



USNMC BOD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 16, 2012

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MINUTES FOR JANUARY 16, 2012 BOD MEETING – 2 HR TIME LIMIT (1-9-13 POSTPONED DUE TO ILLNESS)

Actual Meeting Duration: 2 hrs 46 minutes

I. ROLL CALL: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT AT 8:36 PM EST

PRESIDENT: CARLO PIETRONIRO (JULY 2012-JULY 2014) PRESENT

VICE PRESIDENT: JOE ATTAWAY (OCT 2012-JULY 2013) PRESENT

SECRETARY: WENDY GIESKE (JULY 2011-JULY 2013) PRESENT

TREASURER: RACHEL HOSKING (JULY 2011-JULY 2013) PRESENT

SEVEN DIRECTORS: JIM DEPPEN (NOV 2012-JULY 2013) PRESENT; CIARAN MCCLOSKEY (JULY 2011-JULY 2013) PRESENT; LENA MOLES (JULY 2011-JULY 2013) PRESENT; ALAINA PIERRET [SEPT. 2012-JULY 2012] PRESENT; DEBORAH PRIESTER (JULY 2012-JULY 2014) PRESENT; DR. DAN RENFROW, PHD (JANUARY 2013-JULY 2012) PRESENT; DR. JANICE WOLF, DVM (JULY 2012-JULY 2014) PRESENT.

VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY BY BOD ON 1-3-13 TO FILL THE OPEN BOD POSITION: DR. DAN RENFROW, PHD

GUESTS: NONE

QUORUM: YES

II. READING OF MINUTES

Lena Moles made a motion to accept the minutes from December 12, 2012. Wendy Gieske seconded the motion. Minutes approved for 12-12-12.

III. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CARLO PIETRONIRO)

Good Evening: Happy New Year!

Welcome Dr. Dan Renfrow to the BOD – thank-you for accepting.

Fellow BOD members: now that the holidays are over, we have a new year awaiting us. We need to get to work on the committees and we need collaboration to get everything done. We have many goals and we need many volunteers. The example of volunteering starts with the BOD. The BOD members who head and work on the committees need to ask club members to volunteer. We need to commit ourselves on every committee to work towards goals that help the Neapolitan Mastiff.

IV. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (WENDY GIESKE)

Secretary's Box from Jim Deppen, former Secretary: Received Secretary box and Adobe Creative Suite 3 (CS3) Program from Jim Deppen. Thank-you Jim. NOTE: 2012 USNMC National Specialty DVD's have been mailed to respective buyers; Suzanne Storms states there are 5 copies on hand to sell. Suzanne Storms received them from Purebred Studios – she has been the contact person and has volunteered to mail out the DVDs as they are sold. She has mailed out all but 5 – there are 5 left to sell – 4 DVD's in one set for \$39.95. Great deal! People should contact Suzanne or anyone on the Board of Directors if they'd like one.

Contact Info Suzanne Storms: 816-517-5315 suzs600@gmail.com

You can also find Suzanne Storms on Facebook. [Suzanne Storms](#)



SECRETARY REPORT CONT'D: Correspondence Received:

USNMC Secretary Note in Reference to the letter below: *“Grant Applications must be submitted by Parent Clubs with a cover letter on Parent Club letterhead, or by non-Parent Club, 501c3 organizations with a letter of recommendation from a Parent Club on Parent Club letterhead.”*

The USNMC is ineligible for this as we are not a 501c3 and we do not engage directly in rescue activities.

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November 29, 2012

To our valued AKC Parent Clubs:

If your AKC Parent Club performs rescue activities on behalf of your breed, it may be eligible for a grant from the AKC Humane Fund, Inc.

The AKC Humane Fund recognizes that AKC Parent Clubs and their members expend untold hours and dollars to help homeless purebred dogs in need of rescue, veterinary care, housing and emergency assistance. If your club or an organization your club endorses has borne such expenses, visit www.akchumanefund.org and click Grants to learn about our Parent Club Breed Rescue program. We welcome you to apply on behalf of your parent club this year.

The AKC Humane Fund thanks your Club for being the champion for your breed.

Sincerely,

Dennis B. Sprung, Chairman and President
The AKC Humane Fund, Inc.

Daphna Straus, Secretary
The AKC Humane Fund, Inc.

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USNMC SECRETARY CORRESPONDENCE CONT'D: Emails from 11-7-13 to 1-20-13 Mostly Website Contact Inquiries:

11-27-13 Website Contact Inquiry for breeders in Oklahoma – answered back and asked if they would be interested in breeders from Texas – haven't heard back; 12-6 Website Contact Inquiry from Schutzhund trainers for link exchange – for us to respond if we were interested – did not respond; 12-8 Website Contact inquiry from Jack Bowker in NJ requesting club info – answered, said hello, sent him a membership form, the club website address & Facebook page; 12-12 Website Contact Inquiry asking if we recognized APR – American Pet Registry – answered that we were an AKC club and tactfully explained how it worked – we are not a registering body and anyone with a pet could become a member – sent him a membership form, etc; 12-14 Website Contact Inquiry for breeder on Long Island, NY – referred to the BOD; 12-18-13 Website Contact Inquiry – wants recommended list of breeders in NE Nebraska – referred him to USNMC member breeder in the Kansas City area as closest; 1-2-13 Website Contact Inquiry from vet tech in Hibbing, MN (by Canadian border) telling us about a breeder advertising Neapolitan Mastiff puppies that she thought was a puppy miller – were there any suggestions on how to deal with this? Answered that this was the million dollar question – candidly told her there wasn't much she could do...maybe to watch for pups coming through her own clinic to see if they had been mistreated or follow the police reports for the townships in the area, etc since I am (wendy) in southern Minnesota – I talked to the vet tech about names – that I had heard of one up there but neither of us knew the name of the person; 1-11-13 Website Contact Inquiry about when Nationals will be held and where this year – answered; other emails being answered by the BOD will follow up.



