

High Country Newfoundland Club
Board Meeting 08/25/2019
Monument Library, Monument Colorado
Minutes

Agenda and Sign In Distributed

Confirmation of Quorum: Board Members Present: Katherine Payne (KP), Jan Curtis (JC), Claudia Walters (CW), Mark O'Connor (MO), Johanna Matsuda (JM), Steve Gunther (SG) and Jewel Cody (JC1). General Members Present: Joyce Boone (JB). On the conference call line: Lynn Kitch (LK) (Board Member) and Sue Raney (SR), Lyle Payne (LP) and Noreene Rodgers (NR).

At 1:10 pm the Board Meeting was called to order by President, Jan Curtis at the Monument Library in Monument, Colorado. Johanna Matsuda reported she would have to leave the meeting by 2:30pm today.

Additions to the Agenda included. Draft Minutes; Second Facebook admin; Colorado Regional Facebook admin/editor; Reschedule HCNC Hike; Pin Purchase.

The Board Meeting Minutes of the May 11, 2019; July 6, 2019; Special Meeting July 17, 2019 and Special Meeting August 7, 2019 were distributed in hard copy with the agenda to all members present. Mark O'Connor made the motion to approve all four meeting minutes; Johanna Matsuda seconded the motion, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Report of the President – President Jan Curtis gave the president's report reviewing items discussed at the July general membership meeting at the fun day. Included in that discussion the distribution of draft minutes prior to a meeting for the membership to review was requested and this item was added to unfinished business. Jan Curtis thanked Kady and Shine for a successful fun day and picnic. Jan Curtis also reported on the status of a complaint filed against HCNC with the NCA. The NCA requested a response from the president within 20 days and she responded to the NCA Request. Currently we are awaiting a response back from the NCA and there are no further details to discuss at this time. Jan Curtis reported that we have a Draft Test Proposal from Joyce Boone for 2020. Jan Curtis thanked Mark O'Connor for hosting a very successful water seminar that was held yesterday (8/24/2019).

Report of the Secretary – Katherine Payne gave the report of the secretary. Since the last meetings of the membership and the board all communications and requested blasts to members, distribution of information to specific individuals, the preparation of the draft minutes and meeting documents were completed.

Report of the Treasurer – Mark O'Connor did not have the treasurer report available at the time of the meeting but will be sending it this week. Mark O'Connor reported the approximate account balance for 2019, 2018 and 2017 sharing the health of the account over the three years shows an increase in funds. Mark O'Connor reported he has not received the picnic/fun day expenses and will reach out to Kady Eckstrom and Shine Sturtz for those expenses. Mark O'Connor indicated he had finished the book of checks and inadvertently written checks and made deposits from the Money Market Account rather than the General Operating Account. Mark reports the funds deposited and those checks written are pretty much a wash so he is not intending to transfer exact funds back to the money market account. Mark will be ordering new checks for the General Operating Account. Steve Gunther asked about the funds not received yet by rescue from the club. Claudia Walters will forward the amount from the Bingo

Basket at the Regional to Mark so he can get a check to rescue including the \$10 donation that was made by one member with her renewal. There was discussion regarding who were signers on the bank accounts and Mark O'Connor will confirm that information and report back.

*Account Balances (7/31/2019) \$15,815.15 General Operating Account \$24,546.24 MMKT Account for total of \$40,371.39.

Report of the Newsletter Editor - No report from the editor, noted the 2nd Quarter NewfNews was distributed on July 28, 2019. Jan Curtis reported that Lisa Johnson had been in Europe which delayed the release of this edition.

Committee Reports

September 2019 Water Test - Mark O'Connor reported that the test is still open and they have received 18 entries. Mark reported the merchandise Logo sales are doing well, it was well over \$500 so far and he credited the artistry of JW Tish. All the details are in place for the test and that we have two WRDX entries at this time, one Newfoundland and one All Breed. The close of the test is September 4th at 7pm.

Membership – Mark O'Connor reported about 90% of the renewals have been received. Since the 4th quarter he reports we received 9 New Member Applications and also reported 9 New Applications from the seminar yesterday. Steve Gunther asked if during the renewal process if the committee contacts members who have not renewed and Mark O'Connor reported he does contact those members that he hasn't heard from at least two times by personal email.

AD HOC Constitution and By-Laws – Johanna Matsuda asked if everyone received the draft version of the by-laws she sent out June 19, 2019. There was discussion regarding designating a meeting to address the Constitution and By-Laws. This agenda item was moved to the next board meeting in October.

