



USNMC Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central

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

Members Absent: John Grimes (trouble calling in/phone issues)

The meeting was called to order by President Gonnie Schaffer at 8:31EST/7:31CST.

The minutes of the April 11th BOD meeting were presented. A motion was made by Rachel Hosking and seconded by Jessica Gibbons to approve the minutes as distributed. No objections; motion carries.

President's Report

Nothing to report

Secretary Report

Alaina reported that the minutes from the April meeting were emailed on 4/19. She also reported that the BallotBin vote was created for new members on 4/12 but due to errors in the bin a new one was created in 4/24.

Treasurer Report

Due to Mike having trouble calling in, Alaina stated that the treasurers' report was included in the packet that was sent out and asked if anyone had any questions. A motion was made by Jessica Gibbons and seconded by Cassandra Boczar to approve the treasurers' report as distributed. No objections; motion carries.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Rachel Hosking, Chair

Rachel reported that both new members were emailed a welcome packet. She also stated that a new full member application was received from John Flatt with sponsor forms from Bill Goetz and Steve Griggs. All forms were submitted to the board for their review.

2017 National Specialty Committee – Jessica Gibbons, Chair

Jessica reported that all AKC paperwork and the premium has been sent in, just waiting on confirmations and responses and as far as she knows, ALL trophies are sponsored and just a few stragglers have to pay. She stated that she is ready to order trophies and rosettes and asked how to handle payments that are needed immediately? Since Mike was not on the call at the time, she said she would contact him directly. She also reported with the best head class, Jim would like to "grade" the top 6 cut and suggested that we have a form with an "ideal" head on it and he will score the various parts and characteristics. The highest score would then be awarded Best Head. 1) Is this ok with the board? and 2) He suggested a scoring scale of 1 through 10 with 10 being the best, does this sound ok? Gonnie stated that it should be left up to Jim how he wants to judge the class and not make a standardized "rule". Jessica then stated that right now we have a concern with the cash bar options and will report more as information comes in. Other than that, we are just moving along.

Fundraising Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Nothing new to report

NeoRescue Liaison Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol stated that it's same ole' same ole' in the rescue world, fosters needed, donations, etc.

Website Committee – Michael McDonald, Chair

Nothing new to report

Communications Committee – Alaina Pierret, Chair

Alaina stated that she has the email ready to send requesting names of judges from the membership. General discussion followed and it was decided to have a one week response and to include a statement that no add in names will be accepted after the closing date.

By-Laws Committee – Peggy Wolfe, Chair

Alaina reported that she and Peggy worked with AKC Club Relations on a few verbiage changes to make the by-laws consistent with AKC requirements for our Member Club request. She said she emailed everyone a copy of the revised proposal and is waiting to hear back from Susan at AKC to make sure everything is okay to proceed with the ballot.

Judges and Public Education Committee – Bill Goetz, Chair

No report since there was no meeting since the last update

Elections of New Members

Alaina reported that the results of the BallotBin vote for Oscar Illescas and Eddie Melendez were 8 vote in favor and 3 non votes. She stated that this is the first reading for John Flatt.

Unfinished Business

- Update on North Carolina Working Group Specialty (possible site for 2018 Specialty)
 - Rachel reported that she has been in contact with Cathy Rubens and forwarded the information to Alaina that was included in the packet. She stated that this is a 4 day show with a working group specialty on Friday and Saturday so there is the opportunity for 6 shows in 4 days and is held in Concord, NC. Gonnies suggested everyone take a look at the information and asked Alaina to send an email in a week to everyone for voting on the site.

New Business

- AKC offer to host Specialties or Supported Entries at the AKC National Championship
 - Alaina stated that she received an email from AKC offering to host specialties or supported entries in Orlando for 2017 and beyond. The email also had a request for the names of 5 judges the parent clubs would recommend to judge the breed. No discussion regarding the host offer since it has been discussed in the past. Gonnies suggested we wait until we get the results back from the membership regarding the judge before submitting any to AKC.

The next scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 8:30EST/7:30CST.

With no further business, a motion was made by Jessica and seconded by Rachel to adjourn. No objections; motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08pmEST/8:08pmCST.

Respectfully submitted,
Alaina Pierret
USNMC Secretary