



USNMC Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central

Members Present: Gonnie Schaffer, Rachel Hosking, Alaina Pierret, Michael McDonald, Carol Armbrust, Will McGill, Peggy Wolfe

Members Absent: Sherry Deans, Bill Goetz, Aaron Lozano, Deborah Priester

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

The minutes of the January 13 BOD meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed on January 24 was made by Peggy Wolfe and seconded by Carol Armbrust. No objections; motion carries.

President's Report

Gonnie gave a summary of the regional specialty show and seminar in Alexandria, Louisiana. He reported that the show location was nice he had a good entry to judge in the show and that three potential judges attended the seminar. He said everything went well.

Secretary Report

Alaina reported that she received an email from AKC stating that a subcommittee would be reaching out to us regarding joining AKC as a member club. She further reported that there has been no other communication. Alaina also stated that she received an email from AKC inviting us to print out and distribute Crufts qualifying certificates to our qualifying dogs.

Treasurer Report

Mike stated that he deposited all membership checks and transferred PayPal funds on February 9. Gonnie requested to be reimbursed \$300 for expenses for the judges' education seminar in Louisiana. Peggy made a motion to reimburse \$300 towards his expenses. Seconded by Rachel. No objections; motion carries. Mike also stated that he has received the invoice for fliers from AKC that are included in new registration packets. Peggy made a motion to pay that expense. Seconded by Alaina. No objections; motion carries. He mentioned that trophy donations are starting to come in. A motion was made by Peggy and seconded by Carol to approve the treasurers' report. No objections; motion carries.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Rachel Hosking, Chair

2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

The following is the list of members who have renewed as of February 8th, 2016.

Current Status	First Name	Last Name	State
Int Subscriber	Margaret	Aebi	Switz
Full Family	Tom	Aldrich	OH
Honorary	Guiseppe	Alessandra	Italy
Full	Tabitha	Ames	MO
Full	Carol A.	Armbrust	OH
Full	Theresa	Bartomeo-Almeida	FL

Full	Rita J.	Biddle	MI
Full	Ann	Bielawski	NJ
Full	Kip	Bouillon	IA
Full	Rex	Davis	TX
Full	Sherry	Deans	OH
Full Family	Catherine	DeLuca	NY
Full Family	Theodore M.	DeLuca	NY
Full	James	Deppen	NJ
Full	Santo	Donati	MO
Full Family	Tom	France	KY
Full	Jessica	Gibbons	PA
Full	Melody	Ginsberg	MO
Full	Wendy	Gieske	MN
Full Family	Steve	Griggs	TN
Full Family	Connie	Griggs	TN
Full Family	John	Grimes	VA
Full	Tony	Gurrola	TX
Full	David	Hala	IA
Full	Nancy	Hanson	FL
Full	Rachel	Hosking	LA
Full Family	Sandra	Hosking	LA
Full Family	Ted	Hosking	LA
Full Family	Janet	Hospodar	KY
Subscriber	Eva-Marie	Lassiter	NY
Full	Aaron	Lozano	MS
Full	Nestor R.	Mantilla	MD
Full	Ciaran	McCloskey	MA
Full Family	Gay Bamburg	McDonald	LA
Full Family	Michael	McDonald	LA
Full Family	Patrick	McGill	MN
Full Family	Will	McGill	MN
Full	Nataly	Means	TN
Full	Lena	Moles	TX
Full	Deena	Patterson	MI
Full	Stephanie A.	Paulicelli	NY
Full Family	Alaina	Pierret	LA
Full Family	Neal	Pierret	LA
Full	Anna	Price	UT
Full Family	Deborah	Priester	VA
Full	Brenda	Prochilo	NH
Full	Steve C.	Radtke	CT
Full	Blasé	Scatola	NY
Full	Gonnie	Schaffer	NJ
Full Family	Debra	Schwering	IA

Full	John	Seibel	FL
Full	Joseph	Steinfeld	NY
Full	Suzanne	Storms	MO
Full	Sherry	Subler	OH
Full	H. Edward	Tyler III	VA
Full Family	Deanna Simone	Valone	NY
Full Family	Domenic	Valone	NY
Honorary	Dr. Guido	Vandoni	Italy
Full	Susan	Vann-Spruill	VA
Full	Donna	Welty	NJ
Full	Dr. Robin	White, DVM	OR
Full	Margaret R.	Wolfe	KY

The following is a list of non-renewals as of February 8th, 2016.

