

High Country Newfoundland Club  
General Meeting 07/06/2019  
Minutes

**Agenda and Sign In Distributed**

Confirmation of Quorum: Members Present: Katherine Payne (KP), Lyle Payne (LP), Terri Desnica (TD), Sue Schneider (SS), Steve Gunther (SG), Kady Eckstrom (KE), Larry Eckstrom (LE), Jan Curtis (JC), Sue Raney (SR), Joyce Boone (JB), Mike Boone (MB), Shine Sturtz (SS2), Otto Herbstritt (OH), Anna Oshmyan (AO), Sergey Sosin (SS3), LoriLeigh Moreland (LLM), (16 members present, confirming the quorum)

At 3:38 pm the General Annual Meeting was called to order by President, Jan Curtis at the Cottonwood Park in Louisville Colorado.

The following items were added to the agenda: July Water Test.

The Minutes of the 5/11/2019 Annual General Meeting were distributed in hard copy for all members present. Sue Schneider made the motion to approve; Sue Raney seconded the motion, after brief discussion, the vote was all in favor with one abstention (JB) the minutes were passed and approved.

**Report of the President** – Jan Curtis, President welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the Fun Day and Picnic and meeting today. She highlighted the successes since our last meeting including the this Fun Day and Picnic, the supported entry at the CSKC Show and the excellent representation of our club at that show even with the 97 degree weather and hot conditions at the site. She announced that the July Water Test for HCNC scheduled for July 26, 27 and 28, 2019 has been cancelled and that Terri Desnica will update us on the gravel ponds in her liaison report.

**Report of the Secretary** – Katherine Payne gave the report of the secretary. Since the last meetings of the membership and the board all communications and requested blasts to members, distribution of information to specific individuals, the preparation of the draft minutes and meeting documents were completed. The 2019-2020 Membership Roster has not been distributed to the members as it has not been received from the committee yet but has been requested.

**Report of the Treasurer** – Mark O'Connor was not in attendance and no report of the treasurer submitted.

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

**Committee Reports –**

**Membership** – There was no report

**Chatfield Park Liaison** – Update by Terri Desnica. The gravel ponds are now open and our permit to train is active. Terri Desnica and Patti Pigeon met with the rangers on Wednesday, 7/3, to preview the site before it opened on Thursday, 7/4. The reallocation project is still underway and they are still out at the site completing several things, so although the gravel ponds are open we need to be aware they are still working out there. The parking has been shifted more to the north of our prior parking and there are now 3 designated handicapped spaces. The vaulted bathrooms are in and are large enough for individuals to be able to get changed out of their wetsuits. Regarding the boat, the only way to get a boat into the ponds is to either physically hand carry the boat off the trailer or unhitch the trailer from the vehicle and take it to the shoreline by hand. We will not be allowed to launch the boats as we have done in the past with the trailers attached to the vehicles, this is a permanent change. The park is looking to have a space wide enough between the last handicapped parking space and the regular parking space to allow for a break in the split rail fence to allow the boat to go through. The park is working on a ADA (American Disabilities Act) path made up of hard packed rock to allow for wheel chairs at an incline from the parking lot to the shoreline which may be an option once it is installed to hand trailer the boat trailers to shore and that both taking the boat to the shoreline and back up to the parking will be harder. Terri Desnica shared that with the changes to the area across the road from the parking where we used to take our dogs to

potty is now a steep drop off and therefore we will likely want to find a new place probably closer to the toilets to take our dogs. The installation of a new concrete culvert was discussed and a reminder that we need to watch out for that particular area as the culvert goes under the road to the other side of the ponds and it is unknown if there will be any grating installed. Terri Desnica noted she had posted some photos on the Friends of High Country facebook page. Terri confirmed that the July Water Test Committee has elected to cancel the July Water Test this year. The park will also be spraying grass seed and using the straw blanket netting for erosion control along the road on the steep incline, some of which has already been placed. Overall the site once completed will be very nice.