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V. REPORT OF THE TREASURER (FROM RACHEL HOSKING) ~ NOVEMBER REVISED

**UNITED STATES NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF CLUB
REGIONS BANK BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT
October 31st, 2012 - November 30th, 2012**

Activity Summary

Beginning Balance as of 10/31/2012 \$14,570.03

Deposits

Deposits/Credits

Deposits/Credits -

Withdrawals/Checks (Debits)

1016 Tony Gurrola	\$16.90
1017 Alaina Pierret	\$59.15
1020 Alaina Pierret	\$10.73
1023 Anthony Gurrola	\$11.44
1025 Anthony Gurrola	\$8.58
1026 Janice Wolf	\$2.86
1029 Anthony Gurrola	\$10.73
1030 Janice Wolf	\$6.44
1031 Electronic Quill - trophies	\$726.25
1032 Wendy Geiski	\$124.65
1033 Electronic Quill	\$1,864.86

Withdrawals/Checks - \$2,842.59

Ending Balance as of 11/30/2012 \$11,727.44

Summary of Checks/Debits Outstanding

Date	Check #	Description	Amount
10/29/2012	1019	Ciaran McCloskey	\$7.15
10/29/2012	1022	Kip Bouillion	\$4.28
10/29/2012	1021	Jaclyn Thorton	\$6.44
10/29/2012	1024	Kimberly Trejo	\$5.72
10/29/2012	1027	Tabitha Ames	\$7.15
10/29/2012	1028	Heather Haulk	\$7.15
10/29/2012	1034	Jim Deppen	\$63.92
12/1/2012	1035	Catherine Deluca	\$265.42
12/1/2012	1036	Duhon & Company	\$275.00
12/11/2012	Debit	Harvard Business - Registered Agent Fee	\$50.00

**REGIONS BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT
October 31st, 2012 - Novmeber 30th, 2012**

Activity Summary

Beginning Balance as of 10/31/2012 \$9,201.27

Deposits/Credits

***SECRETARY NOTE: BANK: 11/30/12**

[(\$11,727.44 + 9,201.35) = \$20, 928.79 MINUS OUTSTANDING CHECKS= \$20, 236.56]



REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONT'D (FROM RACHEL HOSKING) ~ DECEMBER 2012

**UNITED STATES NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF CLUB
 REGIONS BANK BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT
 December 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012**

Activity Summary

Beginning Balance as of 12/01/2012		<u><u>\$11,727.44</u></u>
Deposits/Credits	\$326.49	
Deposits/Credits - 6 items		\$326.40
Withdrawals/Checks (Debits)		
1034 James Deppen	\$63.92	
1035 Catherine Deluca	\$265.92	
1036 Duhon & Company	\$275.00	
Debit Harvard Business	\$50.00	
Debit Walmart - MTB Orlando	\$19.08	
Withdrawals/Checks -		<u><u>\$673.92</u></u>
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2012		<u><u>\$11,379.92</u></u>

Summary of Checks/Debits Outstanding

Date	Check #	Description	Amount
10/29/2012	1019	Ciaran McCloskey	7.15
10/29/2012	1022	Kip Bouillion	4.28
10/29/2012	1021	Jaclyn Thorton	6.44
10/29/2012	1024	Kimberly Trejo	5.72
10/29/2012	1027	Tabitha Ames	7.15
10/29/2012	1028	Heather Haulk	7.15

**REGIONS BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT
 December 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012**

Activity Summary

Beginning Balance as of 12/01/2012	\$9,201.35
Deposits/Credits	
Interest Payment	<u><u>\$0.08</u></u>
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2012	<u><u>\$9,201.43</u></u>

Barbara Lolmaugh has been paid via Paypal in the amount of \$625 (twice a month updates)

***SECRETARY NOTE: BANK: 12/31/12**

[((\$11,379.92 + 9,201.43) = \$20, 581.35 MINUS OUTSTANDING CHECKS = \$20, 543.36]

Website: Barbara Lolmaugh, website mistress who has been doing the USNMC website for a few years has been authorized by the club at the 2012 Annual meeting and by the USNMC BOD to build a new updated website: a public side and a "members only" private access side; plus she will receive and post updates from the BOD and Committees twice a month instead of once a month. This is \$400 to rebuild the two sides of the new website: \$50 for the hosting fee per year and \$175 per year for the twice per month updates.



REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONT'D (FROM RACHEL HOSKING) ~ 2012 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

**UNITED STATES NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF CLUB
Income and Expense Statement for
National Specialty 2012 at Purina Farms
September 21st - 23rd, 2012**

INCOME

Onofrio - Judges reimbursement	1,368.60	
Onofrio - Sweepstakes	169.00	
Onofrio - Regionals	260.00	
Onofrio	100.00	
Auction	8,108.49	
Trophy Donations	3,540.00	
Banquet/Gala	2,325.00	
TOTAL INCOME		15,871.09

EXPENSES:

Flight - Judge	833.90	
Linda Draper Artwork - Nationals Logo	150.00	
Wine and Judges Gifts	149.40	
Judges Expense	250.00	
Postage Expense		
Fedex - painting	145.12	
Office Max	63.92	
Professional Expenses		
Auctioneer	85.00	
*Videographer	375.00	
Entertainment Expense - subway	144.65	
Fundraising Expense		
Danny Quest	231.83	
Wine for Auction	208.40	
Trophies for reg/nat	3,126.78	
Banquet/Gala Expense	1,719.85	
Ways and Means	1,864.86	
TOTAL EXPENSES		9,348.71
TOTAL PROFIT		6,522.38

*Information regarding 2012 National Specialty DVD (sales and expenses) will be forthcoming

***SECRETARY NOTE:**

Jim Deppen requested a detailed accounting of the ways and means items. Wendy Gieske requested an accounting of club members who still owe the club for items purchased at the auction/ways and means and not paid for yet.

