

**USNMC BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008  
MINUTES**

**In attendance:** Sharon Costello, Ingrid Fortunato, Donna Welty, Irene O'Connor (called in at 10:40 PM), Kendail Gonzales, Jennifer Groves, Nikki Stamper, Shani Stewart-Robbins, Nydia Thornton

**Excused:** Rita Biddle (AKC Delegate meeting)

**Absent:** Anita Goetz

**Meeting called to order** at 9:10 PM EST

**Minutes:** Motion made by Jennifer Groves to accept minutes from May 6, 2008, as printed. Seconded by Shani Stewart-Robbins

**President's Report:** Several items on tonight's agenda will need a vote so that the BOD may take a "break" for the summer months of July and August. Committees may continue to meet. If anything demands the BOD's attention, email, phone calls and/or a BOD meeting may result.

**Secretary's Report:** Correspondence **sent** included draft of letter to be sent to full members re: status of the ATIMANA and Neogram; letter to Domain Registry of America. Correspondence **received** included various emails, membership applications, and letter from Cesar Duncan.

**New Membership applications – 1<sup>st</sup> Printing**

Theresa Almeida	Pennsylvania	Associate	Sponsor – Sharon Costello
Tom Bell	Pennsylvania	Associate	Sponsor – Sherilyn Allen
Maryann Whitehead	Texas	Associate	Sponsor – Cathy White

**Membership Applications – 2<sup>nd</sup> Printing**

Jan Green	Indiana	Associate	Sponsor – Cathy White
Anthony Gomez	Virginia	Associate	Sponsor – Cathy White
Pierluigi Scalia	California	Associate	Sponsor – Donna Welty
Janice E.Wolf DVM	Texas	Associate	Sponsor – Cathy White
Anthony Kyle	Virginia	Associate	Sponsor – Nikki Stamper
Douglas Mott	New York	Associate	Sponsor – Cathy White
Glen Pelliter	Virginia	Associate	Sponsor – Nikki Stamper

**Treasurer's Report:** *Preliminary report on 2008 National sent to BOD 5/12/08*  
Income: \$60 from Baltimore KC Jim Deppen, Judges Seminar: \$125  
Ways & Means:\$30 Total: \$215

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Expenses: \$44.50 Website  
\$2.70 AKC Registrations

Total Checks: \$47.20.  
Treasurer will be meeting with accountant.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Communications – liaison Ingrid Fortunato

**Website** – Updated committee members consist of Ted DeLuca, Shawn Welty, Jenn Groves, Shani Stewart-Robbins, Sharon Costello, Donna Welty. All members were asked to send Karl Groves their chosen passwords (8 letters) so that they could log on site as administrators. There will be a webinar on Thursday night – June 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 PM.

- Noted that communication was received from Ms. Wolfe in regards to website.
- Shani Stewart-Robbins moved that the BOD approve the creation of message board that will be well moderated and have a positive netiquette policy. Jennifer Groves seconded. Vote taken – all ayes. Motion passed.
- Those volunteering to be moderators were as follows: Nikki Stamper, Jenn Groves, Cathy White (as volunteered by Jenn), Kendail Gonzales, Donna Welty, Sharon Costello, Ted De Luca, and Karl Groves.
- Nikki Stamper suggested that the link to Underground Mastino be removed
- Our 2008 National Specialty should have pictures posted. Jennifer Groves will attend to this. Also need to post info for 2009 National.

**Neogram** – Hopefully all show win pictures from 2008 USNMC have been sent to editor.

**Fundraising** – liaison Nydia Thornton

- Status of Inventories?? Ms. Thornton stated she will be working on this after June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Online Store progress?? Items need to be brought to Irene O'Connor who will in turn take pictures, post on store and handle sale and postage per previous agreement

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

- Request from Imperial K.C. in Yuma, AZ for seminar declined due to several factors ( cost of travel, time element, etc.)
- Seminars set for Connecticut Working Dog ( Sharon Costello and Jim Deppen ) and North Carolina ( Jim Deppen ).
- Possible date of seminar in April 2009 in Georgia
- Criteria for Judges Selection committee will be sent to BOD
- Request to be mentor received by Lisa Cinciripini
- Need to review/revise Mentor Criteria due to fact last update done when rare breed

**Health** – liaison Nikki Stamper

- To date, only 20 blood samples have been received. Need 100 for study to take place. Nikki Stamper will make some calls within the week.
- Okay for Graziano Scalia to link to our website. He needs to contact Karl Groves

**Legislation** – liaison Rita Biddle

- Rita Biddle is attending AKC Delegates meeting this weekend
- Please read emails sent to BOD from Donna Welty regarding latest legislation and remember to check club website

**Historian** – liaison Donna Welty

- No formal report
- Time is closing in – committee (of 2 ) will be working on this shortly

**Ethics** - liaison Shani Stewart-Robbins

- Revision of Code of Ethics is done
- Revisions were emailed to BOD
- There has been no response from article in Neogram

**Membership** – liaison Anita Goetz

- Liaison absent
- Cathy White had emailed report to me 6/4/08
- Forwarded Cathy's report to BOD

**By-Laws** – liaison Kendail Gonzales

- Revisions will sent to BOD via email asap

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

- Nothing heard from California clubs
- Garden State Club planning Specialties for October 12, 13, 2008

**2009 National and Awards** – Showchair Jennifer Groves, Co- chair Cathy White

- Contact with Palazzo has been difficult –waiting to hear if AKC approves
- Contact needs to be made with Lisa Cinciripini as she was members 1<sup>st</sup> choice for Sweepstakes
- Need a Sweepstakes judge and class judge for Friday – possible to use panel judge from New Brunswick K.C. or we provide one. Dr. Penta was suggested.
- Contract with Sheraton was very detailed – no deal
- Red Roof has been called numerous times – no response back

## Old Business

- Final draft of letter to be sent to full members requesting vote on status of ATIMANA and Neogram emailed to BOD. Ingrid Fortunato moves to accept letter. Jennifer Groves seconds. Vote – all ayes. Letters to be mailed asap
- Ingrid Fortunato moves to pay existing bill for 2007 ATIMANA dues (*need amount from Irene*). Nikki Stamper seconds. Vote – all ayes. Motion carried
- September Douglasville K.C. Georgia Specials – hotel info posted, trophies secured, judges approved.
- Washington Supported Entry on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Rainer Working Dog Club show. Judges for breed classes are Dr. R.M. Brown and Mr. Dana Cline. (*Shani – need your help here --Trophies to be Pewter Bowls, towels. Have note that Nikki moves all Neos ??? Jenn 2<sup>nd</sup> – all ayes*)
- 2010 National proposal to be presented by Shani Stewart-Robbins shortly
- DVD from 2008 National – lighting problems has compromised quality – trying to correct problem.

## New Business

- 2008 ATIMANA show scheduled for September 19-21, 2008 in Salerno, Italy
- Judges & Public Education Committee will have secretary forward Committee Criteria for Judges Selection. Response comments from BOD should be emailed to Committee. Remember to click on “Reply All”
- Suggested that BOD recess for July and August. Committees may continue to meet on a “as needed” basis. If there is any need for a BOD meeting to be held during July and August, BOD will be contacted.

Adjournment moved by Jennifer Groves at 12:10 AM June 9, 2008

Next meeting: Sunday, September 14, 2008 9PM EST