



**Board Meeting Minutes: Date: Wednesday 02/18/15 8:30- 10:13 pm EASTERN**

**Meeting called to order at: 8:36 – 10:13 pm EST**

**ROLE CALL: IN ATTENDANCE OFFICERS & BOD**

|                  |                   |    |                                |
|------------------|-------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| PRESIDENT:       | Carlo Pietroniro  | NJ | (July, 2014-June, 2016) absent |
| VICE PRESIDENT:  | Gonnie Schaffer   | NJ | (Sept, 2014-June, 2015)        |
| SECRETARY:       | Lena Moles        | TX | (July, 2013- June, 2015)       |
| TREASURER:       | Rachel Hosking    | LA | (July. 2013-June, 2015)        |
| SEVEN DIRECTORS: |                   |    |                                |
|                  | Carol Armbrust    | OH | (July, 2013-June, 2015)        |
|                  | Jim Deppen        | NJ | (Sept, 2014-June, 2015) absent |
|                  | Bill Goetz        | NC | (July. 2014-July, 2016)        |
|                  | Aaron Lozano      | MS | (Sept, 2014-June, 2015) absent |
|                  | Will McGill       | CA | (July. 2013-June, 2015)        |
|                  | Deborah Priestler | VA | (July. 2014-June, 2016)        |
|                  | Peggy Wolfe       | KY | (July. 2014-June, 2016)        |

**Presidents Message:**

Gonnie will be presiding tonight \_

**Secretary Report: Westminster Report ? Newsletter – Peggy did print the Newsletter & sent to Rhoda**

**Russell,** Minutes from the 12-10-14 – Approved – 1<sup>st</sup> Debbie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Will

January Minutes – Sent for Approval 1<sup>st</sup> Debbie, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lena

Treasurer Report: See Bottom of Pages

Peg made motion to approve treasurer's report including approval of the \$2000+ fee for the national specialty trophies. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb no objections motion passed. – Motion to Pass - Peg 1<sup>st</sup> no Objections, National Sp Trophies –Pay Invoice

**Committee Reports: See Bottom**

**Judges Education Committee Report: Jim, Sharon, Gonnie, Carlo, Lena, Bill**

J E Will call a meeting to Review – Rev 2 –

JE : need to make a Criteria List for “people to Be a Qualified Presenter -  
JE: needs to have a Meeting NO STATUS CHANGE FROM LAST MEETING

2015 National Specialty Committee: Mike, Carlo, Peg, Alaina, Carol, Robin -  
See Bottom

Show Committee: Lena made a motion to give Mike up to \$600. For Ways and Means Purchases he approves of \_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Peg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Debbie

- **Discussion: Does one have to be a USNMC Member – to Ringside Mentor at a USNMC Event**
- **This is to be discussed and Re Visited – there were absent Officers & BOD**

Note that Only 3 trophies not yet taken by someone. Tabitha has done a terrific job.

Per the show committee report:

QUESTIONS / DECISIONS TO BE MADE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Who will be doing the Judge's Ed presentation? (Lena volunteered to be coordinator etc)

**Per Lena: JE committee will have a meeting and will decide. Deferred to next meeting**

What is the criteria for someone to be a Ringside Mentor? do they have to be a club member? Alaina is trying to figure out who to contact to participate in this

What if some other qualified person offered to do ringside mentoring? They all have knowledge and none are club members.

But do we want to honor members by insisting that mentors at the national specialty be club members.

Discussion of the importance of club membership vs knowledge and difficulty of getting people.

What do we do if there are no club members to sit in that corner?

Carlo says he will come and will be do mentoring.

Gonnie will possibly come and do mentoring.

**Decision deferred to next meeting. (Note Alessandra has agreed to do it on Saturday, he is an honorary member).**

1. We had a vote via email to approve to pay Caroline Herbel's 1 night at a hotel so she can come to the dinner. We also had a vote via email to allocate some \$ for the live auction. We believe both of these were approved. HOW MUCH \$ allocated for the live auction? (last year we think it was \$600)

**Peggy make a motion that up to Mike be allowed to spend / allocate up to \$600 to purchase for auction and ways-n-means. Debbie 2<sup>nd</sup> no objections motion passed**

2. ANY \$ allocated for the Ways-n-Means? (last year it was \$400) definitely don't need more shirts. But maybe could find other stuff. (show logo shirts will be pre-order so we don't have to pay for them.)