Entertainment Expense - Subway was for the Meet and Greet preceding the Annual Meeting.



VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS -

A. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (DEBORAH PRIESTER , WENDY GIESKE– CO-CHAIRS)

- i. Applying for Subscriber Membership: Carlos Munoz, Florida
- ii. Confirmed New Members:

Confirmed in December 2012	Membership Type	State	Sponsored By
Tabitha Ames	Full	Missouri	Suzanne Storms Wendy Gieske
Deb Bruns and Andy Penn	Full Family	New York	Cathy DeLuca Joe Steinfeld
Kathryn Russ-Dunlap	Full	Illinois	Suzanne Storms Wendy Gieske
Sherry Subler	Full	Ohio	Lisa Hershberger Carol Parish
Jeremiah & Kim Trejo	Full Family	Texas	Debbie Priester Suzanne Storms

iii. Renewals:

- a) Email: (those who have active email addresses) Renewals sent out in email on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 to all email addresses [except one that was sent on Dec. 5: Mario Nieto]
- b) Non- Email: Non-Email Renewals on paper in envelopes with return addressed envelopes (no return stamp) sent out in regular US Post on 12-19-12 to those addresses who do not have emails [Bruce Archer, Harvey & Sue Leudemann, Jane Pampalone, Rhoda Winter-Russell and Deanna & Domenic Valone] and to those 5 emails that were “bounced back” from Campaign Monitor [Carol Armbrust, Marlene Church, Hector Pizano, James Thorne, & Mary Ann Franca Whitehead - this means the email server did not accept for some reason...sometimes mail boxes full or invalid email – sent out paper copy of renewal and also asked them if they have a new email, etc]16 Postcards were sent out on 12-28-12 to 16 people who had not yet responded by email, Facebook or phone to Wendy or Debbie. The postcard asked them to please check their emails for the Membership Renewal email from 12-4-12 and 12-11-12 and if they had any questions to please contact us.
- c) Reminders: In addition to the above reminders for renewal: Messages are being posted to Facebook for Membership renewal as they were last year.
- d) Plan for January: Rachel as Treasurer is receiving renewals through Paypal and mailbox and gave Wendy and Debbie a renewal update on 1-15-13 (included in these minutes) and will give more updates towards the end of the month. Renewal deadline is 1-31-13. There is a 30 day grace period. Emails, post card reminders, Facebook and phone call reminders will be kept up through January. When possible, all BOD members are requested to remind members to renew.
- e) Plan for February: The BOD requested that USNMC Membership Renewal notices be sent through regular US Post on paper in envelopes with addressed return envelopes (no return stamp) to all members who have not renewed by January 31, 2013. These are to be sent by the second week in February. Emails, post card reminders, Facebook and phone call reminders will be kept up through February. When possible, all BOD members are requested to remind members to renew.
- f) There have been some disgruntled members who've complained about not getting a physical piece of paper in the mail to renew membership (1-2 members).

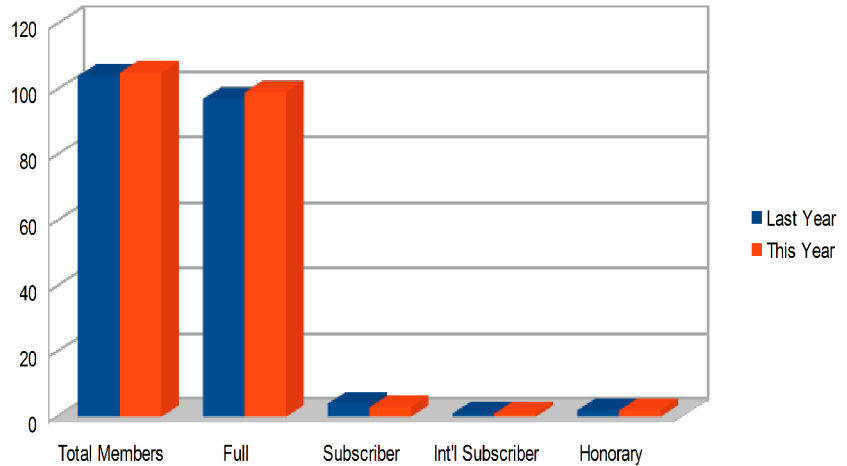


Membership Committee REPORT Cont'd (Deborah Priester , Wendy Gieske- Co-Chairs)

Renewed **as of 1-15-13** with the predominant use of the email system:

Paid Last year and/or this year ahead

- John + Debbie Grimes/Priester
- Lisa Hershberger
- Ciaran McCloskey
- Lena Moles
- Carol Parish
- Carlo Pietroniro
- Blase Scatola
- Linda Sherwin-Borst
- Kevin T. Soileau
- Jessica Stites
- Suzanne Storms



PAID VIA PAYPAL recorded as of 1-15-13

- Tabitha Ames
- Alaina Perriet
- Heidi Brown
- Michael Hindshaw
- Irene O'Conner
- Nancy Hanson
- Joe Steinfeld
- Sam Gandy
- Anna Price
- Aaron Lozano
- Catherine DeLuca/Ted DeLuca
- Christopher Arts
- Dr. Janice Wolf, DVM

	Last Year	This Year
Total Members	104	105
Full	97	99
Subscriber	4	3
Int'l Subscriber	1	1
Honorary (do not renew)	2	2

MAILED A CHECK recorded as of 1-15-13

- H Edward Tyler III
- Jane Pampalone
- Nestor Mantilla
- Steven Radtke
- Bruce Archer
- Dan Renfrow



