



USNMC Board Meeting Minutes Date: Wednesday 07/22/15

Via conference call: Phone: 605-475-3200 Access

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Minutes recorded by Robin White

Meeting called to order at: 5:35pm PST

ROLE CALL: IN ATTENDANCE OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT:	Gonnie Schaffer	NJ	(July, 2015-June, 2016)
VICE PRESIDENT:	Rachel G Hosking	LA	(July, 2015-June, 2016)
SECRETARY:	Robin White	OR	(July, 2015-June, 2016)
TREASURER:	Mike McDonald	LA	(July. 2015-June, 2017)
SEVEN DIRECTORS:			
	Carol Armbrust	OH	(July, 2015-June, 2017)
	Sherry Deans	OH	(July, 2015-June, 2017)
	Bill Goetz	NC	(July. 2014-July, 2016)
	Aaron Lozano	MS	(July, 2015-June, 2017)
	Will McGill	CA	(July. 2015-June, 2017)
	Deborah Priester	VA	(July. 2014-June, 2016)
	Peggy Wolfe	KY	(July. 2014-June, 2016)

Presidents Message:

- A special meeting to go over committees and finish the business from July 8, 2015

Secretary Report:

- Addendum 1 - Email business conducted between June 8 and June 22
- Addendum 2 - CHIC Report
- Addendum 3 - Calendar of activities
- Addendum 4 - Summary of 2015 Show
- The AKC needs to be notify of board and club address changes
- Motion to approve meeting minutes from July 8, 2015 by Peggy. 2nd Aaron. No one against. Motion Passed

Treasurer Report:

- Mike stated that the Joker.com account (USNMC domain name) had the wrong contact information and he had gone ahead and updated it so emails will go to him. The account will be paid every two years.
- Monthly summary of treasury is still as of end of June so is same as last meeting. Nothing new to report.
- Official handoff will be in Kenner next weekend

Committee Reports:

- Peggy and Sherry had developed a membership survey. This was sent to the board members to review (using Ballotbin software to test it), survey should be sent to membership. Peg will do.
- Annual summary of Committees
 - Membership Committee (Rachel Hosking – Chair) Debbie Priester, Bill Goetz
 - Rachel has to verify if Lena Moles is still wanting to be on the committee. Peggy resigned from this committee, although still offering to help as needed. New and old members are joining and with the new process members are being approved faster.
 - 2016/2017 National Specialty Committee (Sherry - Chair) members- Members on committee: jim deppen, suzanne storms, cairan mccloskey, sherry subler, jessica gibbons, candice cane,

Judges-has Rafael Mallo Acrudo been contacted? Sherry will verify judge has been contacted. Mike asked about the rest of the panel of judges and Sherry said judging panel is already determined. Sherry asked if the banquet should be on Saturday eve or if it's best done a different date. The BOD decided this should be determined by the NS Committee but that attendance needs to be a priority. Same with Annual Meeting. Committee to develop initial schedule and recommend to the board.

Sherry asked about the number of shows, if there should be 3 or 4 shows. Deb prefers four shows more opportunity for Majors. Peg thinks 3 shows so that there is more opportunities to do other important things. Bill is strongly against 4 shows siting stress on dogs and how many new exhibitors enter who may not be able to “read” their dogs effectively..Bill makes a motion to have 3 shows, Peggy 2nds. No one against. Motion Passed

- Peggy asked about the other judges for the supported entry, sweepstakes, and asked if there will be a 4-6m event. Sherry said that the judges have already been selected by the host club and that we need to choose from the judges they have already chosen for the supported entries. Sweeps judge also need to be selected and it. Sherry asked if the BOD or the committee suggest names for judges. Peggy suggests that committee select all judges and present to the board.. Gonnie suggests that someone who has been in the breed for a longer time for a longer time. Sherry recommends Rita Biddle. Bill suggested Robert Gravel. Peggy recommended Dominic Valone. Gonnie recommends Valerie Valerio. Sherry is to contact the proposed sweeps judges and bring the names back to the BOD.
- Judges Ed and Ringside Mentoring, Sherry asked will the BOD or show committee select? Gonnie suggests that the BOD come up with those names. Is there a list of approved mentors? Peggy, yes there is a list of approved mentor. List has not been updated. List is on website, it is old and not updated. Bill Judges ED committee was developing a more standardized way of having ringside mentoring and Judges ED.
- Website Committee (Mike McDonald – Chair)
 - Website was down briefly due to the annual fee not being paid. Mike determined that the notice / bill was being sent to Donna Welty. He's gotten contact info corrected and the bill was paid and website back up.
 - Mike needs help to look through the stuff. Needs members on the committee. Gonnie suggested contacting both new members and suggested if it's it okay with the board for him to contact both for assistance. Jessica Gibbons, Noel Goodrich are both interested.
 - Natalie Means name has been up on the website for two weeks and can be taken down. Peggy will create a voting poll, Peggy will update written procedures so membership or secretary should take over that from now on.