suggested \$400 for extra for ways-n-means.

see **item #3 above**

3. ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR to be purchased for the Live Auction? (last year it was the Danny Quest / boar statue) **see item #3 above.**
4. **The board needs to finalize the schedule for the weekend and let the committee know so it can be published.**  
**Deferred to next meeting.**

### 2016 National Specialty Planning .

We need to send a Mass Email \_ asking for Proposals 2016 - ***NO Receptive Members!***  
Gonnie is going to check with Donna Welty – about a location in NJ

Membership Committee: chair: Rachel, Peg, Debbie, Lena - Need Volunteers

SENT - Re-Newels for 2015 \_ the - The Form, unfortunately the recent one was not used,  
And the one that went out did not have the 3 or 5 year Option:

RACHEL Reported:

As of 2/18 still have 25 full members not renewed yet plus 2 subscribers not yet renewed

If you know someone call them.

Received two full-family applicants and one applicant for re-instatement John Seibel, Rachel will send info to mike for him to put on website

We then announce to members to go look and give feedback

And then we can vote two weeks later

Did send out renewal received notices and it was well-received

Did send out renewal reminders and that seems to have jogged some to renew

Bylaws Committee: Peg, John, Deb, Carlo (Alaina) **EVERYONE – Please REVIEW NOTES -**  
**\*\* See Bottom \_ there are people absent we need to EACH review – Re Visit TOPIC**

NeoGram & NewsLetter Committee: Jim - Put together a proposal to Purchase monthly Fees  
NEOGRAM - Is it \$ 45.00 monthly ?? Passwords? Tools ? Website Link ?  
NEWSLETTER - A Great Newsletter went out January 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 !

Note: used a package from **CTC website**. Free for 3 months. (package used by modern molosser)

Treasurer paid low cost of \$24 (initial package)

But will go up to regular monthly fee of about \$45 per month? Rachel needs to verify w/Jim the cost and regularity. The idea is using the package for consistency sake. Outline already set up can use same outline.

Lena thinks will be a great tool. Will let us know if someone opens an email and when.

Maybe this would encourage advertising.

Suggestion: Defer decision because we need more details, so board can approve use and cost of package.

**Studbook report:** *an 2014 Updated database will be published to BOD – in March*

**AKC Titles report:** *Peggy sent an updated Report to all Officers & BOD*

*(Publish titles monthly on the website and to contact non-members to invite them.)* Volunteer Needed

**ASK ..** Peggy gave Description's Breeder of the Year ?

The question was discussed about earning Breeder of the Year with only 2 champions.

Suggestion to have a minimum # of champions finished in one year. Suggestion have a min of 4 champions

Discussion of whether to count grand champion as one of the titles earned toward breeder of the year.

**Defer decision on breeder of the year until whole board is present.**

Discussed Brood Bitch Hall of Fame / Brood Bitch of the Year – most finished champions of that year

**AKC - Grand Ch Certificates – Silver, Platinum Titles - WE need this listed – AKC Titles**

**Website Committee:** Mike, Lena Whom Else?

2015 National Specialty Info is posted on the front page – Continually Up Dated

Barbara to post on our next update, the Feb 15th. (Everyone Needs to HELP - with this)

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Report from new World Organization by Antonio Di Lorenzo** -

This will stay until we receive new info.

**Eukanuba Meet The Breeds - Dec 2014:** Rachel, Cathy DeLuca.

**NEW BUSINESS:** *New Regional Specialty New Orleans – July 31, Aug 1& 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015*

Show Chair- Carlo P. Show group: Rachel, Mike, Alaina – AKC Approved it.

**Next Meeting** **Wednesday (March 11, 2015)**

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Debbie 2<sup>nd</sup> by Will & Gonnie Adjourn at 10:13 pm EST

**BELOW ARE ATTACHMENTS**

## SHOW:

here are the notes from our Sunday night meeting. After committee members review and approve, I will forward to the entire board of directors for their review as part of their Wed meeting.

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Sunday, Feb 7 6pm CST

Attending: Mike McDonald; Carol Armbrust; Peggy Wolfe

not attending: Carlo Pietroniro, Alaina Pierret, Robin White, Tabitha Ames, Rachel Hosking

Summary of status and action items:

PAPERWORK all ok, show up on Onofrio & AKC sites. all judges approved etc.