Renewed Last Year as of mid-January 1-14-12	38
Renewed This Year as of mid-January 1-15-13	34



B. NEOGRAM: EMAIL AND YEARBOOK COMMITTEE REPORT (WENDY GIESKE CHAIR)

1. ANNUAL YEARBOOK [Printed to all members]

Committee Members: Rachel & Wendy, Will McGill (new)... possibly Alaina Pierret to help as she is familiar with CS2 – **This is a top priority. Must set the goal of this to come out in January.** Two years covered – 2011 and 2012 for all members from 2011 and 2012. Jim Deppen sent the Adobe Creative Suite Indesign CS3 program to Wendy through the mail over a week ago. Jim complained that he could not use the program and it was useless because he could not register on the Adobe site. Wendy stated that the program can be used without updates or registering, although it is inefficient. However, in a pinch, if more people join the Neogram committee, it can be used to make pages and save and send to the editor in charge to compile. Wendy signed up for Creative Cloud online on Dec. 31, 2012 to receive the discount as the CS3 Indesign program had not been updated for many years (missed the upgrades to CS4 and CS5). An upgrade for CS6 was available on or before 12-31-12 for approximately \$700. After 1-1-13 the price went up to \$1100. **Instead**, Wendy is paying the \$30 per month (\$360 a year) for Creative Cloud which is cheaper than buying the upgrade for CS6. Rachel will be sharing the Creative Cloud with Wendy, if she likes it, for now – signing up with her email. Creative Cloud offers almost everything Adobe has to offer including up to date and latest versions of Indesign, Dreamweaver, Acrobat Pro, Photoshop, Lightroom, etc plus online storage. More committee members are needed. It's not that it's hard to do technically, it's just very time consuming.

ACTION/DISCUSSION: Discussion about outsourcing as the current committee (Wendy) is not getting the Neogram out. Ironically, Wendy would spend just as much time helping an outside company or person to do the Neogram as she would do herself. Wendy offered to work 40 hours per week as the paid outsourced person to finish the Neogram as the time involved would be the same whether she helps another person or not and has all the files on her computer as no one else has access to the CS3 program for the last 6 months besides Jim. The program is now at Wendy's house and the next Neogram may be able to include more people on the committee. For now, Wendy suggested to step down as the Secretary because she feels it's more important to use her volunteer hours working on the Neogram vs the Secretarial duties. She will continue the Secretarial duties until someone volunteers to either take over the Secretary position temporarily or permanently.

NOT ENOUGH WIN PHOTOS: Will McGill volunteered to gather more WIN PHOTOS from people from the National weekend. Problem: During this process it was learned that some people have not received their photos yet and a lot of people who did get their photos dislike them intensely. Will suggested that any good photo, preferably in a show stance, be accepted to put in the publications, and maybe this will help speed up the process. So this is now the policy of how we're trying to gather more photos.

2. EMAIL Newsletter [Email pdf file sent through email and sent by US Post to Members without Email]

Suggestion taken by Lena Moles previously to send this out quarterly, suggestion under consideration. For January: Include Membership Booklet, President's Message, National Info, Photos of Members dogs, National Contributors, Ad for DVD, Minutes, Meet The Breeds from Houston, TX [Reliant Show - July] New York [AKC-October] & Orlando, FL [AKC-Eukanuba], etc.

- Newsletters are also being sent by Campaign Monitor – Newsletters sent out Dec. 4th and 11th, 2012 to those with email addresses. A cover letter was sent with Membership Renewals to those without email addresses.

C. 2012 NATIONAL SPECIALTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Please see This month's Treasurer report for financial info...

Jim Deppen requested a detailed accounting of the Ways and Means items. Wendy Gieske requested an accounting of club members who still owe the club for items purchased from the Auction/Ways and Means and not paid for yet.



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D. 2013 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT (CARLO PIETRONIRO - CHAIR)

The committee met for the first time on 1-15-13 Present at Show Meeting: Chair Carlo Pietroniro; Lena Moles, Rachel Hosking, Peggy Wolfe, Debbie Priester, Jim Deppen, Joe Attaway, Aaron Lozano, Wendy GieskeNot Present: Tabitha Ames, Kip Bouillon [Secretary note: Dr. Dan Renfrow and Kimberly Trejo have also volunteered]

Location: Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO

Dates: September 20, 21, 22; 2013 (Location and Dates decided at the 2011 USNMC Annual Meeting)

Proposed by 2013 Show Committee:

3 shows in 3 days

Friday: Stand-Alone: 4 to 6 months Beginner Puppy, Sweeps, Regional

Saturday: With host club: 4 to 6 months Beginner Puppy, Sweeps, National

Sunday: With host club: Supported Entry

ACTION/DISCUSSION BY BOD: It was decided to hold 2 stand alone Specialties on Friday – with one 4 to 6 month Beginner Puppy and one Sweeps: **Approved by the USNMC BOD:**

4 shows in 3 days

Friday: Stand-Alone: 4 to 6 months Beginner Puppy, Sweeps, Regional Specialty and Independent Specialty

Saturday: With host club: 4 to 6 months Beginner Puppy, Sweeps, National

Sunday: With host club: Supported Entry

Hire Ring Stewards and show Secretaries for Regional and Independent Specialty.

Make it very clear to people what shows are what they are.

Paperwork:

Due: April 30, May 1 and must be signed by a club officer (pres, vp, sec, treas).

Online Management System.

Host clubs same as last year, JCKC and Spirit. - Contact person for those clubs: Clete Wakefield.

Judge Contact Person: Peggy Wolfe - expecting to get a list of judges planned for the weekend from the all-breed clubs (Clete Wakefield) and will share it as soon as she gets it.

