudia Walters will facilitate contacting the Pueblo show to notify them of our interest for November 2019 since she has been the point of contact for HCNC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

National Specialty Site - This item is being dropped due to lack of response. Jan Curtis noted she sent the two interested groups the requirements from the NCA and there has been no response so at this time the item will be removed.

NEW BUSINESS

July 2019 – HCNC NCA Water Test – Mark O'Connor submitted an application, budget proposal and slate of potential judges on August 20, 2018 via email to Chair the 2019 July Water Test. His proposal and email was included in the board packet as well as distributed to the board members when received. The proposed committee would be Mark O'Connor as Chairperson, Lynn Kitch as Secretary and Sue Callister as the Third Member. The proposed budget was discussed, Katherine Payne asked about the line item of Donations – Club; it was clarified that item represented donations from club members towards the test, not from the club for the test. After discussion concluded Katherine Payne made the motion to accept and approve the proposed July 2019 Water Test with Mark O'Connor as Chairperson, Lynn Kitch as Secretary and Sue Callister as Third Member with their proposed budget and judges slate. Johanna Matsuda made the second to the motion. The only discussion was the date of the test may need to be confirmed once Chatfield gives us the availability. Jan Curtis, president called for the vote; the motion carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee for the 2019 Elections - There was discussion about the requirements of the chair for the committee and the other members of the committee including two alternates. During discussion, Mark O'Connor, Johanna Matsuda and Steve Gunther all expressed they would be willing to serve on the committee and the decision was to also extend to the general members a email blast reaching out to see who might be interested in serving on the committee. The committee needs to be in place during October so the decision to seat a chairperson who has to be a current board member not up for reelection. Steve Gunther made the motion to appoint Mark O'Connor the chairperson for the Nominating Committee for the 2019 Elections. Johanna Matsuda made the second to the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mark O'Connor will draft a message to send out to the club membership for interest in serving on the committee and the board will hold a special teleconference meeting to finalize before the end of October.

Face book Page - Claudia Walters shared her conversation with Matt Sidesinger regarding the opening of the face book page to individuals and the functionality of the HCNC Page does not allow for an easy transition to a more interactive site. There was discussion about having additional members designated as editors allowing them to add or edit the page. Shine Sturtz submitted the suggestion of having a Group Page made for High Country Newfoundland Club Members where all club members could become members of the group page and have interactive conversations. Discussion about potential administrators for this page was discussed and Shine Sturtz offered to create and manage the page. Once the group page is created the information and link will be sent out to club members to join the group. There was discussion of having more than one administrator to the group page. Terri Desnica made a motion to make a separate page on Face Book for High Country Newfoundland Club Members as proposed by Shine Sturtz. Katherine Payne made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Shine Sturtz will create a High Country Newfoundland Group Page.

September 2019 – Water Test - Terri Desnica presented an application and budget for a September 2019 Water Test. There was discussion with clarification that the application can be accepted within the 30 days after the close of the test and that the Board has to respond to the member within 60 days of receipt of the application. Jan Curtis, President read the proposed application for the September 2019 Water test with Patti Pigeon as Chairperson, Terri Desnica as Secretary and Lisa Johnson as the Third Member. The application and budget did not include the slate of judges; however the acceptance of the application is pending the judges list. The board will need to address the application by special meeting once the judges list is presented by November 16, 2018 (to comply with the 60 days to respond).

2019-2020 Agility Trial – Terri Desnica discussed the agility trial and that for 2019 the Basset Hounds are having their National in conjunction with their agility trial so they will be unable to participate in the two day trial in September 2019 with the Newfoundlands. The proposed options for HCNC would be to 1) Take on the two days and hold the agility trial both days by the Newfoundlands which would require the commitment of 5 NCA Members for two days and the supporting volunteers or 2) Not have an agility trial in September because with the Basset Hounds not participating, we cannot have a one day trial. There was also discussion about changing the date to be in February or March of 2020 and have it be a 2 day Newfoundland Agility Trial, it is too late to try and move the 2019 trial to earlier in the year and we also have a judge under contract that we need to communicate with. Claudia Walters made the motion to have the NCA Newfoundland Agility Trial for both days in September 2019. Steve Gunther made the second to the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Claudia Walters made a second motion to move that the NCA Newfoundland Agility Trial for 2020 be moved to the spring for a two day trial. Mark O’Connor made the second to the motion. After discussion including a reminder from Terri Desnica that with this commitment we will need club support for the NCA representative as well as volunteers. There being no further discussion the call for a vote was made and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Board Meeting and General Meeting - The next Board and General meeting will be January 12th with a plan to have the meeting in the morning at one of the libraries as soon as it can be confirmed. The discussion of having the General Meeting before the Board Meeting was discussed and will be scheduled in that order.

There being no further business, the board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Payne
Secretary – HCNC