# years stayed	Last Year Renewed	Current Status	Month Joined	Year Joined	First Name	Last Name	State	Phone
16	2015	Full	1	1999	Melinda	Aaron-McElyea	MI	810-564-8105
8	2015	Full	8	2007	Christopher	Arts	NY	212-874-7895
6	2015	Full	6	2009	Renee	Arvin	TX	512-797-2540
9	2015	Full	8	2006	Joseph	Attaway	AL	205-240-3447
0	2015	Full	3	2015	Cassandra	Boczar	IN.	317-366-6039
0	2015	Full	3	2015	Brady	Bonner	OH	513-430-5822
3	2015	Full Family	11	2012	Debra	Bruns	NY	
0	2015	Full	3	2015	Carlos	Calderon	TX	504-428-4323
24	2015	Full Family	11	1991	Charles J.	Costello	NJ	908-454-8100
24	2015	Full Family	11	1991	Sharon	Costello	NJ	908-454-8100
1	2015	Subscriber	4	2014	James	Gala	WI	603-393-2324
14	2015	Full	11	2001	Sam	Gandy	NY	267-240-6551
12	2015	Full	2	2003	Heather	Giallella	NY	414-788-1515
2	2015	Full	2	2013	Anne Latimer	Goetz	NC	828-803-5087
7	2015	Full	7	2008	William	Goetz	NC	828-803-5087
0	2015	Full	7	2015	Noel G.	Goodrich	NJ	908-996-3248
0	2015	Full Family	3	2015	Anthony	Hatch	MS	662-871-2697
0	2015	Full Family	3	2015	Dell	Hatch	MS	662-871-2697
0	2015	Subscriber	6	2015	Chester	Kavanaugh II	KY	502-202-2229
1	2015	Full	11	2014	Angela	Lucas	TX	903-930-0780
1	2015	Full	1	2014	Carlos	Munoz	FL	954-662-9456
13	2015	Full	1	2002	Vera Sarich	Neering	MI	989-293-2340
13	2015	Full	1	2002	Irene	O'Connor	NJ	908-362-6708
5	2015	Full Family	11	2010	Andy	Penn	NY	
4	2015	Full	3	2011	Carlo	Pietroniro	NJ	201-655-2820
5	2015	Full	9	2010	Halim	Porras	LA	281-259-1513
0	2015	Subscriber	9	2015	Mark	Reed	OK	405-323-9810
14	2015	Full	07	2001	Rhoda Winter	Russell	TX	512-445-6013
1	2015	Full Family	3	2014	George	Schramm	WV	304-283-6432
1	2015	Full Family	3	2014	Susan	Schramm	WV	304-283-6432
8	2015	Full	8	2007	Jessica	Stites	MI	248-752-0313
0	2015	Full Family	3	2015	Kristina	Stroud	MI	517-648-9370

6	2015	Full Family	6	2009	Troy	Stroud	MI	517-648-9370
23	2015	Full	1	1992	Valerie	Valerio	RI	401-353-1245
7	2015	Full	7	2008	Dr. Janice E.	Wolf, DVM	TX	806-367-0003

I have received notification from a couple pf members that did not receive their renewal letter and will be forwarding their payment. I have also sent out an email reminder to all those how have not renewed and have started to make phone calls.

As of February 8th, 2016 we have 61 members that have renewed of which 37 are Full Members, 20 are Full Family, 1 Subscriber, 1 international subscriber and 2 Honorary Members.

APPLICATION STATUS:

David Hala, full member application was voted on by the BOD and approved. A welcome letter was sent along with attachments – Member Booklet, current Mastino Monitor, Bylaws, and the Standard.

I have received two applications for Full Membership, Jesus Velasco and Adrian Bueno. I am awaiting the forms from their two sponsors.

2016 National Specialty Committee – Sherry Deans, Chair

In Sherry’s absence Mike reported that the committee held its meeting on February 7. He said that the committee is working on ideas for trophies and has posted updates on FaceBook. He stated that Sherry is working with other groups to use the meeting room when we don’t need it. He also mentioned that they are working on scheduling to fit everything in. Discussion followed about the annual meeting and a handling seminar.

Fundraising Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol stated that the newest pottery items have just come out of the kiln and look good. She is working with the graphics designers for the screen printing for the t-shirts.

NeoRescue Liaison Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol reported that lots of rescues are happening behind the scenes and that they have been very busy.

Website Committee – Michael McDonald, Chair

Mike reported that the normal monthly updates were done and that he added the PDF of the breed seminar was added. Peggy questioned Mike about a Members Only section of the website and stated that the board had voted to have this done before she came on the board. She asked if we are still paying for this or if this was a one-time fee to develop it. Mike stated that he believed that the fee was paid but the webmaster doesn’t have the information to create it. Alaina and Rachel stated that this was an area to archive the newsletters, NeoGrams and financial statements, etc. All agreed that this is something we want to pursue. Mike will work with Barbara to develop the Members Only section. Rachel stated that she has a hard drive with the digital scans of old files that Lena had scanned. Alaina stated that she would send copies of the newsletters and NeoGrams that she did.

Communications Committee – Alaina Pierret, Chair

Alaina reported that she has had unforeseen situations come up and has gotten off track but will get back on track as soon as possible.

By-Laws Committee – Peggy Wolfe, Chair

- Meeting held Monday evening (Feb 8) to discuss 2nd draft of proposed changes which will reflect suggestions by AKC Club Relations.

- Also have another (much shorter) draft of article to solicit feedback from members on term limits. This can be published in newsletter, NeoGram, or via usnmc.commnications email. The board decided that this should be included in the newsletter.

Hope to have 2nd draft available for AKC review by week's end (by Feb 12).

Judges and Public Education Committee – Lena Moles, Chair

No report received; discussion followed about the lack of communication from the committee. Gonnie stated that he will try to call her.

Elections of New Members

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Nominating Committee – several member names were discussed to serve on the committee. Alaina was given the list of members to contact.

Creation of Judges List for National Specialty

Peggy mentioned that the list of judges voted by the membership has been used for two years so another list needs to be created and voted on. After discussion, Alaina was instructed to post on FaceBook asking for member input so a list can be created and voted on by the members.

Reimbursement of expenses for Carlo Pietroniro

Rachel stated that she received an email from past president Carlo Pietroniro regarding some expenses that were incurred during the 2015 National show in Oklahoma. According to the email Rachel received, he states that he submitted his receipts to the previous secretary and would like the reimbursement applied to his membership dues. No receipts were received and the board agreed that he needs to submit those before reimbursement can be approved.

Rachel reported that she updated the calendar on the website and gave a brief update for Meet the Breeds at Westminster. She stated that it went well and the breed was very well represented. Cathy DeLuca donated rubber bracelets to hand out with USNMC and NeoRescue on them.

The next scheduled meeting will be held March 9, 2016 at 8:30EST/7:30CST.

With no further business, Peggy made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mike. No objections; motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00EST/9:00CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Alaina Pierret
USNMC Secretary