



USNMC Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, January 10, 2017  
8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central

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Members Present: Gonnie Schaffer, Rachel Hosking, Alaina Pierret, Michael McDonald, Carol Armbrust, Cassandra Boczar, Sherry Deans (7:41), Jessica Gibbons, John Grimes, Aaron Lozano, Will McGill

The meeting was called to order by President Gonnie Schaffer at 8:33EST/7:33CST.

The minutes of the December 14<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting were presented. A motion was made by Jessica Gibbons and seconded by Mike McDonald to approve the minutes as distributed. No objections; motion carries.

#### President's Report

Gonnie asked that all board communication be kept within the board and not shared.

#### Secretary Report

- Alaina reported that the minutes from the December meeting were emailed on 12/28 and she sent an updated meeting schedule to reflect the new meeting dates. She also reported that membership renewal were mailed on 1/3 and were delayed due to the holidays.

#### Treasurer Report

Mike stated that the treasurers' report was included in the meeting packet and asked if there were any questions. He also pointed out that the National Show financials were included. He stated that he had a difficult time splitting some of the income but reported that the show did make a profit. A motion was made by Rachel Hosking and seconded by Jessica to approve the treasurers' report as distributed. No objections; motion carries.

#### Committee Reports

##### **Membership Committee – Rachel Hosking, Chair**

No new applications since the last meeting. We have one applicant, April Rennie, that has been voted on by the board. Membership renewal notices have been sent out. Per Mike very few have renewed as of yet.

##### **2017 National Specialty Committee – Jessica Gibbons, Chair**

Not too much to report. We had to hold off over the holidays and are starting to pick back up. I have a message out to Adrian to check on the logo status. I've been having some communication issues with the hotel but am working on that and will get the info out ASAP. Still looking for seminar ideas if any suggestions.

##### **Fundraising Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair**

Carol stated that she is waiting for the logo to start working on t-shirts and fundraising.

##### **NeoRescue Liaison Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair**

Carol stated that Stephanie Paulicelli is preparing a report from NeoRescue, Inc. Alaina stated that it was not received by the time of the meeting.

**Website Committee – Michael McDonald, Chair**

Nothing new to report for the website report, just normal updates and announcements

**Communications Committee – Alaina Pierret, Chair**

Nothing new to report.

**By-Laws Committee – Peggy Wolfe, Chair**

Nothing new to report; the board has decided to send the revision out for a vote in May with the annual election ballots.

**Judges and Public Education Committee – Bill Goetz, Chair**

JE committee did not meet over the holidays. Will be scheduling meeting for January in the next few days

**Elections of New Members**

April Rennie (BallotBin vote 4 in favor, 1 against, 2 abstain)

**Unfinished Business**

- Meet the Breed Orlando update (report from Rachel Hosking)
  - Rachel reported that with the help of John Seibel and Stacy with Pacino, Halim Porras and Sandra Hosking with Dorian and Grazie, they had a successful meet the breed where the breed was very well received by the crowds.
- Rotation Schedule for future Nationals
  - Jessica requested discussion regarding either emailing the membership the proposal as is that has been discussed during the last two board meetings or posting it on the Members Only FaceBook page for feedback from the membership. General discussion followed and all agreed to email the rotation proposal to the membership asking for feedback. Alaina was instructed to send the email and give 10 days to respond.
- Italian Breeds Combined Specialty Proposal update
  - Alaina reported that she has been in contact with Jeff Fischer about the invitation to have a “Rare Italian Breeds” Combined Specialty in 2019. She stated that they are looking at having a show in the area of Tyson’s Corner/Wolftrap/Dulles Airport corridor that will include all rare and low entry Italian breeds. They are thinking of mid-March/mid-April for the timeframe. She stated that based on the communication she has had with Mr. Fischer, they are looking to have commitments by February 1<sup>st</sup> to begin to organize. General discussion followed and the board instructed Alaina to commit to a multiple day show and to give Jessica’s information as contact. Gonnie agreed to be a backup contact.

**New Business**

NONE

The next scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 8:30EST/7:30CST.

With no further business, a motion was made by Sherry Deans and seconded by Cassandra Boczar to adjourn. No objections; motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11pmEST/8:11pmCST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alaina Pierret

USNMC Secretary