SHOW SITE

Hotel ok, Gay McDonald will be in charge of coordinating hotel inspector to be sure we don't leave poop and messes behind.

SHOW SITE: so far all ok

Reserved Crating: all who have reserved so far have paid

left: 1 10x10 space and 5 5x10 spaces

Rachel has sent the KC the 1st required payment 50% of total due for \$200 indoor ring and reserved grooming  
2nd required payment due March 1

PREMIUM: final update due Feb 15. we will be sure trophy donors in premium only are named if have already paid

JUDGES: Mike has copies of contracts for all judges except Juan Manuel which Rachel has and needs to get Mike a copy

Mike needs bio for alessandra. peg will find one from before and ensure it's ok and get to Mike

ANNUAL MEETING:

need schedule where and when (see questions / decisions to be made by the boare)

ROBIN WHITE's HEALTH SEMINAR

Topic to be: Breeding to the Standard for Health

(focus on eyes and rears)

Length of presentation 20 minutes followed by 10-20 minutes of Q & A

HEALTH TESTING

There will be a mobile unit there for heart testing but the equipment won't be big enough for the mastino.

Robin is contacting the vet school there to see if there would be any options for other tests at the university.

the all-breed kc is working to see if other health tests can be available as well. more info to come

DINNER:

All judges have been invited to the dinner except dana cline who judges on Sunday) all judges will be asked / allowed to speak briefly about their experience. Alessandra will be 1st speaker, and the one allowed to talk the longest.

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## TROPHIES

At last note, Tabitha had successfully sold all trophies for all 3 shows except for 11 FANTASTIC JOB!!!  
NEED: We now need to press people to pay for their promised trophies or their names will be removed (note: if not paid by the time of the last premium update, their name will not appear in the premium ..we'll replace it with a generic USNMC Trophy Donor)...but if they pay afterwards their name can appear in club publications dinner program, etc.)

## NEXT STEPS

### NEED DINNER ARRANGEMENTS

Next step. Alaina and Mike will narrow choices down to a couple. Alaina has friends in the area who have eaten at the different restaurants and can recommend. Mike has friends in the AKC all-breed club who have eaten at the different restaurants and can recommend.

Mike and Alaina will narrow choices and menu to a couple of prime candidates and present for selection. This will enable us to determine a price for reservations and for at-the-door payments.

NOTE: This year we will have a check-in table so that everyone who comes to the dinner will have to pay. It's been noted that for the last two years there were many attenders who never paid although they'd promised to do so.

## NEED VOLUNTEERS

We need

Translator -- Alaina will find from the hotel. Alessandra speaks Italian and French

Scribe -- to write down critiques in the ring (quickly and some legibility)

Typist -- to type up the critiques and print on a nice form for alessandra to sign -- can be done on Friday night after the show for ready on Sat for Alessandra to sign and then they can be handed out. (need computer & printer) (peg can do if no one else volunteers)

dinner Room set-up -- need some people to help set-up the dinner room, set up the auctions set up the table decorations

dinner check-in -- need some people to do check-in at door

auction tallying and \$ taking at end...need some people to do tallying and take \$ at end of dinner --takes at least two maybe three people working in tandem

## NEED ITEMS FOR SALE

Need items for auction

live auction (club to buy something?) club to beg,

silent auction -- state baskets? have to do a lot of pushing and publishing

ITEMS FOR SALE: Carol needs a good image of the 2015 logo for use. she will get from Robin

INVENTORY FROM LAST YEAR...Gaye McDonald did one it's below. everything is bagged & labeled and ready for transport to the 2015 show.

Below is the inventory list:

We have the auction paddles, scissors, pens, clipboards and misc stuff like signs and stands

There are a few 10th anniv bags with that logo on them

|                             | small | medium | large | xlarge | xxlarge |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|---------|
| gray tees/neo silhouette    |       | 2      | 2     | 1      |         |
| teal tees/neo silhouette    |       | 2      | 4     | 3      |         |
| pink tees/neo silhouette    | 1     | 1      | 2     |        |         |
| white tees/neo silhouette   | 1     | 1      | 11    | 1      |         |
| purple tees/club logo       |       | 1      | 1     |        |         |
| black tees/club logo        |       |        | 1     | 1      |         |
| 4 dog white tee short       | 5     | 7      | 3     | 10     |         |
| 4 dog white tee long sleeve |       | 5      | 1     | 6      | 2       |
| royal logo polo             |       | 2      |       | 1      |         |
| black logo polo             |       | 4      | 2     | 3      |         |
| green logo polo             |       |        | 4     |        |         |

