

## High Country Newfoundland Club

### General Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm at the Berner Barn in Englewood. Board members present: Claudia Walters, Lyle Payne, Steve Gunther, Carol Jefferson, Mark O'Connor, Matt Sidesinger, and Katie Sidesinger. General members present: Katheine Payne, Terri Desnica, Sue Raney, Mark Raney, John Levett, Jewel Cody, David Fuller, and Cindi Hendrix.

The minutes were read and amended. A motion was made (MO/KS) to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Claudia thanked Russ and Lori Moreland for hosting the 2015 club Christmas Party. She also stated that it was her pleasure to serve as HCNC president for the past two years. Claudia wished Matt Sidesinger the best of luck as the new HCNC president.

Secretary's Report: In addition to usual and customary email communications, a thank-you note was received from Pam Rubio. She thanked the club for inviting her to judge at our recent regional specialty.

Treasurer's Report: A complete report from the treasurer is attached. In addition Lyle reported that most events have made money this year. The regional specialty is about \$200.00 in the red, but there are several checks and monies that are still coming in. Discussion followed regarding cash surplus and what the club has historically done with this money. Several ideas put forward and discussed were NCA rescue, NCA health challenge, and NCA charitable trust.

Our current bank is once again merging with another bank. We may want to consider changing banks. Lyle also noted that our constitution and by-laws state that we need to have a free checking account. This limits where we can do our banking, and may not be feasible. This may be an item to earmark for change in the upcoming bylaws work.

Lyle also shared with the membership that a DNO (directors and officers) insurance policy would double our insurance costs for very little coverage. His recommendation was that we pass on this policy.

Nominating Committee: Mark O'Connor has stepped down from the committee, and Katie Sidesinger has assumed the chair position. Johanna Matsuda has become the third committee member.

Ad hoc uniform prize committee: Sue Raney presented the results of the committee's work thus far. She presented several ideas/items from Sarah England, Stone Free Glass Works, and some logo embroidered items, including hats, towels, and bags as possible choices. A motion was made (TD/SG) to have a list of approved vendors to include Gentle Giants, Sarah England, Stone Free Glass Works, and LL

Bean, and have a \$25 limit for working events, and tiered amounts for the regional specialty. Motion passed unanimously.

Banquet: Claudia will send out reminder cards to all members for the banquet. Those members who want programs, but do not attend the banquet will receive them electronically. Claudia will make the lifetime achievement certificates for those receiving this honor.

Community Service: Steve Gunther reported that Therapy Dogs International has changed their name to Alliance of Therapy Dogs. More information will be forthcoming in the near future. If anyone needs information regarding this change feel free to contact Steve Gunther.

Draft Clinic/Test: Sue Raney reported that the clinic was a great success. We had a lot of new dogs trying out draft for the first time, and are building a lot of new depth in draft for the club. We also raised \$250 to offset costs for the draft test. The committee will also send out a list of days and times for draft practice prior to the scheduled test.

Rescue Report: Steve Gunther reported that all logos on rescue materials have been changed from HCNC to HCNR. He also reported that HCNR rescue has a balance of approximately \$7700.

Steve went on to say that Duke is still in the process of being adopted by a family in Ken Caryl Ranch, and that Bear had injuries from an accident-now has a leg brace and is ready to be rehomed.

Newsletter: Information for the April newsletter needs to be to Lynn Kitch by March 25<sup>th</sup>. Newsletters are currently sent to members in January, April, July, and October.

July Water Test: The test will be held July 22, 23, 24. The judges list is not yet finalized. Bethany Karger has replied yes, but the test still has not finalized the 2<sup>nd</sup> judge.

September Water Test: The test will be held September 16, 17, and 18.

Fun Match: The fun match will be held the first weekend in August. Flyers will be available in early April for advertising. The committee still needs 1 rally judge, and 3 obedience judges.

New Business: There was discussion regarding a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft test in the fall. The schedule for 2017 may preclude having a spring draft test. This is due to HCNC hosting the draft test at the 2017 Nationals in Oregon. Additionally, there is a lot of interest in draft work at this time. Several other points were made as well-including that the working events are doing better financially, and that until recently HCNC has held two draft tests a year. A motion was made (SG/KP) that the club could have the option of holding a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft test in the fall if there is sufficient interest. The motion passed with one abstention.

Sunshine: Sue Raney reported to Jewel Cody, our sunshine chair, that Patty Pigeon's mother died recently.

A motion was made to adjourn at 3:27 pm. (JL)

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Jefferson

HCNC Secretary

Approved