

USNMC BOARD MEETING
 Sunday, October 19, 2008
 (postponed from October 12, 2008)

MINUTES

Attendance: Sharon Costello, Donna Welty, Irene O’Connor, Rita Biddle, Jennifer Groves, Nikki Stamper, Shani Stewart-Robbins, Nydia Thornton

Absent: Ingrid Fortunato, Kendail Gonzales

Meeting Called to order at 9:04 PM EST

Minutes from September 14, 2008 accepted with correction as moved by Jennifer Groves and seconded by Irene O’Connor.

President’s Message: In the interest of saving time, no report.

Secretary’s Report: Correspondence sent; email reminders. Legislative alerts. Correspondence received: Letter of resignation from Board member Anita Goetz, Membership ideas from Cathy White, NeoRescue, Inc. status report from new chair Dale McDonald (tabled from 9/14/08 meeting); email from Toni Hutto (AKC) re: breed information flyer.

Membership Applications – 2nd Printing

Associate memberships

David White	Oregon	Associate	Sponsor – Lisa Cinciripini
William R. Means	Tennessee	Associate	Sponsor – Peggy Wolfe

Full Membership –

Nataly Hohlova-Means	TN	Full	Sponsors- Sue Luedemann, Janet Hospodar
Lori DeSimon-Olsen	Utah	Full	Sponsors – Cathy White, Shani Stewart-Robbins
Pierluigi Scalia	CA	Full	Sponsors – Sharon Costello Cathy White
Jim Deppen/Mimi Winkler	PA	Full Fam	Sponsors – Jim- Jennifer Groves, Charles Costello; Mimi – Nikki Stamper Shani Stewart-Robbins
Christopher Arts	New York	Full	Sponsors- Heather Welty, Donna Welty
Brian King	Illinois	Full	Sponsors- Sharon Costello,

			Cathy White
Cornell & Bernadette Bryant	New Jersey	Full Fam	Sponsors – Cornell – Sharon Costello, Irene O’Connor Bernadette – Donna Welty, Nikki Stamper

Treasurer’s Report:

SEPTEMBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 31, 2008

BEGINNING BALANCE \$26,264.76

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
NeoGram Ads	\$195.00	
2009 Judge (PayPal)	\$ 48.25	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		243.25

EXPENSES	AMOUNT	TOTAL
AKC Registration Fees	\$ 15.00	
USNMC Monthly Website Fee (\$44.50 month)	\$ 44.50	
2008 Trophy Expense	\$ 11.61	
2009 Trophy Expense	\$479.81	
2009 Awards Dinner (Deposit)	\$500.00	
Judges Seminar(Cleveland)	\$ 97.22	
Atlanta Regional Specialty (Judges Fee, Dr. Allen and Mr. Podgorski)	\$500.00	
Mt. Rainier Working Dog Club Show	\$ 65.28	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1713.55
TOTAL LOSS		-\$1470.30

ENDING BALANCE \$24,794.59

Account	Acct. Balance	TOTAL
General Account	10,913.37	
National Specialty Account	6,704.73	
USNMC Rescue Account	7,176.49	
SUBTOTAL		24,794.59
Putnam Fund (USNMC Rescue)	3,909.41	

	28,704.00
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**** Additional Bills to be approved ****

- \$50.19 to Heather Welty for Office Supplies and International Mailing – all for NeoGram.
- \$88.76 to Donna Welty for postage and photo copying (2007 Annual Report)
- \$330.49 to Sharon Costello for 2009 USNMC National Specialty Auction Items.
- \$3.75 to AKC for 3rd Quarter 2008 in-line printing of club flier.
- \$163.48 to Good Impressions for postage (Fall NeoGram).

Jennifer Groves moves to pay bills. Shani Stewart-Robbins seconds. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Communications – liaison Ingrid Fortunato

Website- email received from Karl Groves re: status of website and Change of symbols. Message board is 75% completed Jenn Groves and Cathy are working on it. PayPal has been established for Web Store aka Planet Neo.

NeoGram – Latest issue at printer. Increase ad prices to take effect for next issue (Winter)

Fundraising – liaison Nydia Thornton

Have box from Anthony Gomez – he might still have one more box Missing book (Zacchi ?) is rescue's

Judges' and Public Education – liaison Sharon Costello

No report on breed flyer for AKC new registrations
Added breed seminar for National weekend (Friday, 3/20/09)
Breed mentoring for judges occurred at Atlanta Specialty
Working on a public ed tri-fold

Health – chairperson Dr. Pierluigi Scalia

No report

2009 National and Awards – chairperson Jenn Groves, Co-chair Cathy White

Premium information due November 1, 20089
Michele Palazzo has been approved by AKC – arrangements need to be finalized.

Notification of latest trophy donation

Legislation – liaison Rita Biddle

Information on status of Massachusetts bill given
Brief discussion on UK bowing to the AR; rewriting breed standards

Historian – liaison Donna Welty

No report

Ethics – liaison Shani Stewart-Robbins

No report

Membership – liaison was Anita Goetz

Board reviewed new application submitted by Cathy White
Suggestions for changes were made. Secretary will contact Cathy

Bylaws – liaison Kendail Gonzales

Final draft sent to BOD previously

Rita Biddle made suggestion as to wording stating that the Ethics Committee is usually a standing committee, Investigating Committee is Ad Hoc.

Changes will be made on draft and sent to BOD for final review

Local Clubs – liaison Irene O'Connor

No report

Old Business

Tabled from last meeting:

1. Procedural Revisions – Jenn Groves has some done. Committee formed to Work on – Rita Biddle, Shani Stewart-Robbins, Donna Welty
2. Role of Liaisons – discussion ensued, BOD decided to absolve the “liaisons”. Chairs of each committee will submit their report directly to board secretary each month.
3. Trophy clarification – the USNMC will continue maintenance of the Vikingsholm Trophy (Best of Breed Puppy). Elvis Memorial Trophy maintained by USNMC.
Club treasurer will need to create invoices for Neogram ads and trophies.

New Business

Need to fill Board position due to resignation of Anita Goetz

Jennifer Groves moves to follow procedure previously used by this board to present names that were next on the ballot list. Rita Biddle seconds motion.

Secretary

read names of Cathy White and John Stagg. Roll call vote taken with each board member stating their choice. Cathy White's name is selected. Donna contact Cathy to see if she will accept position.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 9 PM EST

Adjournment moved by Donna Welty at 10:39 EST