



USNMC Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central

Members Present: Gonnie Schaffer, Rachel Hosking, Alaina Pierret, Michael McDonald, Carol Armbrust, Sherry Deans, Bill Goetz (7:54), Aaron Lozano (7:42), Will McGill, Deborah Priester, Peggy Wolfe

The meeting was called to order by President Gonnie Schaffer at 8:32EST/7:32CST.

The minutes of the December 9 BOD meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Peggy Wolfe and seconded by Rachel Hosking. No objections; motion carries.

President's Report

None

Secretary Report

Alaina Pierret reported that she mailed the membership renewal forms on 12/29 and asked to be reimbursed for the \$49 roll of stamps that were purchased. She mentioned that she was able to use paper and envelopes from a previous job she had done so the club was able to realize some savings. Mike McDonald made a motion to reimburse Alaina in the amount of \$49 for the stamps. Seconded by Sherry Deans. No objections; motion carries.

Treasurer Report

Mike reported that he has received about 15 renewals and will organize them and send a list to Rachel so she can update the database. A motion was made by Peggy Wolfe to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Seconded by Debbie Priester. No objection; motion carries.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Rachel Hosking, Chair

David Hala's name was uploaded to the website. It has been more than two weeks now and no feedback from the membership. His name can now be removed from the website and a vote is now required by the board. David was notified via email of the process. We have had a few people inquire about the club and becoming members but no applications as of yet. Alaina stated that she will setup the BallotBin vote.

2016 National Specialty Committee – Sherry Deans, Chair

I have contacted Dr. Robert Hutchinson of animal clinic Northview. He is a world renowned Reproduction Specialist. I asked him about giving a seminar on Saturday after nationals. His fee is \$250 an hour plus travel expenses, I would expect him to talk about two hours. We also have to rent a room for the seminar. Rental is in eight hour blocks only for \$350. I do believe the seminar like this could be offered to all breeds today for a nominal fee such as \$30 if paid in advance or \$40 at the door. Hopefully we get people to sign up before-hand. The fee would hopefully offset the cost of the speaker and the room. I think it's something we need to vote on as a club. After discussion, Peggy made a motion to engage Dr. Robert Hutchison at the expenses listed and to allow Sherry to determine the schedule and fees to be charged.

All forms have been submitted to AKC and we are starting to get approvals. I have also talked with the Clermont County kennel club about a room for judges' education and for the annual meeting. They would need to know how many we expect and when we plan to have this. They may be able to give us an area to have it but it may not be completely private. Otherwise we can hopefully have it the same day as the seminar and use that room. The Clermont County kennel club has agreed to allow us to have a ring to use for handling seminar on Friday evening. They will also reserve the room for our judge.

Fundraising Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol stated that NeoRescue has received the check that was sent and they will be sending a "Thank You" soon.

NeoRescue Liaison Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Nothing new to report

Website Committee – Michael McDonald, Chair

Mike included the invoice from Barbara and stated we need to pay annual website fees for the website. Peggy made a motion to pay the invoice as received for web hosting. Seconded by Sherry. No objections; motion carries. Mike then asked if the breed presentation should be on the site. Peggy commented that she would like to see all club resources be placed on the site. Peggy made a motion to put the judges' education presentation on the website so that the current version is always available. Seconded by Carol. No objections; motion carries.

Communications Committee – Alaina Pierret, Chair

A meeting is in the works for both the printed NeoGram and the newsletter. I have tried to contact the photographer that was in Stillwater to see about the possibility of getting all win photos directly from them but I have not heard back from him. I have a few articles saved but am searching for more and need ideas and input on specific areas of interest.

By-Laws Committee – Peggy Wolfe, Chair

...planning a meeting in the next two weeks to discuss the feedback from the AKC regarding membership dues structuring and IRS requirements.

...wrote a piece to be published to the members asking for feedback on term limits. Need to re-draft and finalize that (and shorten it) so it can be included in NeoGram, or emailed newsletter or be individual email blast.

Judges and Public Education Committee – Lena Moles, Chair

The JE Committee has not met, lately, A request for Head Type Pics, was requested via Open Facebook, results, about a dozen pics came in to Assist us in building our Head Education, Lena started a PowerPoint, and the Committee will access and convene. Gonnie commented that the majority of the heads that have been received are incorrect and they are waiting for a few more submissions. Alaina asked if there would be any advantage to sending an email to the membership. She stated that she would email Lena for specs and general information to include in the email.

Elections of New Members

None

Unfinished Business

Peggy asked if there have been any submissions for the 2017 National Specialty. Alaina stated that she has not received any and that it was sent in a blast email to the membership and in the newsletter. Gonnies mentioned including it in the email to the membership requesting head shots.

Peggy reported that she has heard back from editor of the AKC Gazette. She has sent the procedures and deadlines for articles. She mentioned that the deadline has been extended so we should have some good articles in the next couple of issues.

New Business

Creation of the Nomination Committee

Alaina included this on the agenda to create some discussion and thoughts for the next meeting. She stated that the committee needs to be in place by March 1st and it consists of three committee members and two alternates. General discussion followed.

The next scheduled meeting will be held February 10, 2015 at 8:30EST/7:30CST.

With no further business, Mike made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Debbie. No objections; motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15EST/8:15CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Alaina Pierret
USNMC Secretary