



USNMC Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central

Members Present: Gonnie Schaffer, Rachel Hosking, Alaina Pierret, Michael McDonald, Carol Armbrust, Sherry Deans, Jessica Gibbons, John Grimes, Aaron Lozano (7:50pm), Will McGill

Members Absent: Cassandra Boczar

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

The minutes of the August 10th BOD meeting were presented. A motion by Mike McDonald and seconded by Carol Armbrust to approve the minutes as distributed was made. No objections; motion carries.

President's Report

Nothing to report

Secretary Report

- Minutes emailed 8/30

Treasurer Report

Mike stated that the treasurers' report was included in the meeting packet and asked if anyone had any questions. General discussion followed. Rachel Hosking made a motion and was seconded by Alaina Pierret to approve the treasurers' report as distributed. No objections; motion carries.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Rachel Hosking, Chair

No new members. I sent a new membership list to Mike which he uploaded on to the website. Also emailed Alaina the complete membership file.

2016 National Specialty Committee – Sherry Deans, Chair

The show committee has been very busy finalizing last minute details for the show but everything is on track. Sherry asked to send another reminder to the membership about the show closing dates, tentative schedule, a reminder about the health seminar and t-shirt orders. Also anyone attending needs to please let me know so I can have a name badge and welcome bags for them. The show premium is up and the Clermont County Kennel Club is offering some health clinics at a great price as well as CGC testing. She stated that we are out of certificate holders and asked if we want to replenish our supply. General discussion followed. Mike made a motion, seconded by Carol to purchase more.

Fundraising Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol stated the shirt order deadline has been extended to the 23rd and asked for a reminder email to members with the order form.

NeoRescue Liaison Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Rescue is busy as usual. She stated that NeoRescue doesn't have any foster homes and is in need.

Website Committee – Michael McDonald, Chair

Mike reported that he is updating the officers and directors page with the new directors. He will also contact each committee chairman to verify the members of each committee. He updated the current membership list on the website as of August 2016.

Ideas for info in the Members only section, add to agenda and see what board thinks.

- 1) put all board meeting minutes up there instead of under "club info"
- 2) put the treasurer's report
- 3) possibly put the monthly committee reports up there as submitted by the committee heads. Currently summarized and put up as part of board meeting minutes.
- 4) Old Neograms and past Newsletters

Gonnie mentioned to Mike that Adrian Bueno volunteered to help with the website. Mike said he will give him a call. He stated that the calendar on the website is outdated and has incorrect information and asked whose responsibility it was to update it. Rachel stated that she added the information but no one since no one else had done it. She said she would go on and update it.

Communications Committee – Alaina Pierret, Chair

Alaina stated that she had nothing to report and asked Sherry to send pictures of the awards so she could create a newsletter before Nationals.

By-Laws Committee – Peggy Wolfe, Chair

Short answer: no change from last month.

Next action will be to bring copies of the document outlining changes to the National (in October) 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. 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

Tonight's meeting (8/24) was attended by Alaina, Robin, Jessica, Rachel, and Bill.

As people came into the meeting we began by going over last meetings homework assignment. Jessica was the only one who submitted any report. I gave her an A+, and four stars. It was very complete and insightful. Will be incorporating some of her suggestions into our efforts immediately

.....first thing discussed was the idea of including video of movement into the JE presentation, in addition to the live participants, this should be able to give judges a clearer picture of what our breed is expected to do. We need to collect video that would be appropriate for this. Anyone with something they believe is right for this please submit for committee to review. Committee believes the short version, approx. 50 slides is the presentation we should be using. Would like to review and build new presentation using both the short version and the long version as material to replace the current short version.

Alaina will work on building a brochure, colored, probably trifold, to be used as the standard issue for all MTB's we participate in. Also to develop a less expensive, b&w version to be used for less enthusiastic handouts as a cost saver. She will confer with Cathy Deluca with the design, but Alaina is the lead on project.

We all are to review the Mission statement, knowing we are planning on excluding rescue, and give our opinions on if it is complete as is, should we add or subtract anything, and if so, what are you proposing.

We have also agreed to have a handout that was prepared by Peggy Wolfe that shows the changes of wording of the new FCI standard. It will be issued at the national business meeting, and also will be made available during the show, (at the awards table?) by request only. We are wanting to give the information to the membership, so they can understand and be informed. Perhaps there will be discussion or feedback, and early next year, Feb-March we will decide if we feel the need to review our standard for changes. The members of the board discussed this and felt it would not be a good time to bring this to Nationals until we discuss possibly changing the standard.

We had the suggestion to interview some of our members, who have been in the breed for a long time, and record it, placed on the website.

We will be sending (Bill) some judges' questions and answers to the newsletter committee along with a Neapolitan judge's commentary on the question for publishing in the newsletter. This will hopefully be done as a regular submission.

There is a regional specialty in LA again this year, Peggy has agreed to be the judge and the JE presenter.

I have urged the committee to review the homework assignments and to comment by email throughout the month, to help keep our meetings shorter, and to be more productive. I talked briefly about attendance for this committee.

New business,

A Mastino University idea was presented. There was little time for anyone to review it ahead of time. Most of the discussion was if it was too much for the committee to take on. We have decided to look closer at the proposal, and have more thoughts on it in the coming days. I believe that a strong "Dean" will be the key to success, and will not overburden this committee. We as a committee need to be thinking of candidates for this position.

Had brief discussion on the H.E.A.R.T. program by the AKC. Set next meeting for Sept. 20, 2016 at 7:15 pm est. Thank you all who were able to attend.

Elections of New Members

NONE

Unfinished Business

- 2017 Possible Show Sites
 - Alaina reported that she is finalizing an email to go to all club members for voting on the sites as discussed during the August meeting
- AKC Invitation to join as a member club
 - Alaina stated that she has been in contact with AKC and sent the paperwork required. She is waiting to hear back from them to see if anything else is needed.
- Reimbursement request submitted by Jim Deppen for JE seminar
 - Discussion continued from last month regard Jim's reimbursement request for the seminar presented in March in Fort Worth, TX. Mike spoke to Carol Moser who in a charge of the symposiums. She stated to him that she attended the seminar at Nationals last year and asked Jim to come and give a comparison of the different Molosser breeds. She stated that they do not reimburse anyone but she personally paid for a hotel room for him. After general discussion a motion was made by Alaina and seconded by Sherry to reimburse Jim ¼ (\$75) of our usual reimbursement amount of \$300 since it was a comparison of 4 different breeds. The resulting vote was 7 in favor, 2 against and 1 abstain to reimburse Jim \$75. Alaina will contact Jim with the results. John asked Alaina to forward Jim's response to the board.

New Business

Jessica asked to start a discussion at Nationals regarding the head or dog that is used on the show logo. General discussion followed and all agreed with a discussion at Nationals. It was also suggested to post the question on the website and in the newsletter, "What do members want to see used for dogs for the show logo and should the show committee be in charge of the logo?"

The next scheduled meeting will be held October 12, 2016 at 8:30EST/7:30CST.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Alaina Pierret
USNMC Secretary