

USNMC BOARD MEETING  
Sunday, January 13, 2008  
**MINUTES**

Attendance: Sharon Costello, Ingrid Fortunato, Donna Welty, Irene O'Connor  
Anita Goetz, Jennifer Groves, Kendail Gonzales, Nikki Stamper  
Nydia Thornton, Rita Biddle, Shani Stewart-Robbins

**Meeting called to order** at 9:06 PM

**Motion made** by Jennifer Groves to **accept minutes** from December 9, 2007 meeting as read. Seconded by Ingrid Fortunato. Motion passed – all ayes

**President's Message:** Mrs. Costello welcomed board and expressed hope that everyone had great holidays. Topics mentioned were the 2007 Show Guide, ATIMANA, the AKC Drafting Survey, the Neogram, and the March issue of *Dog Fancy* which will feature the Neapolitan.

**Secretary's Report:** Correspondence received:  
Correspondence sent:  
New Membership applications received: One received from Jane Pampalone (NY) sponsored by Peggy Wolfe

**Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. O'Connor reported that the checking account currently has a balance of \$29,881.07. She will be Meeting with the CPA – waiting for an appointment. Mrs. O'Connor asked for a motion to pay the printers the total of \$1,524.81 for our Dec/Jan issue. Rita Biddle so moved, Donna Welty seconded, motion passed- all ayes. Mrs. O'Connor also reported that since July, 2007, the Neogram has collected \$1,287.00 in ads. She has also started a Stapes Reward card in the name of the USNMC.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Communications** – liaison Ingrid Fortunato
  - Website – Karl Groves has asked for help in migrating websites. Call Karl directly for instructions.
  - Neogram- question on Veteran Sweepstakes
- **Fundraising** – liaison Nydia Thornton
  - The t-shirts from Iveta are done, asked for possibility of different colored shirts
- **Judges' and Public Education** – liaison Sharon Costello
  - Mrs. Costello thanked Jim Deppen, Mimi Winkler and Bill Goetz for their participation in the Cleveland Seminar. Next seminars tentatively scheduled are for Tacoma, WA and the Tarhills circuit. A Thank You was extended to Shani Stewart-Robbins for sending color copies of standard for seminar. This was a big hit with the attending judges.
- **Health** – liaison Irene O'Connor
  - Next meeting is scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please read the article submitted to the Neogram for an accurate update on studies being planned. The possibility of a link to a health link was entertained. Suggestion made for Dr. Scalia to participate in this section of the committee reports at next meeting. Committee will donate basket to Auction
- **2008 National and Awards** – chairperson Jennifer Groves
  - Working on Ohio for 2009
    - Contact person – Marsha from Columbus Ohio K.C.
    - Club maintains stand alone Nationals on Saturday, Supported Entries on Sunday & Monday
    - Panel judge questions
    - Convention Center is a great location
  - Sent things to do
  - Asked Ingrid Fortunato to send auction items
  - Need budget amount to cater annual meeting
  - Premium is done – must do final proof reading
  - Trophies have been ordered

- Logo done
- Need \$50.00 from each Board Member to pay for cake
- Need to finalize arrangement with Guiseppe
- Only 11 (eleven) room left at Chase
- Brief discussion on centerpieces and ribbons
- **Legislation** – liaison Rita Biddle
  - Updates given on Tellings, CA 1634,
  - News on legislation proposed in PA and FL
  - Vicks may be “out” in time for 2009 football season
- **Historian** – liaison Donna Welty
  - Two ideas up for discussion
    - The Way We Were... column appearing in Neogram on repeated basis
    - CD portraying “pictorial” history of Neogram covers and club activities
- **Ethics** – liaison Shani Stewart-Robbins
  - Hearing scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Discussion ensued on concerns expressed that the committee – currently consisting of board members and approved non board club members- are doing all the work that a board only ethics committee would do. Shani Stewart-Robbins moved that the Ethic Committee consist of Board members and approved non-board club members. Ingrid Fortunato seconds. Motion passed with all in approval – 10 ayes
  - Procedure guidelines are being established
  - Shani will finalize arrangements for January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - Second complaint has been received and will be tabled until March 2<sup>nd</sup>. If one or both parties do not renew – complaint not applicable
- **Membership** – liaison Anita Goetz
  - Cathy White working on updating membership list
  - Irene O’Connor asked to be put on google working list – has new email address
  - Shani Stewart –Robbins asked the following:
    - that member Kim Kirkman’s Neogram be sent to her address
    - Her and Marty have paid for separate memberships and should be receiving two Neograms

Brief discussion ensued on suggestion of sticky decals given to new members. Board vote – all “NO”
- **By-Laws Review** – liaison Kendail Gonzales
  - Committee chair has had surgery – meeting to be scheduled shortly

## OLD BUSINESS

1. ATIMANA
  - a. Tabled
2. New membership applications
  - a. Names have been read at two board meetings, posted on website
  - b. Ballots will be mailed shortly

## NEW BUSINESS

1. 2009 National – see committee reports
2. 2010 National – need location. Washington State may be feasible
3. General Meeting Agenda needs to be finalized at next BOD meeting and mailed with 2008 National info

**Next Meeting – Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 PM EST**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:54 PM EST as moved by Jennifer Groves**