

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

**Agenda/Sign In Distributed**

Confirmation of Quorum with Members Present: John LeVett, Kate O'Connor, Katherine Payne, Sue Callister, Lisa Johnson, Ryan Herbstritt, Shine Sturtz, Matt Sidesinger, Steve Gunther, Mark O'Connor, Sue Schneider, Terri Desnica, Claudia Walters, Sue Raney, Patti Pigeon, Carol Jefferson, Lyle Payne and Jeff Jefferson.

At 1:01pm, the general meeting was called to order by President, Matt Sidesinger. The reading of the minutes were deferred to the end of the meeting.

**Report of the President** - Matt extended a thank you to the National Draft Test Committee and to all the members who traveled and attended the National in Oregon. He reported that we had 7 new titles and 1 requalification at the test. Matt also extended a thank you to Sue Raney for organizing and managing today's draft clinic which was a success with good attendance and everyone walking away learning more about draft work. Matt extended a thank you to Steve Gunther for his organizing and managing the event at Golden High School where some members were at the high school with their Newfoundland dogs to interact with the student body. Steve interjected that the response was well received and that we are invited back during Finals for a return visit. Sue Schneider was also extended a thank you for the short notice to visit CU Boulder with her dogs. A thank you to Patti Pigeon for organizing the upcoming water seminar with Deanna Alko scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Fri/Sat) at Chatfield Gravel ponds.

A reminder of the upcoming July water test on July 28, 29 and 30, 2017.

The changing of the board was announced with:  
Claudia Walters remaining Vice President  
Katherine Payne coming in as Secretary  
Lynn Kitch remaining as member at large  
Terri Desnica coming in as member at large

**Treasurer's report (documents attached)** – Mark reported there is the bank balances of \$11,416, 57 in the checking and \$23,747.38 in the money market for a total of \$35,163.95. The P/L event document reflects the Fall Draft Test, Regional Specialty and Banquet are complete and final. The National Draft Test is still open. Mark is receiving renewals from membership.

**Newsletter Editor Report** – No report

**Committee Reports –**

Ad Hoc – Pending, nothing to report

Agility Trial – Patti Pigeon had no report, the NCA Agility Trial is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at Applewood, she is still looking for members to help.

Chatfield Park Liaison – Patti Pigeon reported that the water permit is now available and members can request a copy once their dues for 2017-2018 have been paid, members need to contact Patti to request their permit. The Water Schedule has also been published on the website with a printer friendly version. The prior discussion of having more times available to practice outside of the set schedule has been denied by the park. Patti reminded everyone that we do not have exclusive use to the area and

that we need to remind everyone that we are not to engage with anyone regarding use or access. Patti also reminded everyone that a complaint by the park for hair/fur that was left behind was received and everyone should pick up any left fur and discouraged grooming at the beach.

#### Fall Draft Test – Open

Community Service - Steve Gunther reported that the visit to Golden High School was a success and we will be returning for Finals. Sue Schneider interjected that the nursing home she visits continues to welcome the dogs so anyone wishing to join her are encouraged to contact her. Should other service opportunities be available for our members and dogs, please contact Steve.

Historian – Lori Moreland reported she is continuing to gather information to rebuild the club history, she is continuing to work with both Kady Eckstrom and Cathy Sands on this project.

Holiday Carting/Tree Pulling - Steve Gunther had nothing to report, there was some discussion on a few ideas that will be looked into and sent to Steve including Tree Pull and possible Lighting of Breckenridge.

Fun Match – Terri Desnica reported that the fun match had to be moved from our usual week and is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>. There is also a rate increase that this year we are at the \$750 fee but the increase will most likely be at the \$900 for the one day. Terri reminded everyone there will be a need for a lot of help and she will be sending out a request in July to the membership.

Health Clinic – Position for chair is open. There was a lot of discussion regarding the health clinic options and Lori Moreland has offered to reach out to the contacts she has regarding options and will report back to the board and potentially combine an educational day with the health clinic.

Membership – Mark O'Connor reported he is receiving membership renewals and most members are renewing unless they have moved. Peggy Lange has offered to make phone calls if needed near the end of the month to members who have not renewed. Mark will contact her if needed but at this time, he reports that the return rate is consistent and he doesn't believe we will need to make those calls. Steve Gunther interjected discussion about the area of interest that is on the application; and wondering if a change in wording might draw in prospective members who are not currently involved. Conclusion of the discussion was the form will remain as written.

National Draft Test – Sue Raney as chair reported that the National Draft Test was successful with a full test and the two alternates were able to test. We had excellent pass rate with 7 new titles and 1 requalification. The feedback through the NCA was very small with only 4 entrants sending in their evaluations but the comments were all very positive of the test and committee.

New Puppy Buyer – Mark O'Connor reminded members that HCNC offers to New Puppy Buyers a year membership with HCNC, non-voting, so anyone who knows of a new puppy in the region to reach out to them.

Fun Day – Mark O'Connor reported for Kate O'Connor that the fun day is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Pine Valley Ranch starting at 11:00am. He is reaching out for more marketing assistance and more information to come.

NCA Regional - November 2017 – Claudia Walters reported the Regional is scheduled for 11/9/2017 and she and Lori Moreland are co-chairs on the event. She reported they are still working on the final judges and will be reaching this coming week for more details on judging and the event. The Obedience for the Newfoundland Dogs is scheduled for 8-9 am in the Event Center.

Spring Fling – Open - During discussion on a Spring Fling it is designed for education and exposure to the breed which may be combined with the Health Clinic. Nothing was decided.

Sunshine Committee - Matt reported that with Jewel Cody's resignation of this position we have interested by Sue Schneider to hold that position and it will be confirmed during the board meeting.

NCA Water Test – July 2017 - Patti Pigeon reports the test is scheduled for July 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> and she needs help with volunteers. Sue Schneider recommended that we reach out to the Golden High School community for some assistance since we have begun a relationship with Golden with our Community

Service visits. We have had Arvada West Students help in the past and they are also interested in returning this year.

NCA Water Test – September 2017 - Patti Pigeon reported that this year test will be a 2 day test on Friday and Saturday only, September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, as the gravel ponds are not available on Sunday.

**Unfinished Business -**

The suggestion of having a Google Calendar with all the events for members be available. Matt agreed to create this and give read-only access to everyone.

Matt extended a personal thank you and club thank you to Carol Jefferson for her service as our Secretary and extended a couple gifts to her.

A gift for Katie Sidesinger for her service was sent home with Matt in her absence today.

Rescue – Steve Gunther reported that High Country Newfoundland Rescue (HCNR) is in reorganization status and he will be moving forward to seat a new board and draft new documents. Rescue has received assistance with other rescues across the country with their documents that will be considered for adoption into the new HCNR documents. More information will be published when available.

**Reading of the Minutes** - Carol Jefferson read the minutes of the last meeting 2/26/2017. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Katherine Payne, second was made by Steve Gunther. A vote to approve was called without opposition, motion carried.

**New Business** - No new business.

Katherine Payne made a motion to adjourn, second was made by Terri Desnica. The meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Payne  
For Carol Jefferson, Secretary