

## High Country Newfoundland Club

### Board Meeting minutes

November 15, 2015

The board meeting convened at 4:51 pm at the home of mark and Kate O'Connor. 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 from the previous board meeting (5/17/2015) were approved.

The board went into executive session at 5:00 pm to discuss a personal issue.

The board reconvened at 5:08 pm. Claudia announced that because of a very busy personal life – including training to complete the Susan G Koman 60 mile/3 day run- she will not seek re-election as HCNC president.

The item regarding club communication was removed from the agenda.

A motion was made to hold the HCNC Christmas Party December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, at the home of Lori and Russ Moreland. (MO/CJ)The party will be potluck, with the club providing a main course item. There will also be a gift exchange. Those who want to participate are asked to bring a \$20 dollar value dog oriented gift.

A motion was made to make Mark O'Connor the chair for meet the breed at the Denver shows Valentine's Day weekend at the National Western Complex (CJ/LP). The motion passed unanimously. Mark will send an email later with the details.

Awards Banquet – Karen Benenati was nominated to chair the 2016 awards banquet (MS/SG). The motion passed unanimously.

2016 Spring Draft Test – A motion was made to nominate Sue Raney to chair the spring draft test (CJ/LP). The motion passed unanimously. Katherine Payne will serve as test secretary and Terri Desnica will serve as the third test committee member. The test will be held April 23 and 24 at Fairmount Park in Golden. Linda Dunn and George Norman will attend as mentor judges. Fundraising is planned to offset costs. Sue also talked about a possible draft clinic to be held indoors in January or February. She also brought up the possibility of having a beginning "tadpull" novice draft experience at the draft test.

July Water Test: A motion was made to name Mark O'Connor the chair for the July water test (LP/CJ). The motion passed unanimously. Katie Sidesinger will serve as test secretary, and Lynn Kitch as the third test committee member. The test will be Held July 22,23, and 24 at Chatfield Reservoir. Testing for all three divisions will be held each day. A limit of six entrants in WRDX per day.

September Water Test: There are 2 applications to chair the September water test. Both Patti Pigeon and Matt Sidesinger have applied to chair. Discussion about possible co-chairing of the event or shadowing the experienced chair-in essence adding a fourth committee member followed. As a club we'd like to "build our bench" of experienced chairs for working events, and these suggestions would support that end. A motion was made to nominate Patti Pigeon as September water test chair (MO/LP). The motion passed unanimously.

Honorary Lifetime Membership: A motion was made to make Bill (Sr) and Juanita Bartlett honorary lifetime members of the High Country Newfoundland Club (MO/LP). The motion passed unanimously. This honor will be presented at this year's awards banquet.

Ad hoc Awards: There was discussion as to whether the club is suggesting the same awards for tests and related events, or if we are simply identifying a consistent dollar amount for awards. A motion was made to have the committee make recommendations for working events/trophies/awards in the \$25 price range (MO/CJ). The motion passed unanimously.

HCNC has been asked to sponsor the draft test at the 2017 National Specialty to be held near Newport, Oregon.

Work on policies and procedures will begin in January after Claudia has a chance to go through what she finds in saved emails. The board plans to meet sometime in January to begin work.

There was also discussion about the PayPal account and how it's best used by the club. There was also an agenda item regarding D&O insurance that was tabled to the next meeting.

Mark O'Connor made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jefferson

HCNC secretary

Approved: 2/20/2016

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