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- white logo apron (5)
- red logo towel (5)
- black logo towel (2)
- blue logo towel (5)
- yellow logo towel ((6)
- red usnmc cap (2)

usnmc logo car (3)  
 my neo bumper stickers (100ish)  
 logo coffee mug (1)  
 logo tote bags (8)

|                         |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|
| red polo logo           |   | 3 |   |
| gray polo logo          | 4 |   |   |
| gray logo tee           |   |   | 1 |
| dog plane<br>tee        |   |   | 1 |
| 10th anniv tee gray     |   | 1 | 2 |
| pink neo stamp tee      |   | 1 |   |
| teal neo stamp tee      | 1 |   |   |
| baby blue neo stamp tee | 1 |   |   |
| gray logo hoodie        | 1 |   | 1 |
| black logo sweatshirt   | 1 | 1 |   |
| gray logo sweatshirt    | 1 |   |   |
| white logo sweatshirt   | 1 |   |   |
| red logo sweatshirt     | 1 |   |   |



**Membership Report:**

Angela Lucas is a new subscriber member as of December 2014 – Welcome packet to be mailed out.

A Lapsed Application was received from Carlos Calderon. The application was sent via email to BOD 01/13/15 for their review.

Membership Renewals were sent out on 12/16/2014 via US Mail. Members that have renewed as of 1/14/2015 are as follows:

Rhoda Winter Russell



H Edward Tyler III  
 Theresa Bartomeo-Almeida  
 Carlos Munoz  
 Christopher Arts  
 Blasé Scatola  
 Steven Radtke  
 Carol Armbrust  
 Tom Aldrich  
 Susan Vann Spruill  
 Deborah Priester  
 John Grimes  
 Deena Patterson  
 Carlo Pietroniro  
 James Gala (S)  
 Sam Gandy  
 Wendy Gieske



## UNITED STATES NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF CLUB

### REGIONS BANK BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT

January 1, 2015 - January 30, 2015

#### Activity Summary

|   |        |                           |
|---|--------|---------------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance as of 01/01/2015</b>                     |        | \$11,068.83               |
| Deposits/Credits  |        |                           |
| Membership Dues   | 603.68 |                           |
| Trophy Donations 2015   | 948.41 |                           |
| W & M   | 267.49 |                           |
| Crate Space Reservations 2015                                 | 60     |                           |
| Purina Parent Club (from 2008 re issued check)                | 108.57 |                           |
| <b>Total Deposits</b>   |        | <b>\$1,988.15</b>         |
| Withdrawals/Checks (Debits)                                   |        |                           |
| 1/23/2015      1069    MCKC of Tulsa for Exp Building 50% dep | 200    |                           |
| 1/5/2015            CTC Webstie                               | 24     |                           |
| 1/6/2015            Rtn Check plus fee                        | 45     |                           |
| 1/20/2015          American Kennel Club                       | 80     |                           |
| <b>Total Withdrawals</b>                                      |        | <b>\$349.00</b>           |
| <b>Ending Balance as of 01/30/2015</b>                        |        | <b><u>\$12,707.98</u></b> |

#### Summary of Checks/Debits Outstanding

| Date      | Check # | Description                          | Amount |
|-----------|---------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 1/25/2015 | 1070    | Viking Stained Glass - Trophies      | 108.95 |
| 1/25/2015 | 1071    | Websites by Barbara - Annual Renewal | 225    |

**REGIONS BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT**  
**January 1, 2015 - January 30, 2015**

**Activity Summary**

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance as of 01/01/2015</b> | \$9,203.33        |
| Deposits/Credits                          |                   |
| Interest Payment                          | <u>\$0.08</u>     |
| <b>Ending Balance as of 01/30/2015</b>    | <u>\$9,203.41</u> |

\* Interest rate is  
0.01%

**Notes -**

Invoice received from Ingrid Johnson - Viking Stained Glass - \$2,049.40  
This includes all Trophies for Nationals - each piece customized  
and 6 customized gifts for each judge. (nationals, 2 sweeps, 2 regionals  
and 1 supported  
entry)

Ingrid from Viking Stained Glass is donating a substantial custom piece for the auction.