NO DECISION YET: Judges Selection submitted by Judge's Selection Committee: Left on list voted upon by the membership a few years ago:

Christopher Habig, NT

Antonio di Lorenzo, IT, FCI, [All Breeds?] Alta' Fuimara Kennel

Rafael Malo Acruado, SP, FCI All-Breeds

Guiseppe Alessandra too recent

Other suggestions for judges (list can be added to):

AKC:

Edd Biven – no commitments listed on AKC site for 9-22-13 weekend

Marjorie Martorella – no commitments listed on AKC site for 9-22-13 weekend – too recent

Dr. Sherilyn Allen – Ironstone Kennel

Frank Podgorski – Stoneybrook Kennel – too recent

Dana Cline

Marjorie Tuff

FCI:Trine Gustavsen -Witch's Melting Pot Kennel (Antonio di Lorenzo's partner) FCI International Dog Show Judge; Breeds:Mastino Napoletano, Cane Corso, Caucasian Ovcharka, Tibetan Mastiff, Dogue De Bordeaux, Sentralatian Ovcharka, Pyrenean Mastiff, Dogo Canario, Mastiff, Continental Landseer, Newfoundland, Pyrenean Mountain Dog, Southrussian Ovcharka, Mastin Espanol, Perro dogo Mallorquin, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro, Aidi, Anatolian shepherd, Azores cattedog, Broholmer, Castro Laboreiro, Karst shepherd, Rafeiro do Alentejo, Sarplaninac, Serra da estrelahund, Tosa, Hungarian Kuvasz



2013 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT ~ Cont'd

NO DECISION YET: Judges Selection CONT'D

ACTION/DISCUSSION: More Names added by BOD in meeting and Emails: Beverly Capstick, AKC; Guiseppe Allessandra, FCI, Dr. Guido Vandoni, FCI; Beverly Vics, AKC; Debra Thornton, AKC; Santiago (PR or Mexican); and more in emails...

BOD and JE Committee are in decision making process. Time IS SHORT! Everyone acknowledges THIS FACT.

Note: Please see: Page 11 of these minutes: Judges Selection Committee REPORT (Jim Deppen – Chair) "BOD's Action/Discussion: through 1-16-13 BOD meeting and emails"

In the planning stages:

TROPHIES: Coordinator/CHAIR: Rachel Hosking;

Sub-Committee Members: Rachel Hosking, Aaron Lozano, Lena Moles, Debbie Priester

National Trophies: BOB, BOS, BOW, Bred X, Best Puppy possibly from Peru

National and Other Trophies: possibly from Mexico this year for something different and other sources of artwork trophies

Rachel and others still exploring trophy ideas ~ will present as she gets them.

Action/Discussion Item: Possible \$ increase (inflation) for trophies [speak to BOD about who will make the \$ decisions]: this is going on in email discussions - Rachel is submitting proposals - will have a report next time.

Same custom as in the past to let the previous sponsors have first dibs with a deadline to pay.

Discussion on methods of soliciting trophy donations explored along with possible perks for trophy sponsors.

Phone Solicitation: Lena, Debbie

Facebook: Aaron, Tabitha [everyone else to also share on Facebook and promote]

Emails and Regular Mail: Newsletters and other publications

PREMIUM

Lena suggested that we have our own premium and deadline and not rely on the superintendent to do this as it was such a disaster last year. Jim noted that in 2012, meetings between the 3 host clubs (and the AKC) took place almost to the last minute and it was unfortunate that the 2012 Friday's all-breed club was not able to host a show at all - this caused an abundance of confusion with the USNMC caught in the middle. At the very least, it caused a very confusing and frustrating situation with extremely late and inadequate premiums that were never proof-read by us. This year in 2013, it's already a known fact that there isn't an all-breed club on Friday and so everything should be "normal" with the premium coming out early as it should. We'll request premiums to be sent out in the mail.

Next 2013 Show Committee Meeting: Wednesday, Jan 30. 8:30pm EST

Discussion of other activities: (Logo, Promotion, Fundraising Gala [Dinner + Auction + Awards], Education Seminars, Ways and Means, Meetings, Lodging, Hospitality, Hospitality Bags, Judges' Hospitality, Judges' Gifts, Chauffeurs, asking for volunteers to do the things that the show committee members cannot do while in the ring, Videographer, etc)

E. WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT (NO CHAIR)

Jim Deppen volunteered to chair this committee since he has been active with this. Goal of helping Barbara Lolmaugh, webmistress, to put up new website with new everything. Need volunteers for this committee! Present website – Wendy giving updates and needs to put the minutes up for the year.



F. JUDGES AND PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (JIM DEPPEN – CHAIR)

Committee: Jim Deppen, Lena Moles, Carlo Pietroniro

i. STANDARD UPDATE:

Secretary Note: Proposed Standard Revisions ONE was introduced to the public by Secretary on Facebook on 1-11-13. Wendy has not had time to send out to the members specifically, will send this out as soon as possible in emails and publications. Will send out the Proposed Standard Revisions ONE to the 5 households without email and to any email addresses that bounce back [meaning they did not go through Campaign Monitor].

ii. Meet the Breeds – AKC/Eukanuba Orlando by Wendy Gieske

Will have article for the Newsletter Neogram – we didn't need to spend money for electricity, Rachel supplied the battery operated fans, we had 3 wonderful beautiful dogs, etc -. Wendy will ask for reimbursement next meeting. Wendy is writing article for publications.

JUDGES AND PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (JIM DEPPEN – CHAIR) ~ CONT'D

iii. AKC COMPLETE DOG BOOK

- a) Carlo, Jim, Lena: was due Dec. 31, 2012 – **NO REPORT**
- b) Wendy will contact the editor to find out info – if they have closed the submissions?

