

High Country Newfoundland Club
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Via Telephone conference June 15, 2017 @ 8:00 PM

Proof of Notice: Notification of this meeting was sent out by email from the Club Secretary to all the 2016-2017 Members of HCNC on June 4th, 2017 at 7:40pm in accordance with the documents of HCNC.

Present on the call: Lori Moreland, Katherine Payne, Lynn Kitch, Claudia Walters, Matt Sidesinger (Host); Steve Gunther, Shine Sturtz, Mark O'Connor, Sue Callister and Terri Desnica.

Matt Sidesinger, President called the meeting to order at 8:04pm and announced the recording of the meeting to begin. The objective of this today's meeting is the single agenda item to discuss and possibly approve the committee for the fall 2017 Draft Test. Today from that committee we have Lori Moreland and Shine Sturtz. We will ask them to go thru a short presentation of the documents provide, we will have a short discussion and we will have a vote.

Opening up the discussion on the proposal Shine differed to Lori since she was the one who prepared the packet for the test.

Katherine Payne asked for confirmation of the dates for the test as the documents presented have October 21st and 22nd, 2017 and there was some question on availability of the park for those dates. Lori clarified that they originally planned for October 21st and 22nd, however; Fairmount Park reported they were already booked with another dog event, so the committee secured having also the 14th and 15th of October. After some discussion, it was determined that the proposal for the 2017 HCNC Draft Test to be held on the weekend of October 14th and 15th, 2017.

Mark O'Connor has some questions regarding the Budget. First question from Mark was inquiring who the judges that they are leaning towards for the test. Shine Sturtz responded that Patti Pigeon is our first choice and she needs to have an officially solid date before she can officially commit to the test, but felt that it was a strong possibility. Shine indicated that she also had reached out to Ron Horn, but both Shine and Lori Moreland have not heard back from him, so these were the local judges they were considered. Shine reported that Patti Pigeon was willing to give some suggestions on other judges after we have an official date approved by the board. Matt Sidesinger sent the link to the website that has the list of judges to the committee and explained the new procedures that are being done in the NCA regarding judges. Terri Desnica said that she had recommended to Lori that she take their list to Patti, since Patti knows all these judges, she could probably be willing to host the judge at her house which would save on expenses and could make a good recommendation. Shine Sturtz confirmed her conversation with Patti Pigeon regarding the assistance for the second judge selection once the dates are approved. Mark O'Connor also suggested possibly reaching out to Christine Brigham since Lori and Christine have a personal relationship and consideration of having Lori host Christine if she were to be available. Claudia Walters also suggested Debby Rothwell as a potential judge and since she is in California. Mark O'Connor also made note that any of the West-Coast judges may be a better selection for travel, since the tests can often run long and the judges flying back to the west coast would have an easier ability to return home within the time available.

Shine Sturtz asked if the committee needed to have the judges before this request can be approved and Steve Gunther responded that it is not required by HCNC to have that information to move forward but on the NCA Application it does require judges being listed. Mark O'Connor reported that historically the judges have all had to be approved by the board, but it is not required to move forward tonight. Matt Sidesinger shared how the test was organized last year presenting a slate of judges to the board at a meeting.

Mark O'Connor returned to the proposed budget. First addressing the item of Food at \$400.00 Mark feels that is high and we could feed everyone all weekend but that is not the responsibility of the club. That shouldn't be a club expense, he feels we should charge the entrants for lunches and reduce that cost, especially since we are projecting a loss on the test. Second was the item for gifts for stewards. Lori Moreland responded that she obtained most of her numbers

from prior tests to create her budget. Claudia Walters shared the need to add income expense to the budget for the lunches that we would be charging for and that it would offset the bottom line costs.

Lori Moreland brought up that the original budget reflected a \$100, off leash permit fee and it turns out that there is no charge for that so that item will be struck from the budget. Matt Sidesinger asked what the \$200 Parks Fee was and Lori clarified that was the rent for the park for two days.

Mark O'Connor questioned the printing costs and reported he would be willing to do some of the printing at his office as a donation if it is not too much printing to reduce that line item.

Mark's Review: If we take out the off leash permit, the gifts for stewards and reduce the food to \$200.00 it brings the projected loss to \$325, which is a little bit more palatable.

There was discussion regarding the entry number and Lori Moreland indicated she worked with Terri Desnica to get to the number of entries considering who it was felt would be entering and keeping the number more close to probable rather than inflating the entry numbers because we can have 15 entries.

Matt Sidesinger reminded we were at around 30 minutes into the call and asked if we felt we have had enough discussion on the proposal to move forward.

Steve Gunther brought up the issues regarding the course design, who they would be reaching out to for assistance in the design and assistance during the day. Lori Moreland responded that they are getting a lot of assistance from Patti Pigeon and Sue Raney on this. Steve suggested the committee be very specific on the help the committee needs; he shared the experience of the past couple draft tests and just reminded everyone of the amount of work that it took to pull the test together. Terri Desnica added that we want to encourage new people to get involved and start hosting these events. Mark O'Connor reiterated that both Patti Pigeon and Sue Raney are experienced in Draft work having put on a vast majority of these tests in the past as well as being very familiar with this location, and closed with a reminder to the committee that the board is here to support the committee.

Claudia Walters asked who has been designated as secretary of the committee; discussion followed.

Matt Sidesinger moving forward with the meeting asking if there was further discussion, all communications will have Kady's name on it. Mark O'Connor added that anything that goes out to NCA or members, it needs to come from Kady.

Katherine Payne asked for confirmation of the proposed committee would be:

Shine Sturtz - Chairperson

Kady Eckstrom – Secretary (Understanding Joy Werner will be doing much of the support work).

Lori Moreland – 3rd Committee Person

Matt Sidesinger called for a motion.

Claudia Walters moved that the board approve the application for the October Draft Test, October 14th and 15th, 2017 with Shine Sturtz, Kady Eckstrom and Lori Moreland being the NCA committee members.

Terri Desnica seconded the motion.

No further discussion.

Roll Call for vote:

Katherine Payne – I

Lynn Kitch – I

Claudia Walters – I

Steve Gunther – I

Mark O'Connor - I
Sue Callister - I
Terri Desnica - I

With all members agreeing to the motion. The motion passes.

Matt Sidesinger called to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Payne
HCNC Secretary

Reference from the audio recording of the meeting along with written notes

FINAL - APPROVED