NCA Regional 2019 – Shine Sturtz reported that the 2019 Regional is on track, the trophies are coming from Prairie Dog Pottery. The Sweeps trophies will be from Glitter Bomb and Shine is making the ring favors. Shine will send out a blast once the final information is available to get sponsorship of the trophies keeping the sponsorship in the same range as last year. We are getting very close to the deadline for the premium publication.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Minutes distributed before the meeting. Joyce Boone had abstained from approving the May general meeting minutes because she felt she was unable to approve without having received them to review ahead of time. Discussions regarding distribution of the draft minutes to members within a reasonable time after a meeting allowing all members to review and prepare any corrections or additions prior to approval. Included in discussion was the history and identifying the Constitution & Bylaws committee who is Johanna Matsuda, Claudia Walters, Steve Gunther and Jan Curtis as President. Steve Gunther gave a brief report on the status of the committee including a draft has been sent to the board and scheduled to address at the next board meeting. Following discussion, Terri Desnica made a motion to have the present board members (JC, KP and SG) bring to the board that all meeting minutes should be drafted and distributed to all members within 2 weeks of a meeting in compliance with the constitution and bylaws and policies and procedures\*. Joyce Boone seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously. \*(page 7 of the Policies and Procedures Manual).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Disposition of HCNC Rescue Kennels: Prior to Rescue becoming an independent entity, High Country had kennels used for rescue. Two of those kennels are currently at Linda Morley Roser's home in Franktown. Linda has contacted us and would like these kennels removed from her property by August 1<sup>st</sup>. After discussion, Shine Sturtz will contact Linda Morley Roser and will arrange to have the kennels picked up and brought to her house, Larry Eckstrom agreed to use his truck to transport them. Shine Sturtz will then prepare to put them up in the facebook market place for sale.

Seminar Topics – Katherine Payne shared a thought of having the following topics be considered for presentation to membership. 1) Bloat and Dogs, identifying, treatment and use of a bloat kit 2) Foxtails, grasses and mushrooms 3) Health Clearances 4) Cancer in our breed – Osteosarcoma etc. 4) Orthopedic issues; ACL/TPLO and OCD. During discussion one possible option would be to publish these topics in the Newsletter. Sue Raney did direct us to our documents and that the Vice President had been designated the program coordinator and should manage this at events and meetings.

NCA Minutes and HCNC – Sue Raney asked for clarity and information concerning an issue that is published in the NCA Meeting Minutes (June 20, 2019) naming HCNC and a complaint received about a High Country Newfoundland Club member's renewal process. Jan Curtis (President) reported she had been made aware of this by another party and has not been contacted by Sue Marino (NCA Regional Club Liaison) She sent an email to Sue Marino inquiring about this since the minutes reference a response be made within 20 days and the NCA's next board meeting is on July 18<sup>th</sup>. There has been no response from Sue Marino yet and a follow up call will be made this weekend to her. Since we do not know the details of the complaint we haven't been able to address this.

Audit of the Treasury - Sue Raney asked when the books and treasury will be audited and asked when the last audit was done. The treasury has not been audited since the 2015 seating of a new treasurer. Sue Raney made a motion to have the treasury and books audited by members of the club. Kady Eckstrom made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Draft Test - With the advent of the new Beginner Draft title, Sue Raney wanted to discuss options of getting a draft test scheduled. After discussion, Joyce Boone agreed that she would put together an application and committee and will submit for a Spring Draft Test 2020. Prior budgets and documents will be shared with Joyce to assist her in this as well as assistance from prior draft test committee members.

Next Board Meeting and General Meeting - The next General meeting will be scheduled for Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the time and location is TBD.

There being no further business, Steve Gunther made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Shine Sturtz made the second, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:49pm. (SG) (SS2)

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Payne  
Secretary – HCNC

Approved 10/6/2019