G. JUDGES SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT (JIM DEPPEN - CHAIR)

Committee: Jim Deppen, Lena Moles, Carlo Pietroniro

BOD's Action/Discussion: through 1-16-13 BOD meeting and emails:

Ok so I finally heard back from everyone and the list of judges from the USA that were most favorable were:

- 1. Beverly Capstick, 2. Dr. Allen, 3. Ed Biven.
- The Foreign judges were: 1. Rafael M Acrudo, 2. Christopher Habig, 3 Guido Vandoni.

The list of judges already on the panel that we can pull to judge a regional or supported are

- Faye Strauss, 2. Joe Purkhiser, 3 Edna Gammil. All three of them are familiar with the breed and two of them have placed the neo in the group. I would say if we approach any of them we would be ok. If they decline then we have to move forward to find other judges.
- The USA judge Bev Capstick had the highest vote overall, second was Rafael Acrudo, Third was Christopher Habig, and Fourth was Dr.Allen, and fifth was Ed Biven, six was Guido Vandoni.

My recommendation is for Peggy to start a letter campaign or immediately a phone campaign first to vet each of the top judges and find out if they are available,, what their fees are to come and judge and if we can use them on the panel any of the two days with Sprit and JCKC weekend in St. Louis,

Once we know what they are charging and if Clete Wakefield will absorb their expenses then we are set to go. If not then we are back to square one and on a search to find a judge. We could use one of the judges on the panel that is already contracted to judge for Clete that weekend. to cover having to pay out anything. Remember we are still on a building phase from the losses suffered in California in 2010 so we must be prudent in our selection and take into consideration if Clete does not accept our recommendation then we are on the hook for the entire expenses of our national and regional judges this could run into the thousands especially when bringing in a foreign judge..

Jim Deppen – Judge's Selection Committee Chair



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H. ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT (LENA MOLES - CHAIR)

- i. Committee: Lena, Moles, Joe Attaway, Ciaran McCloskey; Need more Volunteers from around the country. **NO REPORT**

I. USNMC HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT (NEW CHAIR – DR DAN RENFROW, PHD)

Dr. Dan Renfrow has volunteered to CHAIR this committee! Janice and Wendy will be on committee – need more volunteers!

J. BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT [ALAINA PIERRET – NEW CHAIR]

Committee: Alaina Pierret, Peggy Wolfe, Lena Moles, Wendy Gieske **NO REPORT**

K. HEALTH/MHF LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT [NEW CHAIR – JOE ATTAWAY]

New Committee formed at the 2012 USNMC Annual Meeting : Mindy McElyea, Rachel Hosking & Lena Moles and Joe Attaway volunteered as chair. **NO REPORT**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. NEO RESCUE INC – ONGOING DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION/ACTION: SEE ATTACHMENT 2

B. ORGANIZE AND REORGANIZE COMMITTEES - ONGOING

- i. Chairs - need chair for Website
- ii. Goals
- iii. All Committees make a budget showing expected expenses for the year to be presented to the BOD for review and to insure proper financial planning for the Club.
- iv. Ask for volunteers EVERYWHERE
- v. Form Show Committee; make and propose a checklist/detailed plan for the Show Committee to follow.

C. DISCUSSION ABOUT BOD APPROVAL FOR PUBLISHED ARTICLES OUTSIDE THE CLUB– SET TIME LIMIT FOR DISCUSSION? ONGOING...

D. STATUS OF USNMC YAHOO GROUP

ONGOING DISCUSSION: This group was formed before Facebook – question of it becoming obsolete.

E. FUNDRAISING COORDINATION - ONGOING

- i. Online Store of Ways and Means Items, Artwork Prints from Various Artists, DVD's, Ads
 - a) Report: from last month: WEBSITE store examples shown to the BOD by Wendy Gieske – Positive feedback from BOD; no concrete plan yet, no decisions yet.
 - b) New report: Had photos of ways and means items on hand taken by Wendy's daughter and Wendy photoshop edited them – they are ready to be put on website(s), Facebook and publications to sell them...they were sent to the BOD to review...
- ii. Calendar and Calendar Ads, Printing Costs of Calendar
- iii. Website Ads - ? need website committee – JIM DEPPEN HAS VOLUNTEERED TO CHAIR
- iv. Newsletter Ads – [proposal being revised – was attachment 1]
- v. National DVD's ~ \$39.95 Includes Shipping – Suzanne Storms has 5 left to sell.
- vi. Club Discounts/Services?

-----MEETING ENDED HERE AT 11:22 EST-----



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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. REFRAIN FROM HOLDING INDEPENDENT OR CONCURRENT SPECIALTIES UNLESS THERE IS A GUARANTEED AMOUNT OF VOLUNTEERS (Proposed by Wendy)

- Need at least 10 people to run the show per day. This number should not include the people on the show committee showing in the ring nor the Show Chair.
- Show Secretary, Assistant to the Show Secretary [also sells catalogs]
- Ways and Means, Assistant to Ways and Means
- Trophies, 2 Assistants to Trophies
- Ring Steward
- 2 Volunteers to help when and where needed or as back-up for the others.
- This must be clear in any Show Proposals

B. FORMATION OF A 2014 USNMC NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW COMMITTEE (PROPOSED BY PEGGY WOLFE)

- The club needs to identify date / place of 2014's National as soon as possible
- Peggy Wolfe noted that the club used to do the national in the spring. Moving it to the fall has made it tougher on the BOD members since 1/2 of the board is put in place in July and lately mostly these are brand-new people who are thrust into the National Specialty execution on very short notice. A National that takes place in the spring gives the BOD more time to execute plans. There would be 5-6 months between the 2013 and 2014 shows.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting by Wendy Gieske . Seconded by Alaina Pierret. All Ayes. Motion passed.

12-12-12 USNMC BOD Meeting Adjourned at: 11:22 PM EST by USNMC President Carlo Pietroniro.

