



**NEXT MTG: SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> & ANNUAL 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Board Meeting Minutes: Date: 08/13/2014**

**Meeting called to order at : 8:30 P.M. EST Duration: 1 Hrs 53 Mins End: 10:22 EST**

**Motion to Adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> Joe 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gonnie**

**ROLE CALL: IN ATTENDANCE OFFICERS & BOD**

PRESIDENT: Carlo Pietroniro NJ (July 2014-June 2016)	present
VICE PRESIDENT: Joe Attaway AL (July 2014-June 2016)	present
SECRETARY: Lena Moles TX (July 2013- June 2015)	present
TREASURER: Rachel Hosking LA (July 2013-June 2015)	present
<b>SEVEN DIRECTORS:</b>	
Carol Armbrust OH (JULY 2013-June 2015)	present
Santo Donati MO (July 3013-June 2015)	absent
Bill Goetz NC (JULY 2014-JULY 2016)	present
Will McGill CA (July 2013-June 2015)	present
Deborah Priester VA (JULY 2014-June 2016)	present
Gonnie Shaffer NJ (July 2013- June 2015)	present
Peggy Wolfe KY (July. 2014-June 2016)	present

**Presidents Message:**

Moving into our second month with our latest BOD, I have to re-place reminders of procedures that I feel strengthen us as a team.

**Secretary Report:**

Dr. Robin White will come on at 9:30 P.M. EST for the CHIC info

**Minutes to previous meeting approved:**

***Joe made motion to approve minutes as amended. Peggy 2nded. Motion approved unanimously***

### **Treasurer Report:**

Emailed by Rachel to the Board, Rachel noted that Note: we have been receiving \$ for t-shirts, and trophies will be xfered in and will show up in next month's treas. Report

***Peggy made motion to approve treasurer's report. Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Motion approved unanimously***

### **Committee Reports: (status reports & review of committee membership)**

#### **Judges Education Committee Report:**

Status Report: BOD voted for Jim Deppen to give our 2014 JE Seminar Presentation. Jim was sent Request and Accepted the Invite, All those who want to become presenters' are invited. AKC Judges & membership are encouraged to come.

Committee also preparing for presentation at the National on the proposed changes to the standard including handouts.

Peggy suggested the JE committee should come up with a proposed set of criteria / experience for people who want to be a club-endorsed presenter. Should be reasonable To be presented to the board for board review and approval. To be done after national (October?) Lena noted that the Mentor form has a lot of criteria that could be used.

Plan to publish criteria for members who want to be approved as presenters.

Preparing for the Standard Review – Reply has been sent to Peggy on her 3 questions

Lena is planning on giving a JE Seminar at Lansing MI, End of November, (based on fulfilling criteria and being approved as a presenter). Also note that Lena will be doing Sweepstakes at Lansing.

Current Members of JE Committee: Judge Jim Deppen (chair), Judge Sharon Costello, Judge Gonnie Shaffer, Carlo Pietroniro, Lena Moles

***Peggy made motion to add robin white to committee if she accepts assignment Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion approved unanimously***

#### **Judges Selection Committee –**

Status Report: at the last meeting the committee had presented to the board a list of neapolitan mastiff judges recommended by the committee for consideration for the national specialty judge. The board had created a "short list" by each board member choosing 5 judges from that list.

Next Step:

- To send the "short list" to the members for the membership to prioritize
- A sample letter had been sent to the board for review / discussion
- Board needs to determine
  - Send by mail or email
  - Deadline for receipt of choices
  - Who to receive the choices and do prioritization

Discussion

**Peg made motion to send the letter to members by email and to follow up with a mailed copy; to have the recipient of responses be Sandy Hosking, to have the deadline by 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in September (9/2) and to use the prioritized list so derived for the next two nationals (2015 and 2016)**

**Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie. Motion approved (unanimously)**

Committee membership: Judge Jim Deppen, Judge Sharon Costello, Judge Gonnie Shaffer, Carlo Pietroniro, Lena Moles – Noted that this committee has fulfilled its purpose and is no longer a separate committee.

### **2014 National Specialty Committee See Bottom For Report from last meeting**

A Professional Auctioneer has been invited to our Banquet will cost max of \$200 could be less. Carlo will donate ½ of auctioneer cost up to \$100 **Peg made motion to use a professional auctioneer based on carlo's generous donation offer. deb 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed unanimously**

Discussion of detailed schedule and suggestion to move Friday evening meetings to the afternoon and have a Purina Farms instead of travelodge. Will leave Friday evening free. Discussion of food / refreshments at meetings at purina farms. General agreement that the club won't pay for food / refreshments at the meetings at purina farms but that members will be able to buy their own refreshments at the facility both before and during meeting breaks.

