

High Country Newfoundland Club
General Annual Meeting 05/11/2019
Minutes

Agenda and Sign In Distributed

Confirmation of Quorum: Members Present: Katherine Payne, Lyle Payne, Terri Desnica, Sue Schneider, Steve Gunther, Kady Eckstrom, John LeVett, Larry Eckstrom, Mark O'Connor, Jan Curtis, Sue Raney, Johanna Matsuda, Noreene Rodgers, Claudia Walters and Jewel Cody; and on the conference call line: Marci Smilanich, Lynn Kitch and Joyce Boone and Shine Sturtz (19 members present, confirming the quorum)

At 2:12 pm the General Annual Meeting was called to order by President, Jan Curtis at the Campbell Conference Room at the City of Arvada, in Arvada Colorado.

The following items were added to the agenda: The Supported Entry for the CSKC Show and the Meet The Breed chairperson.

The Minutes of the 1/12/2019 Board Meeting and Special Meeting of were available in hard copy for all members present. Minutes were read aloud. Steve Gunther made the motion to accept, Kady Eckstrom seconded the motion, after discussion and corrections made and noted, the minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

Election Ballots – Counting – Requesting volunteers to count the ballots, the three members agreeing to count the 2019 election ballots were: Larry Eckstrom, Sue Raney and John LeVett.

Report of the President – Jan Curtis, President welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting today. She highlighted the successes since our last meeting including the all hard work and success of the Awards Banquet, the attendance and representation of HCNC at the National in Frankenmuth, a small group represented HCNC during the opening ceremonies. Reporting that our Regional Basket was the highest bid basket again for a second year in a row and thanked everyone involved in putting it together. She wanted to again ask for support for the Regional Club Committee who are new to this and need some assistance with past reports, budgets, P&L's etc. Jan also wanted to make note to welcome the new and/or returning board members to the board after the election results are reported.

Report of the Secretary – Katherine Payne gave the report of the secretary. Since the last meetings of the membership and the board in January, the requested blasts to members, distribution of information to specific individuals, the preparation of the draft minutes and meeting packets and the protocol for the election have been completed, mailed and the received ballots are present to be counted. Two members reported not receiving their ballots, and both members received replacement ballots. Minutes from 2015 and 2016 were scanned and forwarded to the webmaster that had not been previously published and noted at the January 2019 meeting. At the last meeting on January 12th, 2019, it was recommended that the secretary educate herself with the Minutes and Records of the NCA, which she yielded that recommendation and she also made contact with the NCA for clarification and read all the published agendas and minutes of the NCA available dating back to 1997. The findings were consistent that the minutes that have been trusted to record for HCNC have been appropriate. It was also noted that during the current term the secretary has received notes of gratitude for the good job performed as Secretary of HCNC. Also included in this report was the revisiting of the policies, procedures, constitution and by-laws of HCNC and nowhere in those available documents does an act of the board going into executive session ever get mentioned or provide for a procedure regarding it. Also in these documents there is no record of HCNC adopting Roberts Rules of Order, where executive sessions are explained and directed in cases of discipline or legal actions. The minutes of the last meeting(s) were not distributed as previously done over the past 2 years after a motion to withhold distribution of any draft minutes was made and passed. In the documents of HCNC the by-laws direct the secretary under Article III: item c: "Minutes of meetings are to be transcribed and sent to each Board Member within a reasonable time." This motion being brought forward and passed obstructed the ability to perform that specific task of the office held by the secretary. The secretary asked that the previous motion made in January be amended and removed so that the Secretary can complete the task of distribution to the

membership and board the draft minutes so all members who were present or absent have consistent transparent information on the workings of this club.

After the secretary report Katherine Payne made a motion to unwind the motion of January 12th meeting suppressing the draft minutes from being distributed to membership. During discussion the board questioned whether this motion belonged in board meeting or the membership meeting but would be interested in the opinion of the membership. The membership was polled and the general consensus was that the membership wanted transparency and wants to receive the draft minutes of meetings so they do not have to wait several months (until the next meeting) to learn decisions made during the meetings. The motion was vacated and moved to the board meeting.

Report of the Treasurer – Mark O’Connor distributed the Treasurer’s report a.k.a. Bank Activity. Mark O’Connor reports reflect the club has a bank balance of \$40,398.56. The club has two accounts, a money market with a balance of \$23,857.18 and the operating account with \$16,541.38. Mark had no P/L’s to report.

Newsletter Editor Report – Lisa Johnson our NewfNews Editor was not in attendance and no report was submitted.