Meeting Duration: 2 hrs 46 minutes



USNMC BOD MEETING PROPOSALS

ATTACHMENT 1. 2 Pages

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This page contained the prior plans for the website which were combined with the new web proposal.



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July 10, 2012: Ad proposal: Proposal for Ad Rates for Monthly Email Neogram

Introductory Prices for 2012

1. Free Business Cards for all Business donators for the National or other Fundraising Activities – to the end of the year or for ___ months?

USNMC Full Members Only:

1. Title Section: New 2012 AKC Title With WIN Photo & 3 generation pedigree

- AKC CH, AKC Grand CH and other AKC Titles: Free Half-Page with Photo(s) runs for the entire year

Kennel, Breeder, Promote Dog/Bitch, Litter/Breeding Announcement or Stud Ad
With Photos & 3 Gen Pedigree

FULL PAGE

1 month \$35

4 months \$100

HALF PAGE

1 month \$20

4 months \$60

Full-Page w/ photo(s) for Memorials or Retired Veterans

1 month \$20

4 months \$60

No Photo:

Printing Only NO Photos: Litter/Breeding Announcement

Sire X Dam, Due Date, Date Born, Kennel Name, Breeder Name

Contact Info: Phone, Email, Website

1 month \$10

4 months for \$35

USNMC Subscriber Members: [Should prices be same or more?]

Title Section: New 2012 AKC Title With WIN Photo & 3 generation pedigree

AKC CH, AKC Grand CH and other AKC Titles

Free Half-Page with Photo(s) runs for the entire year

Kennel, Breeder, Promote Dog/Bitch, Litter/Breeding Announcement or Stud Ad

With Photos & 3 Gen Pedigree FULL PAGE

1 month \$45

4 months \$130

HALF PAGE

1 month \$30

4 months \$90

Full-Page w/ photo(s) for Memorials or Retired Veterans

1 month \$20

4 months \$60

No Photo:

Printing Only NO Photos: Litter/Breeding Announcement

Sire X Dam, Due Date, Date Born, Kennel Name, Breeder Name

Contact Info: Phone, Email, Website

1 month \$15

4 months for \$45

End of Ad Proposal

**BACKGROUND INFO: EXCERPT IN REGARD TO RESCUE FROM:
USNMC Board Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2011**

Attendance: Joe Attaway, Peggy Wolfe, Rachel Hosking, Wendy Gieske, Ciaran McCloskey, Lena Moles (at 9:10p), Susan Vann-Spruill, Dr. Robin White.

Absent: Troy Stroud, Dr. Pierluigi Scalia, Heidi Brown

Guests: Stephanie Paulicelli (President NRI), Cathy White (Treasurer, NRI) Joe Steinfeld (Director NRI)

Meeting called to order at 9:04 PM EST by Joe A, President

Peggy asked that the topic of the relationship between Neorescue, Inc and USNMC be moved from Old Business to the beginning of the meeting for the convenience of our guests. She also asked that an item for Executive Session be added to the end of the meeting. All were in agreement with the agenda changes.

Relationship Between NRI & USNMC Stephanie reported that they had done an initial review of the **document* outlining the proposed relationship between the two organizations. They found it, in general, to be reasonable but felt that they had to discuss it as a board in total first before proceeding. They will review and come back to the USNMC.

There was a brief discussion of the status of the monies in the Putnum MM account. Rachel H explained that procedure as outlined by Putnum and that she was working with the Putnum representatives to get the transfer enacted. She cautioned that the Putnum folk expected it to take no more than 6 months but it was not known how much sooner things would happen. There was a discussion of the process. The NRI folk signed off after this discussion

APPENDIX B: PROPOSED COMMITMENT FROM THE USNMC FOR SUPPORT OF AN OUTSIDE RESCUE ORGANIZATION SPECIFICALLY NEORESCUE, INC.*Procedurally:**

The USNMC will recognize NeoRescue, Inc. as the only endorsed rescue program for the Neapolitan mastiff. The USNMC will encourage its members to support NeoRescue, Inc. and to join as members where possible and appropriate.

Operationally: the USNMC will continue to support fund-raising efforts to support the Rescue Function of the Neapolitan Mastiff. These funds will be passed on to NeoRescue, Inc to further their efforts in the rescue of the Neapolitan Mastiff breed.

The amount of money raised annually, the amount of money disbursed and to whom will be an important part of the club's financial statements and the reports at the club's Annual Meeting.

Commitment to support Approved Rescue Organization:

- The USNMC will provide a link on its website to the website of NeoRescue, Inc.
- The USNMC will work with NeoRescue, Inc., to coordinate Rescue Events (such as Parade of Rescue, seminars or presentations) at its club events, principally the National Specialty.
- The USNMC will provide a reasonable amount of space in its newsletter for the printing of reports or stories about the rescue of the Neapolitan Mastiff by NeoRescue, Inc.. NeoRescue, Inc. can also purchase copies of the Newsletter at cost or at the same cost as Members (which is yet to be decided) for distribution to their own members or to prospective owners or for fundraising purposes (as long as they tell us before we print an issue of how many extra copies they are likely to want.)
- The USNMC will provide the name, contact info and website of NeoRescue, Inc. to the AKC for inclusion in the club information as an endorsed rescue by the parent club.

PROPOSED CRITERIA TO BE MET BY NEORESCUE, INC. BE ENDORSED BY THE USNMC AS THE RESCUE ORGANIZATION

Procedurally, an external Rescue Organization must agree to follow the indicated subset of the Rules set up by the USNMC Rescue Committee and endorsed by the USNMC Board of Directors. These are listed on the next pages. (This is a subset of the original 11 Rules set up by the USNMC Rescue Committee when Rescue was done by the USNMC as a club function.)