**Joe made the motion to approve the schedule as amended. Gonnie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously**

Current Committee Membership: Carlo (chair) Joe, Lena, Rachel, Peggy, Jim Deppen, Aaron Lozano, Mike McDonald

### **2015 National Specialty Committee Mike McDonald Info 2015**

Mike had send information on the Doubletree hotel to the board and asked the board to approve that he engage a contract discussion with the Doubletree to make it the USNMC Host Hotel for the Tulsa, 2015 show. Info:

Doubletree Hotel Tulsa at Warren Place

Guest Rooms

- Special guestroom rate of \$89 per night
- One time pet fee \$30; maximum of 2 dogs per room
- Includes full hot breakfast buffet in our Warren Duck Club (Value of \$15.95 per person)
- Complimentary high speed wireless internet access in the hotel lobby
- Complimentary shuttle service to and from the Tulsa International Airport
- Complimentary Garage Parking
- Meeting space room rental is waived. (Value of \$300 per day)
- Dinner pricing may vary depending on what you choose; Our Chef is happy to customize menus

**Debbie made motion to that Mike engage in a contract discussion with the Doubletree Hotel to make it the USNMC Host Hotel for the Tulsa 2015 show. Rachel 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed unanimously**

Current Committee Membership: Mike McDonald (chair) Rachel, Peggy, Robin White, Alaina Pierret, Aaron Lozano (other are expected to join as time goes on)

### **Membership Committee:**

Status Report: Halim Purros application will be sent for voting on w/application (peg will send). Lena will bring application forms to show

Current Committee Membership Lena, Debbie, Peg (no chair currently)---need someone to take over as chair to manage database. Rachel volunteer to join the committee as chair and to do the database after national

### **NeoGram Committee & NewsLetter**

Status Report: Carlo reported that Alaina will be putting together a News Letter before the show & a NeoGram together after the show. Alaina found it very difficult to get information / articles for newsletter. Hopes all will help.

Alaina had asked what does the board want in the newsletter? (emailed Monitor)

Discussion: All the information about the national. Some kind of presentation of what kind of dogs will be presented at the national; Who will be coming; What will we be doing at the national? What event will be held

Current Committee Membership: Alaina (chair). Peggy and carol volunteered to join committee and help

### **BY Laws Committee**

Status Report: Committee not made any discernable progress over the year. Needs to be bootstrapped

Peg offered to chair Joe and Debbie volunteered to joining:

Current Committee Membership: Peg (chair) Joe, Debbie, John Grimes, Alaina

### **Website Committee**

Status Report: Barbara doing updates twice a month, Mike being liaison. All working well although we often get questions about why isn't information up on the website sooner than it is. Some ads already up there, so club is getting some income from the website. Members only section not yet created; litter section not yet created. Note that club needs to identify what needs to be in both of these sections before they can be completed.

Lena Suggestion to work w/Mike: come up w/ a form for the national if someone wants to purchase a banner / ad etc.

Current Committee Membership: Mike McDonald (chair) Lena Moles  
Web Advertising sub-committee Mike, Alaina, Rachel

### **Other committees:**

**Ethics Committee:**

Current membership: Lena

Discussion of the need for and usual purpose of such a committee: Most clubs use an Ethics Committee as a consulting service, someone to call to discuss problems perceived as ethical situations and how to proceed.

Decision: Don't have a separate committee....just say call an board member

### **History committee**

Current membership: Peggy

Discussion of need for and original purpose of this committee: Committee was created in 2009 with the intended purpose to create a History Document / publication of the club for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary national in 2011. A draft of the document was available at that National.

Committee had new leadership afterwards but nothing has been done since. The document, in its 1<sup>st</sup> draft format still exists.

Decision: get rid of committee but use data from document in neogram.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Report from new World Organization by Antonio Di Lorenzo** report by Carlo

Carlo had call from di Lorenzo

Willing to start this new project in September will send info to Carlo for forwarding to board.

A number of countries have already pledged to join, Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Italy, Mexico, USA, Peru, Needs to explain how is different than atimana.

Pended until more info received.

#### **Eukanuba meet the Breeds - Dec 2014** --report by Rachel

Rachel contacted Gina Dinardo got all info about mtb

Rachel contacted je and said would complete forms deadline sept 1.

Rachel, Alaina, Mike will do booth plus others Rachel will be coordinator for MTB booth which will be 2 days. Carol has the banners from the mtb's. will bring 'em to the national.

Note that AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to be held in Orlando, Fla. on Saturday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014. Group Judge: **WORKING** – Mrs. Dorothy Collier – Riviera Beach, Florida. Breed Classes: Mrs. Catherine Bell - Neapolitan Mastiffs, Portuguese Water Dogs, Saint Bernards

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **CHIC – Canine Health Information Center**

Robin White, DVM (USNMC Member and Board member and founder of the Mastino Health Foundation (MHF)) joined the meeting at 9:45p EST to participate in this discussion. She had previously sent information to the board about the CHIC program and about the MHF recommendations for health testing.

Robin White signed in at 8:45p CST Discussion. Robin noted that CHIC requires all breeds to include hips & elbows testing.

**Lena made motion that the USNMC make statement that we are in favor of supporting the CHIC program. Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion - Motion passed unanimously**

**Peg made the motion that Gonnie be the (initial) liaison to CHIC with the 1<sup>st</sup> task being to contact CHIC and bring back to the board their recommended 1<sup>st</sup> steps for a parent club to proceed. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### 2016 National Specialty Planning

Peggy brought up about 2016 national specialty site....when something is to be mailed out  
Suggestion: mail out (email also) the same form to solicit show site, without deadline.....and then  
at the show bring it up and discuss again with more focus. Peg will mail out initial form with other mailings.

