

High Country Newfoundland Club
General Meeting 10/14/2017
Minutes

Agenda/Sign In Distributed

Confirmation of Quorum with Members Present: Jackie Upward, Sue Schneider, Terri Desnica, Sue Raney, Lyle Payne, Lynn Kitch, Sue Callister, Lori Moreland, Steve Gunther, Otto Herbstritt Shine Sturtz, Kady Eckstrom, Kathy Marchese, Carol Jefferson, Diane Vigil, Larry Eckstrom, Mark O'Connor, Katherine Payne and in attendance but not signed in; Jeff Jefferson, Russ Moreland and Peggy Lange.

At 1:30pm, the general meeting was called to order by Katherine Payne, Secretary. The President, Matt Sidesinger and Vice President, Claudia Walters were scheduled absent.

The minutes were distributed to the club via email prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Lynn Kitch and second by Sue Callister. The minutes were approved as submitted and presented with unanimous vote in agreement.

Report of the President – There was no report of the President as Matt was vacationing with his family.

Katherine Payne thanked everyone for attending the draft test and for attending the general meeting. The announcement that the prior meeting that had been scheduled for August 6, 2017 was not held due to not having a quorum of members. The reminder to the members that we would like membership participation and attendance and without a quorum we cannot hold the meeting.

Treasurer's report (documents attached) – The Treasurer's bank activity and P/L report was distributed with the minutes prior to the meeting. Mark O'Connor reported that the club has actually been doing very well with events this year with all but one event making a profit and the one that did not it was under \$20 for the loss. Mark reported the club has a bank balance of \$38,131.80 as we have two accounts, a money market with a balance of \$23,751.36 and the operating account with \$14,380.44.

Newsletter Editor – Lynn Kitch reported that she had resigned from the position of Editor and that we are looking for someone to fill that position. A call to the membership that if anyone is interested in holding that position, please contact either the board or Lynn. Sue Schneider indicated she would consider the position but will plan to communicate with Lynn outside of the meeting. Mark O'Connor wanted to add the importance of the Newsletter and our membership. Reminding everyone that when new members apply for membership their names are published in the newsletter and the membership has the opportunity to share thoughts within 60 days before memberships are approved. Mark also indicated that in the time that he has been doing membership, he has not had any application for membership denied. A huge thank you to Lynn Kitch for her service as our newsletter editor was shared.

Report of Committees

Sunshine Committee - Sue Schneider reported that we have had a pretty sad year with having 5 members experience a loss of their Newfoundland or a family member. There was a brief reminder to the membership what the Sunshine Committee was and a thank you to Sue Schneider for her work as that committee chair.

Agility Trial – Terri Desnica reported that we had our Agility Trial a couple weeks ago and unfortunately we had a very low entry of 123 out of 330 runs. We still made a profit and the plan for 2018 is to move the trial indoors at the Apex Center which should increase attendance and profit.

Fun Match – Terri Desnica reported that our fun match was last weekend and that it also showed a very small profit, taking into consideration the rising costs of having the event at the fairgrounds and the low entries with conflicts of other dog events. The consideration of moving the event to another location and back to an August date (as we have done in the past) may result in a more profitable event. Terri also extended to the membership if anyone would be interested in chairing this event and managing it in the future.

September Water Test – Sue Raney and Terri Desnica reported that we had another successful water test in September.

Regional – Lori Moreland reported for Claudia Walters that the Regional is again this year in a couple weeks in Pueblo on 11/9. There are some fun social events planned with the Regional including the banquet, Bingo night and some raffles. She extended an invitation to everyone to consider entering and coming down for a fun event, and of course dog show.

Rescue – Steve Gunther reported that there is one dog in rescue being fostered currently. The Landseer, Dodge who is possibly 3 years old. Rescue does have a potential family for Dodge and there is a scheduled meeting next weekend. Steve reminded everyone about Amazon Smiles and how it works when people use Amazon. He reports that the funds come from Amazon Smiles quarterly. Rescue has received about \$15-\$20 per quarter which is not bad. Also shared was the App for both iPhone and Android for Walk for a Dog which also brings a little revenue to rescue. A reminder to find HCNR with Walk for a Dog, the search is by state and HCNR is listed in New Mexico, not Colorado. Steve also reports he is still in the process of organizing the board for rescue and that he is still waiting on the documents from Mel Sharpe but hopes to have them soon.

There was no Unfinished Business at this time.

New Business

Nominating Committee – The board will be meeting this month and will be seating a Nominating Committee. The membership was asked if anyone would have any interest in serving on the committee to please let the board or secretary know so once the chair of the committee is appointed we would give the chair the list of any interested members. The nominating committee consists of a chair person, one of the board members who's term is not expiring and four other members, two regular members and two alternates. We will be electing four positions, the President, Treasurer and two general members.

Holiday Party (December) – Lori Moreland was asked if she and Russ would be interested in hosting the holiday party again this year, and she agreed to host the event. The date of the holiday party is not yet published but will be in December.

K-9 and People CPR Interest – Steve Gunther shared that Choo and a few other dogs of club members are part of the CATS (Canine Airport Therapy Squad) at DIA and that they will be attending a CPR Course for K-9's. The attendees of the meeting were polled and there is great interest in having an event for the both People and K-9 CPR and First Aid. Steve agreed to reach out to the facilitator at the course he will be attending to obtain more information to share with the club about scheduling a course, not only for our club members but for our other dog friends.

Next General Meeting and Board Meeting Schedule - Katherine reported that the next General Meeting and Board Meeting have not been scheduled but a reminder to keep your eyes on your email for the notification of those meetings as well as other upcoming events.

A thank you to the Draft Test Committee; Shine Sturtz, Lori Moreland, Kady Eckstrom and the other volunteers for this test including our stewards and awesome chef, Carol Jefferson was extended. Carol included the awesome assistance of her husband Jeff who without him she could not make this possible.

A reminder that tomorrow we will have day two of our draft test and the raffles will be awarded. So it is not to late to buy your tickets for your change to support the draft test and score some pretty sweet stuff. Lori also reminded if anyone was still interested in our official event apparel it will still be available for a couple more weeks on T-Springs, so you still have time to order.

There being no further business the motion to Adjourn was made by Lynn Kitch, second by Terri Desnica, without opposition the meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Payne
Secretary
High Country Newfoundland Club (HCNC)

FINAL-APPROVED