



USNMC Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, November 11, 2015  
8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central

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Members Present: Gonnie Schaffer, Rachel Hosking, Alaina Pierret (called in at 8:57EST), Michael McDonald, Carol Armbrust, Sherry Deans, Bill Goetz, Aaron Lozano, Will McGill, Deborah Priester, Peggy Wolfe

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

The minutes of the October 14 BOD meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Debbie Priester and seconded by Rachel Hosking. No objections; motion carries.

#### President's Report

Noting to report.

#### Secretary Report

Alaina noted that she received the information for Meet the Breeds at Westminster and forwarded the packet to Cathy DeLuca. Cathy filled out the paperwork and submitted it to AKC and received acknowledgment that it was accepted. Alaina stated that she forwarded a payment request from AKC to Mike for \$120 for parking passes.

#### Treasurer Report

A motion was made by Peggy Wolfe to accept the treasurer's report as distributed. Seconded by Debbie. No objection; motion carries.

#### Committee Reports

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

Nothing new to report. Rachel questioned who will handle membership renewals? Treasurer Mike McDonald? Secretary Alaina Pierret? Membership Chair Rachel Hosking? Rachel stated that in the past it was done by different people as informally agreed by them. No discussion, no decision made.

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

Nothing new to report. Sherry stated that she is working with Mike to redo the AKC forms and re-submit them. She is contacting the all-breed club to confirm that they will use our judge and are still willing to split the expenses.

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

Not much new to report. She is working primarily with Sherry who has a lot of good ideas for fundraising for the nationals. Carol asked if an email blast to members could be done reminding them of the eBay store and the possibility of going there to purchase stuff during this holiday season. It was noted by Alaina that going to eBay and searching Neapolitan Mastiff didn't seem to pull up the store. Alaina agreed to send the email blast.

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

Carol reported that she is working on fund-raising w/NeoRescue as well. Lots of good ideas, some can be seen on the NRI website including some matted / framed prints of "starry night neo" and plans for some notecards being sent to Carol by Peggy.

Discussion segued into topic of NRI Funding proposal (on agenda under new business. Part 1: suggestion to do donation of \$5 per member like in the past at renewal time. Discussion of putting as a selectable option on renewal / membership form. Discussion of the board voting to donate \$500 outright to NRI. Alaina will do a BallotBin for the board members to be able to vote on this topic. Part 2: donate 20% of ways-n-means to NRI. Brief discussion. No decision part 3: allow NRI sales table at national or space on club's ways-n-means. No objection. Agreed in general to this and decided no need to vote on it, just do it. part 4: incorporate designated NRI stuff at both auctions at national. No objection. Agreed in general to this and decided no need to vote on it, just do it. part 5: consider use of "rescue bucks" to buy certain merchandise. Decided needed more definition to how this would work and since there is no rush on immediate decision, Carol will review and flesh out and bring back for discussion at next meeting.

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

Nothing new to report.

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

Nothing to report at this time. The next newsletter is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

I did hear from the Susan Zucker of the AKC Bylaws Department on October 15 acknowledging receipt of the document and apologizing for not replying sooner. She says they'll be reviewing them and replying shortly. Am drafting a brief (well, trying to make it brief) article for the next monitor on the topic of term limits. I am still in the process of building a blog to allow more interactive replies and feedback on all the concepts. This is taking a bit longer than I'd expected, but should have it done shortly. During the meeting Peggy stated that she heard from AKC earlier in the day and they have concerns with the proposed dues structure.

#### **Judges and Public Education Committee – Lena Moles, Chair**

Alaina noted that no report was received by the deadline requested but checked her email during the meeting and saw the report sent earlier that day. She forwarded the report to board members.

#### Elections of New Members

None

#### Unfinished Business

Eukanuba Meet the Breed

We are scheduled for December 12th and 13th for meet the breed booth in Orlando, Florida. Cathy Deluca has sent the USNMC banners along with NeoRescue Inc information to John Seibal in Florida. John will be exhibiting as well as manning the booth for the MTB

#### New Business

Request from Peggy Wolfe to be AKC Gazette Columnist

Peggy volunteered to be the official USNMC columnist for the Gazette articles. She noted that in the last two years there have been two columns published and that they were repeats of previous articles. She stated that the Gazette features the working group in January, April, July and October. The group discussed contacting the current columnist to ensure that there was no interest in continuing the task. Alaina said she would contact her and would report back. Everyone agreed.

Reimbursement to Carol Armbrust for Neo decals

Carol requested reimbursement for Neo decals that were purchased as fundraising items from eBay. She states that she got the price per decal down to \$2.50 and that NeoRescue would be sharing the cost. She stated that the club was reimbursed \$125 from NeoRescue. Bill Goetz made a motion to reimburse Carol \$250 for the decals. Motion seconded by Peggy. No objections; motion carries.

The next scheduled meeting will be held December 9, 2015 at 8:30EST/7:30CST.

With no further business, Alaina made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Will McGill. No objections; motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37/8:37CST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alaina Pierret  
USNMC Secretary