

High Country Newfoundland Club

General Meeting

February 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. at the Arvada Public Library. A 12 member quorum was met with following members attending: Don Marchese, Matt Sidesinger, John Levett, Sue Raney, Carol Jefferson, Katherine Payne, Steve Gunther, Mark O'Connor, Terri Desnica, Patti Pigeon, Lyle Payne (by phone), Kate O'Connor (by phone), and Katie Sidesinger (by phone).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved (motion made (JL/SR) and was passed unanimously).

Report of the President: Matt read the letter of resignation from the HCNR president Melissa Sharp, and asked if anyone was interested in the position or had suggestions for anyone who might be. He also shared information with the membership regarding the resolution issues regarding the artwork for our club logo in order to use it on clothing items.

Secretary's Report: Carol reviewed club communications that had been received including the Sunshine committee resignation letter from Jewel Cody, and an inquiry from Sheila Evens as to whether money from raffle ticket sales could legally be collected through PayPal, since this is considered gambling and monies for such have to be cash or check only. There were additionally 2 emails from Sue Raney 1) encouraging club members who are planning to attend nationals to volunteer as stewards for the draft test, and 2) an email outlining the benefits of attending the pet wellness clinic that will be held in Ft. Collins March 14th. There was also an email from the nominating committee with the final slate of nominees for the HCNC board that will move forward by acclamation, due to no additional interest from club members.

Treasurer's Report: Mark reviewed the treasurer's report he presented at the board meeting. Current balances in the club accounts are (as of January 31, 2017) \$12,991.36 in checking, and \$23,746.80 in the money market account.

Newsletter Editor: Items for the upcoming newsletter are due by March 31st to Lynn Kitch.

Reports of Committees:

Banquet: There was a question regarding the cost of awards. There are currently no guidelines for the number of awards received by individual club members. Discussion has been ongoing, but no decision has been made. This is an item that will need to be added as an agenda item to a future meeting.

Nominating Committee: The published slate moving forward for the 2017 Board nominees are

Claudia Walters – Vice President

Katharine Payne – Secretary

Lynn Kitch – Member At Large

Terri Desnica – Member At Large

Draft Clinic: Draft Clinic will be held May 13 at 1000AM at the Berner Barn with the annual meeting and board meeting to follow. Sue Raney will be sending additional information out to club members as it becomes available.

Chatfield Liaison: The calendar for practices has yet to be published, but the new ranger has been positive and is working with us. Katharine Payne will organize the parks pass group discount for 2017 and will be sending information out to club members soon.

Community Service: Golden High School has contacted HCNC for a possible day in April for stress dog visits. Steve will notify club members of additional opportunities as they become available.

Fun Match: This year's Fun Match will be held October 7 at Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Agility Trial: This year's Agility Trial will be held September 23-24 at Applewood Park in Lakewood. Setup will held Friday afternoon September 22.

Unfinished Business: NCA Nationals Draft Test (Sue Raney chair). Sue reported that the test is full. If you are attending or are willing to transport items to Oregon please let Sue know. Sue will send additional communications out at the national level for volunteers as well.

New Business: NCA July Water Test: Patti Pigeon is the chair and is organizing a water clinic/seminar to be held June 9-10 at Chatfield Reservoir.

The next general meeting will be the annual meeting to be held May 13 at 1230PM at the Berner Barn in Denver, with a board meeting to follow.

There was a motion to adjourn (SG) at 303PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jefferson

HCNC Secretary

Minutes Approved 5/13/2017