



USNMC Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 14, 2017
8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central

Members Present: Gonnie Schaffer, Rachel Hosking, Alaina Pierret, Michael McDonald, Carol Armbrust, Jessica Gibbons, Aaron Lozano, Will McGill

Members Absent: Cassandra Boczar, Sherry Deans, John Grimes

The meeting was called to order by President Gonnie Schaffer at 8:33EST/7:33CST.

The minutes of the February 14th BOD meeting were presented. A motion was made by Rachel Hosking and seconded by Carol Armbrust to approve the minutes as distributed. No objections; motion carries.

President's Report

Gonnie reported that he has not been able to make contact with his friend that owns a dog food company regarding donations for the 2017 National Specialty. He will continue to try.

Secretary Report

- Alaina reported that the minutes from the February meeting were emailed on 2/27. She also reported that she emailed the membership regarding the proposed rotation schedule for nationals.

Treasurer Report

Mike stated that the treasurers' report was included in the meeting packet and asked if there were any questions. Alaina requested reimbursement for postage for mailing the certificates and member pins. All agreed. A motion was made by Jessica Gibbons and seconded by Rachel to approve the treasurers' report as distributed. No objections; motion carries.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Rachel Hosking, Chair

Rachel reported that two membership applications were received and have been sent to the board for review. Applications received were from Oscar Illescas for full membership and Eddie Melendez applying for subscriber membership. She further reported that we have a total of 89 members, 87 that renewed for 2017 and two honorary members. We have 8 members that did not renew for 2017. She stated that several days prior to the club deadline 39 people who had not renewed. With the help from a few who took the time to reach out to the membership we gained all but 8 members. She thanked those who took the time to help in this area as if this isn't accomplished year after year our membership will decline rapidly. It's important not just for the membership committee to reach out to the membership but also its board members.

2017 National Specialty Committee – Jessica Gibbons, Chair

Jessica reported that she is trucking along and getting the paperwork ready to send in. The premium is due by early May and asked if anyone plan to sponsor a trophy to please do so ASAP so all sponsors can be listed. She also reported that she contacted Ed and Pat Gilbert www.gilbertk9.com about them possibly presenting a seminar at nationals. This was their response:

"Jessica – Yes, we still present our Seminars. We do not charge a fee to a National or Regional specialty Club. We do charge expenses.

We both love the Neapolitan Mastiff and have many years of experience with the breed.

Both Pat and I present at our seminar. Travel for two from Northern California, three nights lodging and meals make a two hour Seminar too expensive for the club.

When you are in California, Oregon or Washington that would provide a financially viable solution. Also expand from two hours to 8 or 12 or 16 hour full benefit presentation – they all cost the same.

Pat would love to do Sweeps.

Stay in touch.

Ed and Pat"

So I wanted to share this with the board for future nationals; to keep them in mind as presenters and Pat as sweeps judge.

Fundraising Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol stated that she is working on getting a copy of the logo for mugs and asked if there is any interest in travel mugs. She also stated that she will start working on t-shirts as we get closer to the show. General discussion followed.

NeoRescue Liaison Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol asked if the USNMC plans to make a monetary donation to NeoRescue again. Gonnie asked what was done with the donated funds last year. Carol replied that she would ask. She also stated that fosters and transporters are needed.

Website Committee – Michael McDonald, Chair

Mike reported he has the members' only section set up, and is now creating usernames and passwords for all members. They will be able to change their password after first login. I plan on moving the BOD minutes to the members' only section after I email everyone their username/password. I was also thinking all club procedures to go in here. Alaina asked him to update the Judges' Education committee list with the next monthly update.

Communications Committee – Alaina Pierret, Chair

Nothing new to report.

By-Laws Committee – Peggy Wolfe, Chair

Nothing new to report; the board has decided to send the revision out for a vote in May with the annual election ballots.

Judges and Public Education Committee – Bill Goetz, Chair

Bill submitted the following report:

JE Committee Meeting Report

February 21, 2017

Attendance; Cathy Deluca, Alaina Perret, Bill Goetz

Old Business

1. Mission statement /Job description, goals and objectives

Discussed the need for this, with there being no one clear job description, or any directives from the bod. The action to be taken, Bill has researched and inquired about this since taking over, will put together the info and present it to committee for suggestions additions etc., by committee members between now and next months' meeting. Goal is to have finished product by end of next meeting.

2.Video

Discussed how adding this will affect the seminar. Concerns are it will add length to presentation which is already too long. Benefits are having our best example of movement plainly seen by judges every time. Live dogs in seminars are not always going to exhibit the correct movement, whereas the video will be same every time, correct. Discussed where to find a suitable video. Decided to ask Gonnie if he can contact Magnufi kennels , since he is listed as committee member, (this video was his suggestion) and secure an arrangement that will allow us to us their videobeing all foreign dogs, should have very minimal effect or influence on our USA Mastini Judges or breeders. Alaina volunteered to contact Gonnie for this.

Also discussed how we need to contact the bod and let them know we recommend only using the current 55 slide presentation for all future JE presentations, and that we will be working on revising it too, to remove redundancy, in an effort to shorten presentation, preventing the audience of the seminars to not get bored /zone out, but maintain all important points and information. Need to check web site to see which presentation is currently posted. Bill will take care of this. Everyone on the board agreed to make the shortened version the "official" seminar to be used. Alaina will email the pdf version to Mike to replace the version on the website.

3.Trifold for public handouts at MTB's

Discussed how much or how little these are needed or used. AKC supplies an informational sheet on our breed for these shows too. Decided to table this for now, but then discussed a similar idea to show major points of the breed as a sort of "cheat sheet" for judges.... so they have something with them when on assignment that will help them remember the major points of our presentation. Something small, and not cluttered with too much, but plain simple and easy to read. Rita Biddle suggested this some time ago, Alaina will contact her, for ideas, perhaps a copy of another breeds work to use as a guide. Bill brought up idea of asking our club members who might be accomplished at computer graphics etc for some help for this project.

4.Recording/and reports on JE seminars

Discussed the need and the benefits. No solution was found as to how to accomplish this.

5.Mastino University

General discussion on developing process. Concerns that this may be too much for the committee to oversee, and other items will go undone because of it. Bill said that if all this come to fruition, that it should be in most instances very low management by this committee, even though it would be directly accountable to the JE committee. If set up well, it should not be time consuming.

Elections of New Members (first reading)

Oscar Illescas – applying for Full Membership

Eddie Melendez – applying for Subscriber Membership

Unfinished Business

- Nominating Committee
 - Rachel reported that the committee consisted of Anna Price, John Seibel and herself. She submitted the slate to Alaina to mail to the membership.
- Feedback from email sent regarding rotation schedule
 - Alaina reported that she received feedback from a few members; all positive and one requested that the AKC National Championship show in Orlando, FL be considered as the third site. General discussion followed.
- AKC Member Club Status update

- Alaina reported that she asked for an update from AKC regarding the status. She stated that our request has been added to the April board meeting so we should have another update shortly after.

New Business

NONE

The next scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 8:30EST/7:30CST.

With no further business, a motion was made by Rachel and seconded by Jessica to adjourn. No objections; motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36pmEST/8:36pmCST.

Respectfully submitted,
Alaina Pierret
USNMC Secretary