



USNMC Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, July 13, 2016
8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central

Members Present: Gonnie Schaffer, Rachel Hosking, Alaina Pierret, Michael McDonald, Carol Armbrust, Cassandra Boczar, Sherry Deans, Jessica Gibbons, John Grimes, Aaron Lozano (8:29pm), Will McGill

The meeting was called to order by President Gonnie Schaffer at 8:32EST/7:32CST.

The minutes of the June 8th BOD meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed on June 19th was made by Rachel Hosking and seconded by Carol Armbrust. No objections; motion carries.

President's Report

Gonnie reported that he received the quarterly CHIC report and emailed it to Alaina.

Secretary Report

Alaina reported she emailed the minutes from the June meeting on June 19th and mailed the notice letter for the disciplinary hearing to Marcus Curtis via certified mail. She also reported that she emailed the annual election results to the membership on July 5th.

Treasurer Report

Mike presented the financial statement and asked if anyone had any questions. A motion was made by Carol Armbrust and seconded by Jessica Gibbons to approve the treasurers' report. No objections; motion carries.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Rachel Hosking, Chair

Rachel Hosking reported that Hayden Tarr, junior membership application, was received and that Mike posted name on the website for membership review. She also stated that Alaina notified all members to view new application and refer back with any comments. She reported that she received no response from the membership. Second reading required and ballot bin vote by the BOD. Alaina will setup the BallotBin vote.

2016 National Specialty Committee – Sherry Deans, Chair

Sherry asked to once again to revisit the judges' education stating that she thinks we need to assign someone to do the seminar and in her opinion there would be nothing worse than being unprepared for such an important item. After some discussion Gonnie stated that he would contact Peggy Wolfe to see if she would do it. Sherry stated that we don't have an exact start time for our National yet but we will be within the 12-4 time slot on October 21st and would propose that the judges' education be planned for 10:00-or 10:30. Sherry then made a formal motion for the USNMC to sponsor 1 or 2 of the trophies for the Mastiff regional going on the same weekend as our National. Seconded by Cassandra Boczar. No objections; motion carries.

Fundraising Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol stated that she picked up some of the pottery pieces and is getting ideas for pricing for t-shirts and other fundraising items.

NeoRescue Liaison Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol reported that as usual rescues across the country were in need.

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 and briefly explained to the incoming board was being worked on. He is working with Peggy on the verbiage for the criteria and hopes to have something to report for the next meeting.

Communications Committee – Alaina Pierret, Chair

Nothing new to report at this time.

By-Laws Committee – Peggy Wolfe, Chair

Peggy reported via email that as stated during the June board meeting, we have heard from the AKC Club Relations who has said that the current draft is in an acceptable-to-AKC format. She sent a copy of the draft document, all changes indicated with comments on the reasons for an impact of all changes. She also sent a copy to the in-coming board members and requested everyone read, review, make comments and give feedback with the ultimate goal of asking for board permission to send this draft document to all members for all members review, feedback etc. This step of member review / feedback is important. Two of the existing board members (Alaina and John) and one former board member (Debbie) are on the committee and so have read and reviewed the document. I also heard from one other board member (Mike) and one former board member (Bill) both of whom reported they had read and reviewed the document and had no problems. She asked the board to consider and to vote on the idea to send this document to all members for their review. We would give members some suitable time period for review (two weeks?). If there are any significant objections or suggestions made we would go through another amendment cycle. If there are no significant objections or suggestions we would take the next step to send it to the membership for their vote (double-blind envelope procedures) and necessary follow-up to the AKC.

Judges and Public Education Committee – Lena Moles, Chair

No report received. JE Seminar planned and being prepared for in Houston, TX next week. Gonnies suggested that the board needs to replace Lena Moles as chair of the committee since it has been stagnant for some time. After some general discussion, Cassandra made a motion to ask Bill Goetz to chair the Judges and Public Education Committee. Seconded by Will McGill. No objections; motion carries. All agreed that he will be given a six month trial period and review to ensure that the committee moves in a direction.

Elections of New Members

- Hayden J. Tarr, Junior Applicant (Second Reading)
 - Alaina will setup BallotBin vote

Unfinished Business

- 2018 National Invitation from Cane Corso Club of America
 - Rachel reported that she and Mike had a conference call with representatives of the CCOA regarding their invitation. She stated that the two sites they are looking at are Purina Farms in Missouri or Roberts Centre in Ohio. They do not have an exact date but stated that it will be in April or May of 2018. The CCOA states that all expenses would be split 50/50 but their membership voted to not have foreign judges so we would be responsible for the entire cost should we want an international judge. General discussion followed.
- Meet the Breeds – Houston, TX

- Alaina reported (since Rachel's phone dropped the call) that Rachel had received and returned the information for the Meet the Breed event held with the World Series of Dog Shows in Houston, TX. She will pass along the information about time and date as soon as it is received.
- Disciplinary Hearing
 - Alaina reminded everyone that the disciplinary hearing regarding the formal complaints that were received will be held on Monday, July 18th and that all information could be found in the packet that was emailed to them along with the agenda.
- AKC Invitation to join AKC as a member club
 - Alaina reported that she is contacting Don James, the liaison for the AKC, to see what needs to be done to move forward.

New Business

- Troy Stroud emailed a request to Alaina asking for \$200 for trophies for the regional specialty to be held in Lansing, Michigan in December. Alaina made a motion to grant his request for \$200. Seconded by Carol. No objections; motion carries.

The next scheduled meeting will be held August 10, 2016 at 8:30EST/7:30CST.

With no further business, Mike made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Cassandra. No objections; motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pmEST/8:40pmCST.

Respectfully submitted,
Alaina Pierret
USNMC Secretary