Committee Reports –

Ad Hoc Constitution and Bylaws – There was no report stating that in light of a change in the board after the election results the request to table to the next meeting. Jan Curtis, President took the floor reminding the club and board that when she took office one year ago, these documents were a priority to address and that nothing has been completed, that the committee and agenda item continues to be tabled meeting after meeting with promises of receiving within 30 days updates and recommendations that have not materialized.

Chatfield Park Liaison – Update by Terri Desnica. The parks reallocation project is still underway and at this time they are reporting a possible June 9th date to access and this is subject to change based on the construction which is outside of our control. The question was made if the club would be in favor of a pay to use site if one is located. There was extended discussion regarding finding possible locations to train in the interim.

NCA Water Test(s)-July and September - Mark O’Connor reported that the July Committee has a commitment from Laura and Kevin Gallagher to judge the July Test. There was extended discussion regarding the situation concerning Chatfield and the gravel ponds and in conclusion the July Water Test Committee is holding off on finalizing details at this time.

There was nothing to report for the September Water Test. Discussion about consideration of extending this test from a 2 day test to either a 3 or 4 day test should the July Water test be cancelled.

Water Clinic – The water clinic that was approved at the January meeting was discussed and the suggestion was made that if the July Test Committee cancels that test and the gravel ponds are available, perhaps using that weekend as a water clinic option.

Membership - Mark O’Connor did not have a report to present. He reports having several renewals that he has not processed as of yet. It was reported that the Sands (Cathy and Sam) have resigned their honorary membership from HCNC and when asked they expressed they no longer had dogs and it was time to leave and wished to be removed from the communication of the club. Claudia Walters passed around a pin with a card that was discussed at the January meeting to be given to new members with a welcome-information document that Kady Eckstrom is preparing. Kady Eckstrom also noted that members who sponsor new members should be mentors to these new members, and that included in the new member packet, a current membership roster and documents should be included. Noreene Rodgers noted how much fun the fun days have been and recommends we make a strong attempt to invite all the new members to our events.

National Ad – Claudia Walters reports she did the National Ad. It was asked why the National Ad did not include the November Regional and Claudia reported that she was not given any information to include.

NCA Regional 2019 – Noreene Rodgers reported that things are going well with the committee; sharing the names of judges; Sweeps Kathy Griffin, Conformation: Nancy Amburgey, Obedience: Susan Oviatt-Harris, Rally: Roberta Oxley. Foy Trent is the superintendent for the show this year. The committee is finalizing details but is in need of budget information and past expenses to help guide the committee. Noreene reported she is in need of some checks from the club. She said it looks like this year. Noreene wished to thank Claudia Walters for sharing the details of the deadlines for NewfTide.

HCNC Facebook Page – Claudia Walters reported she posts on the facebook page when things are sent to her. She is unsure if Matt Sidesinger is interested in remaining as an administrator of the page because he has not been active with it. She also indicated there could be additional administrators to the page because she reported since she is semi-retired, she will be traveling more.

Ad Hoc Committee – HCNR - Claudia Walters passed out a two page report of the committee and also a copy of the volunteer application form to all in attendance. Concluding the duties of the Ad Hoc Committee for HCNR.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policies and Procedures- There being no new information and in light of the lack of meeting time, this item was tabled to a future meeting.

Outcome of the financial commitment for the Breckenridge Shirts - Claudia Walters gave a breakdown of funds received through Teespring for shirt sales including those from the 2018 water test and the Breckenridge snowflake shirts. The rescue organization that owns the art that was used for the snowflake campaign directed that any funds should be directed to a rescue organization and that they did not require direct reimbursement.

NEW BUSINESS

Election Results: The 2019 Election results are: Vice President – Claudia Walters; Secretary – Katherine Payne; Directors – Lynn Kitch and Jewel Cody.

Grooming Clinic – June (Mark O'Connor) - Mark O'Connor expressed he would like to hold a grooming clinic in June. Discussion including the spring fling that was approved at the January meeting to include a grooming clinic. After discussion it was agreed that Mark O'Connor will hold a grooming clinic at his home on June 8th at 11am with Shine Sturtz.

Club Organized Hikes – Mark O'Connor proposed having two club organized hikes, one in June and one in October. After discussion it was agreed to hold the first Club Hike on Saturday, June 22nd starting at 9am at Meyers Ranch in Jefferson County, Mark O'Connor will be the contact.

Next Board Meeting and General Meeting - The next Board and General meeting will be scheduled in conjunction with the Fun Day. Katy Eckstrom and Shine Sturtz will be finalizing the location, so the date, time and location is TBD.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm. (KE) (TD)

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Payne
Secretary – HCNC
Final Approved 7/6/2019