

High Country Newfoundland Club

Board Meeting Minutes

02/26/2017

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. at the Arvada City Library. There were no additional agenda items.

Board members attending were Carol Jefferson, Steve Gunther, Mark O'Connor, and Matt Sidesinger. General members attending were John Levett, Terri Desnica, Katharine Payne, and Sue Raney.

Treasurer's Report: (full report attached) Mark O. reported that the fall draft test lost money, and that the regional specialty came close to breaking even. Current balances in the club accounts are \$12,996.36 in checking, and \$23,746.80 in the money market account as of 01/31/2017.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the October 16, 2016 meeting were read and amended. A motion was made to accept the amended minutes (MO/SG). The motion passed unanimously. There were no additional items to report.

President's Report: Melissa Sharp is stepping down as president of High Country Newfoundland Rescue. Matt read the email from Melissa, who indicated that job and education responsibilities are interfering with her ability to do the job. Discussion followed regarding suggestions for a possible replacement. While it is not HCNC's responsibility to find a replacement, if anyone has any ideas, please communicate them to Matt. Matt will inquire as to the HCNR's board plans moving forward.

The club is trying to have t-shirts available for purchase by club members with the club logo to wear at Nationals. There is a problem with the current logo artwork being too low resolution to reproduce on a t-shirt or sweatshirt. The club is currently trying to communicate with the artist who created our logo to improve the resolution.

The committee list for the club is fairly up-to-date with just a few changes to be made. Karen Benenati would like to include a current list in the banquet program. Committee changes include removing the ad hoc trophy committee, and Chatfield Liaison- Patti Pigeon and Terri Desnica will co-chair.

Newsletter Editor: Lynn K. has a target date of March 31 for submission of newsletter items, for an early April publication date. She also would like to include the up-to-date committee list in the next newsletter. Sue Raney inquired as to how to get information to club members regarding the National's draft test after the event wrap up. Should it come as an email blast or a special newsletter publication?

Committee Reports:

Chatfield Liaison: The meeting went well, and we are currently waiting for a new schedule, which may include some additional practice time. According to the new ranger assigned to this job, there are no current plans to flood Chatfield this spring due to runoff. Katherine Payne has volunteered to organize and handle the discounted parks pass program for members again this year.

Fall Draft Test: No one has volunteered to chair the fall draft test. Matt will write a communication to be sent out to the club regarding this test. John Levett inquired as to whether a list of responsibilities for working event chairs is available. Discussion indicated that there is such a list on the NCA website, and that there is also the experience of former chairs locally, that can be tapped.

Community Service: Steve is looking for fundraising opportunities in which our dogs can participate. Golden High School has invited our dogs to be present for "A day without hate" to be held in April. Steve will finalize the date, and make club members aware of additional opportunities via email blasts, as they become available.

Membership: Mark reported that we have received one new application.

Election: Carol reported that no petitions or inquiries have been received and that the slate will move forward as presented.

2017 Nationals Draft Test: Sue reported that the test is full. 17 entries were received for 15 spots. A lottery will be held to determine the final entry list. Stewards are still needed. Sue will contact Mary Lou Zimmerman to put the word out for volunteers. Sue also displayed the working dog quilt and Newfoundland cork wreath that are being raffled at Nationals as a draft test fundraiser.

2017 Regional Specialty: A motion was made and seconded (MO/SG) to approve \$50 for an ad to be printed in the 2017 Nationals catalog. The motion passed unanimously. Claudia has volunteered to chair the Regional Specialty again, and Lori Moreland has volunteered to co-chair. A motion was made (SG/LK) to accept Claudia W. and Lori M. as co-chairs for the 2017 Regional Specialty. The motion passed unanimously.

Club Communications: Matt received an email from the 2017 Nationals committee requesting a gift basket or donation from our club to help offset expenses for Nationals. A motion was made (MO/SG) to send \$200 to the 2017 Nationals Committee in lieu of a gift basket to help offset expenses for the 2017 Nationals. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Jewel Cody has stepped down as Sunshine chair. Matt will send a note to membership regarding the opening that can be sent out.

Trailer clean-out day will be scheduled soon. Target date is in May at a location to be determined. Club members are invited to help.

Newf Fun Day: Kate O'Connor is in charge. She is looking at June 24th as a possible date-more information to follow.

Fun Match: (Terri Desnica chair) Terri reported that she has tentatively scheduled this year's match for October 7th at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Currently the rental and set up fees are \$750, with costs

likely to rise next year. A motion was made (CJ/MO) to approve the fun match for October 7th, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The motion passed unanimously.

Agility Trial: Terri reported that this year's agility trial will be held outdoors at the same park as last year. The match is scheduled for September 23rd, with set up on Friday afternoon. The Basset club is not willing to move the trials indoors this year.

Draft Clinic: Sue Raney will organize a draft clinic to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting on Saturday, May 13th. The tentative schedule is 10-12:30 for the clinic, general meeting at 12:30, with the board meeting to follow.

July Water Test: A motion was made (MO/SG) to approve Patti Pigeon as chair along with her submitted budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Water Seminar: Patti Pigeon submitted a request to host a water seminar June 9 and 10. A motion was made (MO/SG) to approve a water seminar to be held June 9 and 10, chaired by Patti Pigeon. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn (MO) was made at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jefferson

HCNC secretary

Minutes Approved – 5/13/2017

Board Members Present:

Carol Jefferson, Steve Gunther, Mark O'Connor and Matt Sidesinger

General Members Present:

John Levett, Terri Desnic a, Katherine Payne and Sue Raney