

**USNMC BOARD MEETING**  
**Sunday, March 9, 2008**  
**Minutes**

**Members in Attendance:** Sharon Costello, Donna Welty, Irene O'Connor, Anita Goetz, Jennifer Groves, Kendail Gonzales, Nikki Stamper, Nydia Thornton, Shani Stewart-Robbins

**Members excused:** Ingrid Fortunato ( illness), Rita Biddle ( attending AKC Delegate Meeting)

**Guest:** Karl Groves (for website report only)

**Meeting called to order** by President Costello at 9:16 PM

**Minutes from February 17, 2008** accepted with corrections moved by Nikki Stamper, seconded by Irene O'Connor. All ayes

**Minutes from February 25, 2008** accepted with corrections moved by Nikki Stamper, seconded by Nydia Thornton. All ayes

**President's Message:** none (in the interest of saving time)

**Secretary's Report:**

**Correspondence sent:** Notification of National, the Annual Meeting, Tri-fold of National Schedule, Tentative Agenda; Applications to AKC for regional Specialty at Georgia Classic, September 19 and 20, 2008.

**Correspondence received:**

**Membership Applications received** from the following:

Ena Barrise	New Jersey	Associate	Sponsored by Sharon Costello
Judith Forrester	Massachusetts	Associate	Sponsored by Cathy White
Pamela Hamilton	Maryland	Associate	Sponsored by Jenn Groves
Heather Welty	New Jersey	Full	Sponsored by Irene O'Connor Sharon Costello
Susan Vann-Spruill	Virginia	Full	Sponsored by Irene O'Connor Sharon Costello
Michael Hinshaw	Pennsylvania	Associate	Sponsored by Cathy White
Michael Vescio	Nevada	Associate	Sponsored by Jenn Groves

**Membership Applications for second printing:**

Carlos Calderon	Louisiana	Associate	Sponsored by Cathy White
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**Incomplete Membership Application** received from the following:

Glen H. Pelletier	Georgia	Associate	Waiting for
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**Membership ready for vote:**

Jane Pampelone	North Carolina	Associate	Sponsored by Peggy Wolfe
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**Treasurer's Report:**

Irene O'Connor presented following bills to be paid: to Donna Welty \$77.03 (printing, ink). Jennifer Groves moved to pay bill, Shani Stewart-Robbins seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion occurred on bill received from Domain Registry for neapolitan.org. Should we pay one year or pay for 5 years? Cheaper if pay for 5 years. Jennifer Groves moves to pay for 5 years (\$95), seconded by Nydia Thornton. Motion passed.  
Club has taken in the amount of \$2500.00 this month. Made \$431.00

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Communications** – liaison Ingrid Fortunato (absent)

**Website** – Karl Groves called in at 9:31 pm to report that he still needs content for New website. Discussion ensued on the issue of BOD receiving emails from members protesting “blog” authored by Peggy Wolfe. Some want to resign their membership in club due to derogatory and offensive comments made by Ms. Wolfe on rescue and club. Suggestion made to ask Ms. Wolfe to remove her blog signature line from USNMC message board. Webmaster will attend to this as this violation of correct posting is addressed in Net-etiquette policy originally authored by Ms. Wolfe.

**Neogram** – Committee members were asked to check gmail account, articles have been sent to printers. Proof work needs to be done

**Fundraising** – liaison Nydia Thornton

No report

**Judges’ and Public Education** – liaison Sharon Costello

Jim Deppen had sent report in stating the following proposed projects: two trifold – one to be one basic information for the public, one to be on the essence of the breed and a dvd to be done on the movement of the Neapolitan.

**Health** – liaison Nikki Stamper

A separate meeting just on Health is needed. Sharon Costello suggested that emails be sent to all committee members and board members for available date of Tuesday, March 11, 2008. Everyone should compose their questions and send to Dr. Waldvogel.

**2008 National** – chairperson Jennifer Groves

Jennifer reported that Cathy White will resign from fundraising after this National. Following items have been ordered: t-shirts, towels, membership pins  
Our block of rooms is done  
Need information on National to be put on front page of club website  
\$50 deposit is needed for Annual Meeting Room  
need additional check for Guiseppe Alessandra’s Monday lodging

*Shani Stewart- Robbins needs to end her call ( 10 PM)*

**Legislation** – liaison Rita Biddle (absent)

No report. Donna Welty requests that everyone takes the time to read the legislative\ Emails she sends BOD

**Historian** – liaison Donna Welty\

No report

**Membership** – liaison Anita Goetz

Irene O’Connor gave a rough estimate of numbers re: membership. Donna Welty will give count.

*To date - Approximately – 8 Honorary members, 6 subscribers, 50+ associates, 66+ full – therefore 130 plus members to date. This does not include all seeking membership.*

Cathy White will be mailing out membership cards.

Secretary will send Mrs. Nataly Hohlova-Means a new application form with sponsorship sheets. Mrs. Means is seeking to change her associate membership to a full status.

**By-laws Review** – liaison Kendail Gonzales

Brian King will assume position as new chair-

**Local Clubs** – liaison Irene O'Connor

No report

### **OLD Business**

1. Organization of Annual Meeting

Date for additional agenda items is April 4<sup>th</sup> – written format only

Each committee should submit to club secretary a short update on what their committee has accomplished since July 1 and what their plans are for future. These should be sent by April 1<sup>st</sup>!!!

Secretary will compile all committee reports into one document and make copies for distribution at Annual meeting.

Will need a detailed report from the Treasurer – copies should be made for distribution

Will need a Show Report

2. Specialty Shows

Georgia Classic set for September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2008. Waiting for judges' approval from AKC

GSNMC planning on specialty to be held in October 2008 with Ramapo Kennel Club

Suggestion made by President to have flyers made by National

### **New Business**

1. Will need help with fundraising for 2009 National

Next meeting: April 13, 2008 (second Sunday of month) at 9 PM EST

Adjournment moved by Jennifer Groves at 10:32 PM