

High Country Newfoundland Club
Board Meeting 8/6/2017 – South Valley Park
Minutes

Agenda and Sign In Distributed

Confirmation of Quorum: Board Members Present: Matt Sidesinger, Mark O'Connor, Steve Gunther, Terri Desnica, Katherine Payne, on the phone were Lynn Kitch and Claudia Walters. General Members Present: Jan Curtis, John LeVett and on the phone Lori Moreland.

At 10:28am after the General Meeting was cancelled due to not having a quorum, the Board Meeting was called to order by President, Matt Sidesinger.

The Minutes of the 5/13/2017 Board meeting and the 6/15/2017 Teleconference meeting were discussed, and amended. The minutes of the 5/13/2017 meeting were amended to include the names of those voting to approve the fuel reimbursement for the National Draft Test Committee. Claudia Walters made a motion to approve as amended, Steve Gunther made the second. The vote to approve was:

Mark O'Connor – I
Steve Gunther – I
Terri Desnica – I
Lynn Kitch – I
Claudia Walters – I
Katherine Payne – Abstained
The minutes were approved.

The Minutes of the 6/15/2017 Teleconference were amended to remove a paragraph in the minutes regarding the discussion of the committee. Mark O'Connor made a motion to approve as amended, Steve Gunther made the second. The vote to approve was:

Mark O'Connor – I
Steve Gunther – I
Terri Desnica – I
Lynn Kitch – I
Claudia Walters – I
Katherine Payne – Abstained
The minutes were approved.

Claudia indicated she has some corrections to amend to the General Meeting of 5/13/2017, however since we did not hold a general meeting today, she was asked to forward those corrections to the Secretary to include with the minutes at the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding the minutes and not requiring the details of the discussions on some items since there is an audio recording of the minutes available. As well as naming the member's and how they cast their votes on items was also discussed to be included when a vote is not unanimous.

Report of the President - Matt extended a thank you to the July Water Test Committee for the successful water test that was last weekend. Matt also asked for feedback regarding the Google Calendar. Jan Curtis requested to speak during one of the new business items. Lori Moreland was on the call to give an update on the upcoming draft test.

Lori Moreland gave the report of the Fall Draft Test. Reporting that the premium is almost ready to publish, finalizing the weight exchange. The committee is launching a T-Springs campaign for event apparel with the logo that Terri Desnica designed for the test. Lori reported that the judges dinner is going to be on Friday, 10/13. Lori dropped from the call after her report.

Report of the Secretary - Katherine Payne reported on the communications received since the last meeting, including an email from Bill Espander. Thank you from Sue Raney for judging one of our Water Test days was read aloud. Communications to distribute to the general membership were sent out including the meeting notifications and minutes and events.

Report of the Treasurer - Mark O'Connor distributed the Account details as well as the Event P/L. Mark reported the bank balances of \$12,288.82 in the business account and \$23,747.98 in the money market account for a total of \$36,036.80. The event P/L's showed a profit for the National Draft Test of \$161.20 and noted that we are still waiting payment from the NCA National Committee for \$95.00 making the net profit \$256.20. The Draft Seminar is reporting a loss of \$17.08 after expenses. The Water Seminar is reporting a profit of \$315.39. Mark indicated the receipt of renewals also contributed to the increase in the account balance of about \$1k, not including the expenses for the Fun Day which was the cost of the food.

Newsletter Editor Report - Lynn Kitch had no report to give and Matt and the board thanked Lynn for all her work as the NewfNews Editor. We have not had any response to the call for a new editor as of yet. Lynn agreed to mentor the new editor and there was some discussion on requirements for the position.

Committee Reports –

Agility Trial – Terri Desnica reported that she is still in need of a 5th NCA Member for the committee for the Trial set for September 23rd. The current committee is Terri Desnica, Sue Raney, Patti Pigeon and Steve Gunther. Terri will prepare a blast to the membership to ask for the 5th NCA Member. There will not be a food vendor at the trial this year; the club will provide light food for the workers.

Terri also reported on the 2018 Agility Trial. The Basset Hounds have agreed to hold the event indoors next year which will increase our cost to \$950; but holding this event indoors will also increase our net profit with larger entries.

Fun Match – Terri Desnica reported that the Fun Match is set for October 7, 2017 and we will need stewards for this event.

Membership - Mark reported we have 5 new member applications in this past quarter which has increased from prior quarters.

July Water Test - Katherine Payne reported that we had a successful water test weekend last weekend with having 29 entries prior to closing and 7 pulling leaving 22 Regular Entries; 1 Absent; 1 Pulled all 3 days, 10 Tadpoles, 2 Veterans and 2 All Breed entries. The preliminary P/L is showing a profit for the event. There are a couple of outstanding expenses that have not been submitted for reimbursement. There was discussion of bitches in season, since the NCA allows for bitches in season to compete at the end of the day, we cannot limit those Newfoundland dog entries; however for all breed entrants, it is recommended that we do not allow for the all breed bitches in season to compete since our test does not yield a title to the other breeds. In the case that entries are pulled, the entrant will receive a refund of their entry fees.

Unfinished Business –

Rescue - Steve Gunther reported he is still working on the reorganization of the Rescue. Lynn Kitch offered to assist Steve with help with the documents. Steve asked about having the use of the conference call line. Steve will give another update at the next meeting and hope to have the reorganization in place by the end of the year.

Trailer Clean out/organization – The original plan was to take on this task at the July water test this last weekend. A big thank you to Sue Raney for reorganizing the trailer at the beach and the trailer is ready for the next event(s).

New Business –

L.L. Bean Logo Items Order – Claudia sent an email to the board with the spreadsheet of logo items and the costs along with her proposed plan. The board will review and respond thru email on this item.

HCNC Breeder's List Requirement – There was discussion regarding the Breeders list and Jan Curtis shared with the board the North Central Newfoundland Club's webpage which has a good leading paragraph and a link to the NCA Breeders List. After further discussion the current Breeders list will be taken down and replaced with a similar page including the link to the NCA Breeders List and the Ambassadors along with the committee chair contact information.

New Member Water Permits – There was discussion regarding the Chatfield Water Permits. Terri Desnica shared some history of the permit as well as past requests from non-Newfoundland dog owners wishing to use the permit. The club has always included the Leonberger dogs for use of the permit. Katherine Payne made the following motion "Regarding the HCNC Chatfield Water Permit, only Newfoundland Dogs and Leonberger Dogs owned by HCNC Members are eligible for the HCNC Water Permit". Discussion followed and Claudia Walters made the second. The vote to adopt and approve was:

Mark O'Connor – I

Steve Gunther – Abstained

Terri Desnica – I

Lynn Kitch – I

Claudia Walters – I

Katherine Payne – I

The motion carried.

Proposed Judges Selection/Approval Committee – There was extended discussion regarding a proposed committee for judge selections. The club will continue with gathering information from other clubs on best practices and judge selection both Conformation and Working Events, the item was tabled to the next meeting.

Backup Plan for Communications when Secretary is not available – Katherine will extend to another board member access to the club email when she is scheduled to be unavailable so emails and communications can be forwarded.

Next Board Meeting and General Meeting - The next General and Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 14th after the after the Draft Test in Golden. There was discussion regarding attendance of the General Meetings and history of better attendance after the events. The Draft Test Committee will be contacted regarding this tentative schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Payne
Secretary – HCNC