NeoGram And Newsletter Committee (Jim Deppen – Chair/Editor)

- No one else is on the committee. Jim accepted the chair last October, but it remains uncertain if he is still interested. Gonnies will contact Jim and will ask if he is still interested.
- Bylaws Committee (Peggy Wolfe – Chair) members- Alaina Pierret, Deborah Priester, John Grimes.
 - Summary status from Peggy:
 - STEP 1 Outline steps for project for committee plans. Completed September, 2014
 - STEP 2 Review of current bylaws and identified general areas / concepts needing modification. Completed in October, 2014.
 - STEP 3. Presented areas / concepts needing modification to the Board of Directors for board review / approval. Completed April, 2015.
 - STEP 4: Contact AKC Club Relations to notify of project team and to ask for contact person. Completed April, 2015
 - STEP 5: Completed draft of verbiage changes of whole document. completed initial draft July, 2015
 - STEP 6: Committee to review proposed verbiage changes -- need to schedule meeting (possibly more than one) to go over sentence by sentence.
 - STEP 7: send draft of verbiage changes to AKC Club Relations to get their input, concerns, etc
 - STEP 8: reiterate steps 5, 6, 7 until general concurrence that proposed verbiage meets AKC's requirements and club's requirements as agreed-to in step 3.
 - STEP 9: Prepare balloting for membership review / approval
 - STEP 10: If membership review / approval indicates, repeat steps 2-7 as necessary until general concurrence etc etc etc.
 - NOTE: We need to begin communicating with members about the proposed changes, in particular the concepts to change and get membership input and concurrence. This WAS done several times in the past but needs to be done regularly now and has to be proposed / coordinated with club communications.
 - Need to communicate with members about bylaws and proposed changes and Peggy is unsure of the best way to communicate. Gonnies suggested that it be placed on the website and Members only area of FB
- Judges and Public Education Committee (Jim Deppen – Chair) members- Carlo Pietronero, Bill Goetz, Lena Moles, Gonnies Schaffer, Sharon Costello
 - Peggy noted grave discontent with the performance of this committee, citing lack of progress in amending changes to the standard (for over two years) and complete lack of public education and she suggested a new chair is needed and that nothing has been done in 2 years. Peggy suggested Robin White as chair, Robin declined. Peggy suggested the club needs more judges and public education. Peggy asked about committee satisfaction asking if the board were satisfied with the committee's performance and are there plans for public education? Gonnies said that no changes should be done until ENCI has completed. Robin makes a motion to table the concept of changing the standard until further notice. Mike seconds. No one against. Passed. Peggy suggested a seminar on the standard for new owners and that new owners and breeders need help evaluating the breed. This could be given at national at the same time as JE. Items to be included such as basic anatomy, basic canine care, website course. Seminars at regionals, self study materials. Bill asked if

other members still want to be on the committee. Mike suggested that we need someone to push and be passionate. Peggy asks if this committee can do JE and public education or do we need to split the committee. Gonnie is to check with the members.

- Ethics Committee (Lena Moles – Chair)
 - Peggy questions if there is actually an ethics committee or is this a consulting group that involves ethics and the process that can take. Peggy suggests the ethics committee needs to be described. Lena should be contacted to see if the committee is needed. Peggy to do a brief outline of the purpose of the committee, then present this to the board.

New Business:

- Creating an EBAY store online
 - Mike doesn't mind setting up store but does not want to manage. No training needed. Rachel still has items will do inventory from this year and previous years. Gonnie and Robin suggest that other members of the website committee should be involved. Carol said that quite a bit of inventory was liquidated. Robin made a motion that the eBay store to be a part of the Website committee. Peggy seconded. No one against. Motion passed.
- Gonnie has left-over old medallions that can be sold, gifted or otherwise distributed. Gonnie will look into cost to customize medallions so they can be used and report back to the board.
- Regionals in Louisiana has an entry of 16 with 5 in sweeps
- Mike asked if the meeting is to remain on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is August 12, 2015
- Mike makes motion to adjourn. 2nded. No one against.

A. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM PST. 9:00pm CST 10:00pm EST

The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, August 12th, 2015 at 8:30pm EST, 7:30 pm CTL.

Addendum 1 - Correspondence conducted between June 8 and June 22

1. Ballots for board members to vote on the two member applicants were sent via the Ballotbin software on Wednesday, July 8, evening to the 10 existing board members. Board members had until noon, Friday, July 10 to vote. It takes 2/3 of voting board members to approve an application. At noon, July 10, nine board members had submitted ballots. Both applicants, Noel Goodrich and Jessica Gibbons, were accepted unanimously by board vote as re-instated Full Members.

2. Ballots for board members to vote on the two nominated individuals to fill the vacant VP slot were sent via the Ballot bin software on Wednesday, July 8, evening to the 10 existing board members. Board members had until noon, Friday, July 10 to vote. It takes a majority of the voting board members for one of the candidates to be approved for that position. By 7am, Friday, July 10 all 10 board members had voted. Rachel Hosking received 6 votes. Bill Goetz received 4 votes. Rachel Hosking is thus approved as the USNMC VP.

3. Mike McDonald suggested that the board proceed with nominations for the now-vacant Secretary Position. Gonnie, president, approved this action.

Peggy Wolfe nominated Alaina Pierret for Secretary. Seconded by Carol Armbrust
Mike McDonald nominated Robin White for Secretary. Seconded by Aaron Lozano.
Debbie Priester nominated Peggy Wolfe for Secretary. Peggy declined the nomination.
All other board members reported no further nominations
Peggy made a motion to close the nominations. Bill Goetz seconded. no objections.

Peggy set up a ballot for board members to vote for the two candidates for the position of Secretary. Ballots for board members to vote on the two nominated individuals to fill the vacant Secretary slot were sent via the Ballot bin software on Thursday, evening July 16, to the 10 existing board members. Board members had until Midnight, Friday, July 17 to vote. It takes a majority of the voting board members for one of the candidates to be approved for that position. By midnight Friday, July 17 all 10 board members had voted. Robin White received 6 votes. Alaina Pierret received 4 votes. Robin White is thus approved as the USNMC Secretary.

Note: per our existing bylaws, any position filled by vote of the board of directors is filled until the next annual election, so both of these positions will be up for re-election in 2016.

Addendum 2 - CHIC Report

Attached - *NMFqtr215.pdf*

Addendum 3 - Calendar of events

Attached - *calender.doc*

Addendum 4 - Summary of 2015 National Specialty

Attached - *recap.doc*