

High Country Newfoundland Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2015 2:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 2:55 pm at the home of Mark and Kate O'Connor. There was a quorum of 12 (2 by phone). Board Members Present: Claudia Walters, Mark O'Connor, Carol Jefferson, Lyle Payne, Matt Sidesinger. General Members Present: Terri Desnica, Sue Raney, Kate O'Connor, Lori Moreland and Katherine Payne (On the phone were Steve Gunther and Lynn Kitch). The minutes of the May 17, 2015 general membership meeting were read, amended, and then accepted. (KP/TD)

President's Report:

Claudia reported on the many activities that have gone on since our last meeting. The Fun Day in June, the July water test (which had to be cancelled due to flooding at Chatfield), the August Fun Match, The September Water test, and the Regional Specialty held recently in conjunction with the November Pueblo shows.

Secretary's Report:

See attached correspondence report.

Treasurer's Report:

See attached treasurer's report. Claudia commented that everyone has done a better job with budget planning- especially for working events which are coming closer to breaking even.

Committee Reports:

Ad Hoc Awards – Sue Raney reported that the committee needs guidance from the board regarding budgetary guidelines. Discussion on this topic will be added to the board meeting agenda.

Breeder Contact – Currently there is no chair. The club needs to update the list on our website. This is an area that needs to be addressed in the upcoming policies and procedures work.

Christmas parade/ carting – No official chair at this time.

Community Service – Steve Gunther reported that we have several HCNC dogs participating in the program at Denver International Airport. Participation at Craig Hospital is ongoing as well.

Chatfield Liaison – no report

Facebook – Our club Facebook page likes increased from 300 to 700 over the past year.

Fun Match – Claudia Walters, Lori Moreland, and Terri Desnica reported the event went well. We received both positive and critical feedback. The most important change we need to make is to have

more stewards, and improve the quality of their performance. This would be a good opportunity to reach out to newer members.

Agility Match – Patti Pigeon chair (Terri Desnica reporting). Entries were down due to other agility events being held the same day. We were at a different park this year, and received a lot of positive responses regarding the location, and will try to use it again next year.

Health Clinic – no chair

Holiday Party – Appears on the board meeting agenda.

Meet the Breed – Will occur at the Denver shows in February. Mark O'Connor will consider chairing.

Regional Specialty – Claudia reported that the event went well. Obedience and conformation were held in the same location. There was a lot of positive feedback from participants. The prizes the club gave out were well received, and it appears the test will end up in the black.

New Puppy Buyers – Mark O. noted that we offer new puppy buyers a free 1 year trial non-voting membership.

Newf Fun Day – Event was a success-everyone had fun.

Membership - The club continues to get 2-6 applications per quarter.

Rescue – Chewy failed in his first home – but Steve Gunther is adopting him, (and renaming him Choo Choo). A special thank you to Terri Desnica and Katherine Payne (for doing a temperament evaluation). Would like to thank Lori Moreland and Pet Empawrium for providing the facility for Steve G. and Katherine P. to bath Duke. Duke will be adopted by his foster family. A silent auction at the regional specialty raised \$45 for rescue.

Terri Desnica inquired when Melissa Sharp will remove the HCNC logo and name from the rescue organization documents and materials. Discussion followed as to how the club can accomplish this by the end of 2015.

Newsletter – Lynn reported that everything is going well. No concerns.

Nominating Committee – Mark O. will chair. The committee will get the slate out to the club by the end of the year.

Sunshine – The club will encourage club members to notify Jewel Cody whenever they have information for the sunshine committee.

September Water Test – The committee had positive feedback from participants regarding judges. We had 2 all breed dogs make the trip from Minnesota to participate. Everyone had fun. A more complete report will follow. There was also discussion regarding a future water clinic.

Old Business:

Club Records – Megan Goldin responded to Claudia’s inquiry regarding club records and archived materials. Megan informed Claudia that she had placed several boxes of club materials in the club trailer. None of these items have been located, and now the club will slowly start to put things back together with the help of long time members Cathy Sands and Kady Eckstrom. Discussion about how to move forward with respect to archiving recovered and new materials followed. This topic will be discussed further at our next meeting. A motion was made (TD/LP) to develop a history and records committee to move forward with rebuilding our club history. The motion passed unanimously.

2016 Regional Specialty – There was discussion as to when and where to hold the regional in regard to driving conditions and drawing out of state entrants. A motion was made to form a committee to evaluate feedback from this year’s regional specialty (MO/SR). The motion passed unanimously.

Terri Desnica brought up the topic of meeting order. Which meeting should be held first – the general meeting or the board meeting, when both are held the same day. Discussion followed. No decision was made.

The time and place of the next meeting is yet to be determined.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made (TD/SR), adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jefferson

HCNC secretary

REFERENCED ATTACHMENTS:

Secretary Attachment:

Club Correspondences since last Meeting

3 Test Applications:

Mark O’Connor – July 2016 Water Test

Sue Raney – Spring 2016 Draft Test

Patti Pigeon – September 2016 Water Test

Messages from a few members which were re-directed to appropriate individuals (Mark and Claudia)

Sheila Evans asking on 11/2/2015 for clarification on the Sunshine Committee (Claudia responded to her 11/9/2015)

13 Emails from Claudia – forwarding information/records from past secretary.

Requests for club distribution were completed. Nothing further pending.

Treasurer Attachment:

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Treasurer's Report 11/15/2015

P&L by category for period 5/1 to 11/15/2015

Category	General	Agility	Spring Draft Test	Fun match	Regional*	Spring Fling	Water Test*	TOTAL
INCOME	2,368.43	2,827.60	1,600.00	1,673.00	60.00	65.00	1,350.00	9,944.03
EXPENSES	1,353.52	1,669.64	734.11	922.58	673.00		397.43	5,750.28
NET	1,014.91	1,157.96	865.89	750.42	(613.00)	65.00	952.57	4,193.75

* Complete data not yet available

Bank account Balances

	5/1/2015	11/15/2015	change
Checking	12,091.08	16,143.67	4,052.59
Money Market	23,747.55	23,753.98	6.43
Paypal		134.73	134.73
	35,838.63	40,032.38	4,193.75

APPROVED: 2/20/2016