

High Country Newfoundland Club  
Board Meeting 5/13/2017  
Minutes

**Agenda/Sign In Distributed –**

Confirmation of Quorum: Board Members Present: Katherine Payne, Steve Gunther, Claudia Walters, Terri Desnica, Matt Sidesinger, Sue Callister and Mark O'Connor. General Members Present: Shine Sturtz, Otto Herbstritt, Chris Hodges, Lyle Payne, Jeff Jefferson and Carol Jefferson.

At 1:59pm, the board meeting was called to order by President, Matt Sidesinger.

The reading of the 2/26/2017 minutes were read by Carol Jefferson. A motion to approve the minutes as amended and corrected was made by Steve Gunther; a second was made by Terri Desnica. The minutes were approved as amended.

**Report of the President** - With the General Meeting just concluding, the president did not have anything further to report.

Sue Raney addressed the board regarding her request to have HCNC reimburse the National Draft Test Committee for their fuel costs to drive to Oregon and back to Colorado since the committee attended and worked the draft test on behalf of the club. Also the amount of items needing to be transported from Colorado to the test had no other way to be taken than by car. She included past club history of HCNC funding a member to attend a national prior to the Colorado National in Boulder to see personally how a National is put on. Sue believes since the financials for the test are not in the negative and with the revenue from the clinic today, she asked that consideration be granted for the club to reimburse for this expense at the cost of fuel, not reimbursing at the mileage rate since it would fall under the cost of business expenses.

**Report of the Secretary** – Katherine Payne reported that the minutes of the meetings will be sent out to the membership and board between 10-15 days after each meeting, marked as draft to allow for members to read and submit any requests for corrections while they are still fresh. Once the minutes are approved, an approved copy will be sent to Matt to be published on the website. Carol Jefferson interjected that a meeting is scheduled for this week to transfer all the documents and secretarial possession. The email access has already been transferred to Katherine so the transition from secretary to secretary should be seamless. The Email for the Secretary as a reminder is [hcnsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hcnsecretary@gmail.com)

**Report of the Treasurer** - No additional treasurers report.

**Committee Reports –**

**Regional Specialty** - Claudia Walters wanted to further discuss from the general meeting the topic of the dinner. The discussion concluded that the dinner was nice and everyone who attended expressed liking the BINGO and consideration of possibly having a room at a restaurant to hold the dinner this year. Claudia set a deadline to gather this information for June or early July.

**Club Communications** - There is an individual who resides in Utah who has reached out to HCNC they have a new puppy from Poland. Sue Callister has been in contact with this individual and has forwarded our newsletter and hopefully they will join the club.

## **Unfinished Business –**

Logo - After the last meeting, Claudia contacted the artist who created the original logo for HCNC and is attempting to get a higher resolution of the logo. The individual has since creating the logo has moved and was unable to locate it but was going to see what they could do to find it. Claudia will follow up with them to check the status.

There is an interest in making available Club Logo gear, so Claudia is going to research the options we might have for the embroidered logo on some items. Carol Jefferson asked about potentially adding a coat or jacket to the options in addition to the hats, polo shirts and other gear.

Trailer Clean Out Day – After discussion it was decided that the trailer clean out day will be at our next test, July Water Test. Terri Desnica suggested the inventory and clean out be during set-up the day before the test starts (Thursday, July 27). It was suggested as a long range goal to have a diagram in the trailer with the inventory of the club property.

## **New Business -**

Sunshine Committee - Sue Schneider has agreed to be our Sunshine Committee Chairperson. Mark O'Connor made a motion to confirm Sue Schneider as our Sunshine Committee Chair, Steve Gunther made the second. There was board discussion regarding reimbursement for costs including postage and cards. The resolution of discussion was that the chair would submit an expense report for costs. A call for the vote was made and it was unanimous to confirm Sue Schneider as our New Sunshine Committee Chair.

Health Clinic – Lori Moreland agreed to be the committee chair for the health clinic. Terri Desnica made a motion to confirm Lori Moreland as the Health Clinic Committee Chair, Steve Gunther made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting of the Board and General Membership - With the busy summer schedule, after discussion, the next meeting of the board and general membership will be August 13<sup>th</sup>; time and location to be forthcoming.

National Draft Test Reimbursement - Reconvening the topic of the reimbursement to the Draft Test Committee for fuel to travel to the NCA National in Oregon. Matt asked if any of the committee members wanted to add to what Sue had presented at the first of the meeting. Katherine Payne shared the history of how the committee planned the trip to represent the club. Using Sue Raney's car, Steve and Katherine split the cost of the fuel for the trip and although it was not submitted on the budget in light of the positive financials from the test that was the reason behind the request to reimburse since Steve, Sue and Katherine were unable to bring their dogs to the National due to their obligation to the test and lack of space to transport dogs. Claudia transported the auction items to the test so the consideration is for the two cars fuel costs. Continued conversation regarding the reimbursement and making sure the membership understand that this is not a usual expense for our club draft test but since we were asked by the National Committee to host the Draft Test outside of our four state region it warrants consideration. Terri Desnica made a motion to reimburse the cost of gas to the committee with receipts. Sue Callister made a second to the motion. No further discussion was made; Matt as president abstained; as did the committee members; Steve Gunther, Claudia Walters and Katherine Payne, leaving the vote on the floor for the three remaining members present (Terri Desnica, Sue

Callister and Mark O'Connor). The motion had two members supporting (Terri Desnica and Sue Callister) and one in opposition (Mark O'Connor), the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Payne  
Secretary – HCNC

FINAL - APPROVED