



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

Members Present: Gonnie Schaffer, Rachel Hosking, Alaina Pierret, Michael McDonald, Carol Armbrust, Sherry Deans, Aaron Lozano, Will McGill, Deborah Priestler, Peggy Wolfe

Members Absent: Bill Goetz

The meeting was called to order by President Gonnie Schaffer at 8:34EST/7:34CST.

The minutes of the May 11th BOD meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed on May 18th was made by Peggy Wolfe and seconded by Mike McDonald. No objections; motion carries.

President's Report

Nothing new to report.

Secretary Report

Alaina reported she emailed the minutes from the May meeting on May 18th and mailed the annual election ballots on May 16th since the 15th fell on a Sunday.

Treasurer Report

Mike presented the financial statement and asked if anyone had any questions. Mike indicated again that he has not received a statement for the money market and savings accounts since March 31st. Alaina requested reimbursement for expenses for the annual election ballots in the amount of \$32.95 and added that the receipts have been emailed to Mike. Everyone agreed that this was a normal expense and no motion was needed and instructed Mike to reimburse this. A motion was made by Peggy and seconded by Carol Armbrust to approve the treasurers' report. No objections; motion carries.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Rachel Hosking, Chair

Rachel Hosking reported that one application for junior membership has been received and pointed out that this is our first junior. She asked Mike to publish the name on the website and Alaina stated that she would send an email to the membership when Mike let her know the name was posted on the website.

2016 National Specialty Committee – Sherry Deans, Chair

Sherry Deans asked for final approval of the Dr. Hutchinson contract so she can sign it and return it to him. Peggy made a motion to sign the contract. Seconded by Debbie. No objections; motion carries. Sherry then stated that the quilt should be finished this week (week of June 8) and shipped to her. The board instructed her to get with Mike for payment. She also reported that we still have a few trophies that need sponsored and the committee is finalizing the plans for what trophies will be given. Peggy asked about scheduling and Sherry reported that it has not been finalized but is coming together. Sherry stated that our judges will be Walter Pinsker from Canada for Saturday and Dana Cline for Sunday.

Fundraising Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Nothing new to report.

NeoRescue Liaison Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol reported that NeoRescue is busy quietly handling rescues across the country.

Website Committee – Michael McDonald, Chair

Mike stated that the normal monthly updates were done but not much progress has been made on the breeder list. Peggy agreed to help with the draft.

Communications Committee – Alaina Pierret, Chair

Alaina stated that she had nothing to report. Peggy agreed to help with communications and asked Alaina if she received the thumb drive of photos she sent for the NeoGram. Alaina replied that she had but has not had time to look at them yet.

By-Laws Committee – Peggy Wolfe, Chair

Peggy reported that we heard back from the AKC, they accepted all proposed changes as approvable in format by the AKC. This means if we have no more changes, they would be ok if this is the version we send to our members. The committee met on Tuesday, June 7, for another review and made minor tweaks. She stated that she would send the draft to the board and said the next step is to send it to the membership for feedback and based on any received it will need to be sent out for a double blind vote the same as with the annual election. Her goal is to have the vote take place before the end of the year.

Judges and Public Education Committee – Lena Moles, Chair

No meeting held within the month; Jim Deppen will NOT be doing the JE seminar in Houston, TX with the dog show. Gonnie asked Alaina to look up the contact for the seminars to see if the invitation to participate still stands. He instructed her to contact Lena also to see what has been done. After discussion, Gonnie suggested that we replace Lena as chair of the committee. The issue will be taken up at a later time.

Elections of New Members

- Hayden J. Tarr, Junior Applicant

Unfinished Business

- 2017 Show Site Proposals
 - Alaina reported she is compiling a list of possible show sites and has asked other exhibitors for input. General discussion followed and Alaina clarified that she is not chairing the show, only searching for sites. Peggy commented that finding someone to chair the show has always been the hard part. She suggested that Alaina write up the site information that she rears to the board and email it to everyone.
- Investigation Committee Recommendation – Formal Complaints
 - At 9:38EST/8:38CST the board of directors entered into Executive Session to discuss the recommendation of the Investigative Committee regarding the formal complaints received. Discussion followed. Alaina was instructed to email the accused to ask for clarification. A special meeting was called for Wednesday, June 15 to further discuss the issue and for the reply. Executive session closed at 10:19EST/9:19CST.

New Business

- Gonnie and Alaina stated that they received the packet of information for the AKC National Championship in Orlando, Florida. Alaina reported that the invitation to participate in the Meet the Breeds event and a request for medallions was included. She mentioned that several years ago a standing motion was

made to approve the purchase of the award medallions and just wanted to inform everyone that we received the request. She will forward the form to Mike for payment. The board discussed Meet the Breed and instructed Alaina to contact Sherry Subler since she helped and expressed interest in helping again.

The next scheduled meeting will be held July 23, 2016 at 8:30EST/7:30CST.

With no further business, Mike made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Sherry. No objections; motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 10:23EST/9:23CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Alaina Pierret
USNMC Secretary