Next Meeting September 03, 2014 at 8:30 EST

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## 2014 National Specialty Committee Report from July 31

2014 Show Committee meeting held Wednesday, July 30 at 7pm CST. Meeting ended at 8:30pm CST in attendance

Peggy, Lena, Mike, Carol, Carlo, Rachel, Joe absent Jim, Aaron

### DINNER MENU

5 appetizers

..domestic and imported cheese tray

...teriyaki chicken skewers

...assorted dollar roll sandwiches

...mini chicken cordon bleu

....spring rolls with coffee / water / unsweet tea

Cost to the club will be \$18.95 per person

Note we want a cash bar which will cost \$150 for set-up and to be run for 3 hours

Tickets \$25 reservation and \$30 at the door

### AUCTION / FUND-RAISING STATUS

Report by Carol of her progress / status

Auction / fund-raising status

Three (actually five) sets of t-shirts will be available at the show:

- 1) gazette t-shirts -- will arrive Friday--will have at show and if there is sufficient interest, can take orders for others afterwards
- 2) logo t-shirt pre-orders (already coming in) until August 15 -- will order a couple extra to have at the show
- 3) t-shirts from Deena Patterson (white, long & short-sleeved, assorted sizes nearly 100 being donated)
- 4) a small selection of polo shirts (donated by carol) to be endorsed plus
- 5) some product before the Michigan show --small collection of hoodies / crewneck

also:

key chains (250 min quantity)

aprons 6 white ones, 4 Italian-colored aprons (red / white / green) carol is donating all

white aprons don't have a pocket, have club logo on sternum. Italian aprons have breast-pocket will have logo on there

Carol purchased and is donating some white ceramic tiles -- put some decals / stickers on and are looking pretty cool for little memento's

has some cool drool towels

tote bags (a couple of them) with club logo (there are 10 donated by Carol) will be \$6.75 to embroider club logo on (too complex to do show logo as embroidery)

have some nicer tote bags to have logo silk-screened on them (min of 25)

bumper stickers (donated by Peggy)

other cha-kees (how do you spell that?)

auction donations: coming in. (we need to get some photos of them, if possible)

dannyquest statue arrived

gazette image framed (aaron has and should be getting framed

other? (artwork by chad mayo?)

other? carol noted we can select some of the ways-n-means stuff to add to the silent or live auction as seems applicable

State baskets -- some donations being noted (Kentucky basket from Peggy, Ohio basket from Carol others????)

need to encourage donations, especially from board of directors.....how can we ask members to donate if we don't donate ourselves

MIKE will take left-overs to store for Tulsa

auctioneer?--Lena contacted a lady who would cost about \$200 is local to the area, possibly less, like \$150 or so.

alternative #1 is guy Suzanne found two years ago, at cost of \$75 but no one knows how to contact him  
alternative #2 is use Tom, Carol's husband, member who would do it for free different opinions:

**Recommendation to board: to use professional, to get Lena to find out contract and get Lena to re-contact her for reduced fee**

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND

TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL

..add 1/2 hour before annual meeting for Robin White to present a simple health seminar

eliminate "fun classes" event and replace w/discussion of the standard to get better participation in the discussion either at, or after the annual meeting

**suggestion: do document with write-up of all explanations, to be emailed to all members, available at the meeting, shorten discussion, quell some emotion, and so forth (and all members will be able to see it, not just members at the show)**

Judge Change on Friday

as noted in other communications, the Rolla KC engaged a provisional judge, Holly Scott, to do the Neapolitan Mastiff without our knowledge. It was shocking to learn of this only in the premium. Rolla KC show chair apologizes and says she simply "forgot" this was a specialty when agreeing to help out a provisional judge who asked for the assignment. This is not the way things are supposed to be done, but there is nothing we can do about it right now.

Peggy has spoken with Holly Scott, she has good qualifications, 30-year Mastiff Breeder, approved for four breeds (bullmastiffs, Bordeaux, great danes, mastiffs) and as of January this year, is provisional for the Neapolitan mastiff and the st. Bernard. Ms. Scott says she is not interested in getting mass quantities of breeds, but is interested in judging the breeds that interest her and as a mastiff person she is interested in the other mastiff breeds. has been following the Neapolitan mastiff for many years, visited a kennel in New Zealand many years ago and observed a "herd" of them in action.

Peggy recommended that our club make a policy of being more in control of its judges in the future, one way to do that is to have independent specialties, which makes us totally responsible for the judge, but would prevent this sort of unhappy event from happening in the future. She also recommended partnering with kc's that don't do this sort of thing in the future.

MEMBER NOTIFICATIONS:

facebook postings being done regularly and will continue

email postings same things being put on facebook

mail premium w/all info enclosed within the next week

(like specific info on hotel, schedule, making entries, dinner reservation, auctions fund-raising state-baskets etc)