



USNMC Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, August 10, 2016  
8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central

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Members Present: Gonnie Schaffer, Rachel Hosking, Alaina Pierret (7:42pm), Michael McDonald, Cassandra Boczar, Sherry Deans, Jessica Gibbons, John Grimes, Aaron Lozano (8:02pm), Will McGill

Members Absent (Excused): Carol Armbrust

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

The minutes of the July 13<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made. No objections; motion carries.

#### President's Report

#### Secretary Report

- Minutes emailed 7/26
- Created BallotBin vote for Hayden Tarr
- Updated Officer and Director list with AKC
- Emailed Proposed By-Laws Changes to membership 7/18
- Uploaded By-Laws document to Members Only FaceBook Page 7/28

#### Treasurer Report

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

#### Committee Reports

##### **Membership Committee – Rachel Hosking, Chair**

Hayden Tarr, our first junior applicant was sent a welcome to the USNMC information packet via email. Mike has been sent an updated membership list for upload to the website. Will also forward to Alaina.

##### **2016 National Specialty Committee – Sherry Deans, Chair**

It has been a very busy and productive last few weeks. Most of the Trophies are sponsored but we still have a few remaining trophies. Most of the awards are ordered and some have already arrived. The show premium is in the process of being printed. I am attaching the tentative schedule of events, which includes the show closing date for the show. Also the Reproductive Seminar form and Activities sign up list.

We have also added classes for Veterans in Sweeps and Regular classes for both Friday and Saturday. Also on Friday, we are offering Brace, Stud Dog and Brood Bitch classes.

##### **Fundraising Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair**

We are pushing the purchase of quilt raffle tickets, as well as Ts, crew-neck sweatshirts and hoodies. This information is on the sheet that Sherry has prepared... And probably just talked about.

### **NeoRescue Liaison Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair**

Rescue is very busy as always.

### **Website Committee – Michael McDonald, Chair**

I have recruited Peggy to be on this committee to help find errors and come up with ideas for information formats and such. The breeder list is still in the working stage, I hope to have something to show BOD before nationals. I also heard from Bill who is the chair of the JE committee, he gave me the heads up that he will be asking for some changes on the website that relates to his committee.

### **Communications Committee – Alaina Pierret, Chair**

Alaina asked about how to distribute the mass emails that are sent to the membership. She mentioned in the past she has sent them as blind carbon copies but has recently sent them where everyone can see the emails. Due to recent reactions to an email that was sent she wanted clarification about the sending method. After discussion it was decided to continue to send with transparency and to revisit the issue if problems continue.

### **By-Laws Committee – Peggy Wolfe, Chair**

Sent document with annotations to board and requested board approval to send to members for comment. Board approved and the document was emailed to club members on July 18. On July 28 was also placed on Facebook, in the USNMC Members only section.

So far, (as of August 2) I've received feedback from two members, both of whom sent approval and kudo's for the amount of work that went into all the changes.

If the board approves, I would suggest that we bring several copies of the document to the National and offer it as a topic at the Annual Meeting (or for discussion after the annual meeting). I will print the copies and bring them if this is ok. After the National we can go through the physical process to mail a ballot to members for voting. AKC Club Relations will be copied on everything, of course.

After the membership vote, assuming everything passes, we will schedule when the new bylaws will take effect and the Bylaws Committee, having achieved its objective, will disband.

Of course, if the changed bylaws don't pass membership vote, then we'll have to re-consider why and what to do next.

### **Judges and Public Education Committee – Bill Goetz, Chair**

JE committee is reorganizing for 2016-17 year. All committee members from last year were invited to return. Two declined. Current members are Lena Moles, William Goetz, Robin White, Jessica Gibbons, Rachel Hosking, Gonnie Schaffer, Alaina Pierret.

We met on July 27 with 3 absent members. Communication within the committee between meetings is being emphasized. We are working towards defining our goals and objectives for the year and beyond. We identified multiple areas that need to be reassessed by the committee, and have specific actions requested for the committee to prepare for upcoming meeting.

We agreed to regular monthly meeting dates and time.

Will be coordinating with the newsletter editor to promote and include educational material with each edition.

One JE seminar was presented during the month, with preliminary reporting it was well received.

#### Elections of New Members

- Hayden J. Tarr, Junior Applicant, 8 votes in favor, 3 did not vote

#### Unfinished Business

- 2018 National invitation from Cane Corso Club of America
  - Rachel reported that she and Mike have not had any meetings with the CCCoA liaisons since last months' meeting. The bard recommended focusing on 2017 before making any determinations on this invitation.
- 2017 Possible Show Sites
  - Alaina included in the agenda packet a list of show sites that were discussed previously. After some discussion the board decided to send the sites to the membership for a vote.
- Meet the Breed – Houston, TX
  - Alaina reported that she and Rachel brought dogs for the public to enjoy. Alaina also gave an update on the judges' education seminar that was given. She stated that there were 21 judges and all seemed to enjoy learning more about the breed.
- AKC Invitation to join as a member club
  - Alaina gave a status report on AKC's invitation to join as a member club. She stated that she heard back from the liaison and that received a list of tasks that need to be completed in order to join. Gonnie informed the new directors that as a member club the USNMC will own our standard so it cannot be changed without our approval. After discussion Alaina was instructed to move forward with the process.
- Eukanuba Meet the Breeds
  - Alaina reported that she has been in contact with Sherry Subler who has agreed to help with the booth. Rachel stated that she will be there also as well as Sherry Deans and Cassandra

#### New Business

Alaina brought up the application received from Mike to host a regional specialty in Alexandria, Louisiana for a second year. Mike mentioned that the cluster has already invited us and has offered rosettes and will give our judge one night in a hotel. He also stated that a judges' education seminar will be offered.

The next scheduled meeting will be held September 13, 2016 at 8:30EST/7:30CST.

With no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. No objections; motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43pmEST/8:43pmCST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alaina Pierret  
USNMC Secretary