



USNMC Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2016
8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central

Members Present: Gonnie Schaffer, Rachel Hosking (8:17 pm), Alaina Pierret, Michael McDonald, Carol Armbrust, Aaron Lozano (7:50 pm), Will McGill, Deborah Priester, Peggy Wolfe

Members Absent: Sherry Deans, Bill Goetz

The meeting was called to order by President Gonnie Schaffer at 8:36EST/7:36CST.

The minutes of the April 13th BOD meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed on April 27th was made by Peggy Wolfe and seconded by Debbie Priester. No objections; motion carries.

President's Report

Nothing to report.

Secretary Report

Alaina reported that on April 15th she created the Ballot Bin vote for Marcus Curtis, Mariano Morales, Erick Ibarra and Gretchen Wright. She also indicated that reminders were sent on April 18th. Bill Goetz indicated via email that he did not receive the ballot either time it was sent. The results were 8 in favor of Marcus, Mariano and Erick and three non-voters; and 7 in favor and 1 abstain with three non-voters for Gretchen.

Treasurer Report

Mike presented the financial statement and asked if anyone had any questions. Mike indicated that he has not received a statement for the money market and savings accounts since March 31st. A motion was made by Peggy and seconded by Debbie to approve the treasurers' report. No objections; motion carries.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Rachel Hosking, Chair

1. Welcome letters were sent out to Marcus Curtis, Mariano Morales, Erick Ibarra and Gretchen Wright.
2. A current membership list with contact information was emailed (4/21) to Mike McDonald for upload on to the USNMC website. Mike submitted this to Barbara for the beginning of the month update. Also emailed (5/4) the list to the secretary, Alaina Pierret.
3. The following (attached) Breeder Referral Applications were received from the Secretary (4/13)
 - Donald Hite, referred by Sherry Deans
 - Deborah Cerafico, referred by Sherry Deans
 - Lee Shorten, referred by Sherry Deans
 - Jessica and Jordan Moon, referred by Sherry Deans

2016 National Specialty Committee – Sherry Deans, Chair

Nothing new to report.

Fundraising Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol stated that there wasn't much activity but a few people are buying the Neo decals.

NeoRescue Liaison Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol reported that the usual coordinating of rescues all over the country with NeoRescue, Inc and lots of behind the scenes thing were happening.

Website Committee – Michael McDonald, Chair

Mike stated that the normal monthly updated were done including sending an updated membership list to Barbara.

Communications Committee – Alaina Pierret, Chair

Alaina reported that the newsletter was emailed to the membership on April 21st and she is working on the net issue to get us back on schedule.

By-Laws Committee – Peggy Wolfe, Chair

Peggy stated that there were no significant change; she has re-sent bylaws draft to AKC as they appear to not realize they were sent before. She is drafting article for publication to members on status / proposed changes and feedback from question about term limits.

Judges and Public Education Committee – Lena Moles, Chair

No report received.

Elections of New Members

- Marcus Curtis (Lapsed)
- Mariano Morales (New, Full)
 - Erick Ibarra (New, Full)
- Gretchen Wright (New, Full)

All were voted in by an affirmative vote.

Unfinished Business

- 2017 Show Site Proposals
 - Alaina reported that the she will have a report from the search committee by next month's meeting.

New Business

- Breeder List on website
 - Mike proposed we create a breeder directory on our website for USNMC members. He stated that we are always saying 2 things, what do our members get for being part of the parent club and we need to improve the health of our breed. He stated that he would like to mimic what the Great Dane club is doing and provided links to the relevant pages. Breeders on the breeder directory have to be in good standing with the club and also must have their dogs health tested and have a CHIC certificate on the breeding stock in their program. The wording would be a little different than the Dane club, but would basically say the same thing in general and CHIC is something that can be verified. Based on reading several other parent club sites he stated that he see this is becoming a trend, so he thinks we need to get this in place so we can start moving forward. Peggy made a motion to approve the concept of the breeder referral list and to begin by documenting the process for developing and maintaining it on an on-going basis. Seconded by Debbie. Mike agreed to take on the task of developing the procedures for this list. No objections; motions carries.

- Annual Election; Where do we want to return ballots and who will count them; Rachel will contact the accounting firm that counted ballots for the cub in previous elections and will get the address to Alaina
- Official Complaints received (see attachment)
 - At 9:23EST/8:23CST the board of directors entered into Executive Session to discuss two (2) formal complaints that had been received by the secretary. During this session a decision was reached to create a BallotBin vote to determine if the board should move forward with an Investigating Committee or not. Alaina will create the ballot so that all board members are able to vote and she will contact the board members that are absent to make them aware of the discussion. Executive session was closed at 9:51EST/8:51CST.

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

With no further business, Mike made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Debbie. No objections; motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51EST/8:51CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Alaina Pierret
USNMC Secretary