NCA Regional Specialty – Noreene Rodgers attended the meeting via conference call. Jan Curtis read the written report sent by Noreene* (*addendum attached). The new sweeps judge is Susan Burke Rose from Berthoud, CO. Noreene Rodgers answered questions regarding details of the regional, including the building that the event will be held in and the planned catered BBQ after the judging at the fairgrounds site on Thursday. There was discussion regarding deadlines, publicity, and trophy sponsorship. Discussion also included having Junior and PeeWee handlers at the regional. The Newfoundlands are sharing the judges with the Leonbergers for Obedience and Rally and the schedule is planned to flip with the Leo's, so when the Leo's are in the ring, the Newfy's will be in Obedience and Rally and visa versa. Mark O'Connor reported that he will be renewing the insurance this week so he can get the new documents to the committee that will include the dates of the regional since the current renewal date is October and also send out the check requested. Noreene Rodgers was asked what the board could do to assist the committee; sharing and getting the word out will be the best help at this time. HCNC has an established Facebook page "NCA Regional Specialties in Colorado". Noreene Rodgers requested that Marci Smilanich be given administrator access and editor access for herself on that page. Lynn Kitch reported there are too many Facebook pages for the club. The Premium is not yet out, the superintendant is Foy Trent and will be available on-line and the close is October 23, 2019. As soon as more details are available there will be a blast sent to the membership and updates posted on the Facebook page.

Second Facebook admin- Claudia Walters reported that Matt Sidesinger no longer has a Facebook account so the board needs to appoint a 2nd admin to replace him. Claudia Walters made the motion to appoint Mark O'Connor as the new 2nd admin for the Facebook page, Johanna Matsuda made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Addition of admin/editors to the "NCA Regional Specialties in Colorado" Fb Page – Claudia Walters made the motion to appointment Marci Smilanich and Noreene Rodgers as admin and editors to the established "NCA Regional Specialties in Colorado" Fb Page, Mark O'Connor made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Draft Minutes – Discussion regarding the release of draft minutes after meetings are held. Jan Curtis reported that at the July General Membership Meeting the membership expressed that they want to have the draft minutes before the meeting. After discussion, Johanna Matsuda made the motion that the draft minutes of the general membership meetings are to be distributed to the general members within a reasonable time after the meeting. Steve Gunther made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Releasing draft board meeting Minutes was discussed, after discussion; Johanna Matsuda made the following motion "Board draft minutes are to be sent only to the board members within a reasonable time". Steve Gunther made the second. The motion went to a vote.

Vote Results:

Jewel Cody - in favor

Steve Gunther – in favor

Lynn Kitch – abstain

Johanna Matsuda – in favor

Mark O'Connor – in favor

Katherine Payne – in favor

Claudia Walters – opposed

The motion passed with five votes to approve.

HCNC – Hike - Mark O'Connor reported a new date for the HCNC Hike, being rescheduled from June 22, 2019 to October 12, 2019. The hike details are the same as the original June hike. Meeting at 9 am in the parking lot of Meyer Ranch Park in Morrison. Mark O'Connor will prepare the blast to be sent to the membership and posted on the Facebook page(s).

NEW BUSINESS

Disposition of HCNC Rescue Kennels – Jan Curtis reported that there are large kennels that have been at the home of Linda Morley-Roser. Shine Sturtz and Larry Eckstrom did pick up some of them; however there is still a sizable amount of stuff to get from Linda's home. Linda has requested these be removed by the first of August however the task to do this is going to require more people to complete. Discussion regarding the disposition of these items included consideration of selling these items; offering them to another rescue group; having a storage unit. It was requested that an inventory with photos be done so we know what we have to deal with or if the items need to be taken to the dump. Jan Curtis will follow up on this item and request photos and a detailed inventory.

2020 Draft Test Proposal – Joyce Boone submitted an application and budget to hold a draft test at Cherry Creek State Park in May 2020. There was discussion regarding the submitted proposal and budget. Joyce Boone answered questions regarding the budget items and dates. The application was amended to be a 2 day test May 16 and 17, 2020 to be held at Cherry Creek State Park. Patti Pigeon replaced Judi Adler on the submitted proposed judges. After discussion, Steve Gunther made the motion to accept the application for Joyce Boone to chair the 2020 HCNC Draft Test on May 16 and 17 to be held at Cherry Creek State Park. The committee would be Joyce Boone, Chair; Katherine Payne, Secretary and Sue Raney, third committee member and the proposed judges of Benita Edds, Lynda Dunn, Dawn Druge and Patti Pigeon. Mark O'Connor made the second. The motion passed unanimously (Johanna Matsuda was absent for the vote)

Pin Purchase – Claudia Walters requested permission to purchase more HCNC Logo Pins. After discussion, Mark O'Connor made the motion to approve the purchase of logo pins for up to 200 pins. Steve Gunther made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Next General and Board Meeting – At the July general membership meeting the next general meeting was scheduled for October 6th and the meeting room at the Jefferson County Library in Lakewood has been reserved. The next board meeting will be after the general meeting on October 6th.

There being no further business, Katherine Payne made the motion to adjourn, Steve Gunther made the second and the board meeting was adjourned at 3:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Payne
Secretary – HCNC

Approved 10/6/2019