Operationally, an external Rescue Organization must provide information regularly (at a minimum on an annual basis but more frequently would be ok too!) Below are some examples of the information we would like to see. Obviously additional detail or additional information would be welcome. And also obviously, as time goes on and "things shake out" the information provided or requested might change to a mutually beneficial result.

Operation of the Program:

- Number of dogs brought into the program, Number of dogs refused
- Number of dogs successfully placed; Number of dogs euthanized while in the program
- Average length of time the dogs are supported within the program

\$ spent and on what and \$ in and from where

- how many are spayed /neutered while in the program paid for by the program
- other health issues addressed while in the program, paid for by the program
- \$ spent on other operational issues
- \$ income and from where

Statistics on the dogs:

- Average age, Male vs Female
- Where they come from (What geographic state or major city)
- Where they come from (owner surrender, vs shelter vs other)
- Information on how many known to be registered, etc.
- Health, husbandry issues with the dogs (most common problems and % encountering them, for example, if there were cherry eye in 15 of the 19 dogs in the program or knee replacement done for in 2 of the 19 dogs)

The purpose of this information request is NOT to create any sort of control, but is to honestly help the USNMC understand the breadth and depth of the Rescue issue and to help the club help NeoRescue Inc. educate the Mastino owner and the club's members on the current situation.

Commitment to support the USNMC

- To contact all breeders who are USNMC members should a dog bred by them turn up in Rescue and give them the opportunity to take their dog back or to help in a reasonable way with the placement or management of the dog.
- To turn any dog bred by any USNMC Member Breeder over to them (or to their designee) if the Member Breeder wishes to take possession of the dog and it is done in such a way that the Rescue group doesn't incur undue financial obligation.
- To work with the USNMC in a totally confidential manner if a USNMC Member Breeder refuses to help in any reasonable fashion. Note that the first action (and hopefully only necessary) of the USNMC would be to counsel any member on potential acceptable alternatives for providing assistance
- Whenever possible, to provide a pleasant presence at the USNMC National Specialty
- To include a link to the parent club website on the rescue organization's website

RULES THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED

These RULES were established by the USNMC Rescue Committee and endorsed by the USNMC Board of Directors as minimum rules required for a successful Rescue Operation of the Neapolitan Mastiff. These Rules were set up for the safety and welfare of the dogs, and of the adopters and volunteers involved and for smooth operation procedurally.

Note: we have Bolded the few Rules that the USNMC feel are critical to be followed by any outside Rescue program for that organization to be endorsed by the USNMC. The un-bolded Rules related to paperwork procedures. They may be operationally important to the internal rescue process but we don't feel we can dictate to another organization how to implement those processes.

1. Aggressive Dogs

Do not accept any dog that has shown any type of aggression into the program. This includes any dog that has bitten anyone, attempted to bite anyone, or that has exhibited any serious signs of aggression or excessive fearfulness (growling, refusing to look at people, baring of teeth, etc.).

2. Responsibility for approval of placement home

When a dog is accepted into the program for placement, primary responsibility for that dog shall be assigned to one named individual (usually the foster). All other members of the program will work through that individual.

This individual is responsible for the care of the animal and is also responsible for making the final determination of to whom the dog will be adopted to, when the time comes.

3. Transportation of dogs to new homes

Wherever possible, place dogs in the area of the country where they reside. We do not recommend that dogs be transported long distances by persons other than their foster or their new adoptive family.

Note that we strongly discourage that rescue mastini be shipped or flown as a disoriented adult Neapolitan Mastiff, placed in a strange new place after a long stressful journey ideally will need to be managed by someone with whom it is familiar. If only strangers are available (as after the dog might be shipped across country) the strangers must be thoroughly experienced in the temperament issues of the Neapolitan Mastiff. It is problematic if such a placement fails, as the dog is now left in a new area of the country and typically can only with great difficulty and additional stress for the dog be returned to familiar people. (commentary In italics added)

We will not use outside transportation "cur-run" organizations where the Neapolitan Mastiff is transferred repeatedly from one stranger to another in "legs". This has proven to be ineffective for our breed and can be dangerous to dog and to people when a frantic and disoriented dog panics.

4. Dogs must be altered

If a dog is unaltered, the Rescue Program will arrange to have the dog spayed or neutered before placing it in its permanent home. If a dog is owner surrendered and in tact, we will ask the owner to have the alteration performed or seek financial reimbursement from the owner.

5. Families with children

We will not place a dog that is over one year of age with any family that has children under 12 years old unless we know the background of the dog regarding small children.

6. Fostering in families with children

Similarly, we will not foster a dog in a family which children under 12 years of age unless the dog is less than one year of age or we know the back ground of the dog regarding children or unless the family has a way to keep the dog totally separated from the children at all time.

7. Reimbursement of expenses.

USNMC Rescue Volunteers will be reimbursed expenses for USNMC Rescue Dogs according to the guidelines set forth in the Standard Operating Procedures. We will not reimburse more than \$300 on any dog.

8. Paperwork Requirements for a dog to enter the program

A dog is not considered to be within the USNMC Rescue Program unless and until a proper release form is filled out and is on file.

9. Paperwork Requirements for an adoptive family

We will not adopt a dog within the program to a family unless and until a proper application has been filled out and the family evaluated to the best of our abilities according to our standard operating procedures.

10. Paperwork Requirements for Foster Families

We will not consider someone eligible to foster an animal within our program unless and until a proper USNMC Volunteer application has been filled out and they have been evaluated as suitable and acceptable within our program.

11. Paperwork Requirements for USNMC Rescue Volunteers

We will not consider someone to be a USNMC Rescue Volunteer unless they have filled out a proper USNMC Volunteer Application and they have been evaluated as suitable and acceptable within our program.