
USNMC Board Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2011

Attendance: Joe Attaway, Peggy Wolfe, Rachel Hosking, Wendy Gieske, Ciaran McCloskey, Lena Moles, Susan Vann-Spruill, Dr. Robin White, Heidi Brown

Absent: Dr. Pierluigi Scalia

Meeting called to order at 9:05 PM EST by Joe A, President

Minutes from previous Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes made by Heidi. Second by Lena. All unanimous.

President's Message: none

Secretary's Report

- Created November emailed-neogram (copy sent to board for review before mailing)
- Mailed the membership ballots to the board

Treasurer's Report:

AGENDA ITEM E: TREASURER'S REPORT (from Rachel)

As soon as I receive the November 2011 Bank Statement for Checking and Savings Accounts I will send immediately.

Summary of Checks Written -

Check #	Name	Description	Amount
4	Sharon Costello	Printing for JE	\$90.64
		Cherrybrook - awards	\$120.11
5	Donna Welty	Postage	\$11.67

Payments that need to be made:

Marlene Church - postage for donated items for auction \$132.75

Cathy Deluca - Meet The Breed New York City - Printing / Supplies \$83.86 and \$74.68

Deposits that have been made:

all deposits (Auction, Dinner, Ways and Means, Judges Education) have been made to Regions.

Deposit Listing

Auction	\$2,133.00
Dinner	\$765.00
Ways and Means	\$421.00
MHF	\$235.00
Membership (cash)	\$155.00
Judges Education	\$75.00
Cash	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$4,284.00

STATUS OF PUTNUM FUND ACCOUNT:

Account Closed -

Motion made to pay the bills for Marlene and Cathy Deluca made by Peggy. Seconded by Heidi. All unanimous
Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Peggy. Seconded by Heidi. All unanimous

Committee Reports

Membership Committee Wendy reported that she had the renewals ready to send out. Draft was sent to board for review. She'd included trophy donation forms in the renewal as well as requesting names of potential members. Peggy commented that this was a good new idea.

2012 National Specialty: Susan reported that there was nothing new at this point but that the committee would be meeting next on Thursday, Dec 8.

Website Committee: Ciaran reported that a meeting had been held. Wendy had stepped down from this committee in order to concentrate on the History Committee but Jessica Stites was added with Robin White. The committee had resolved to research trying to build a new website and was going to research ways and a needed budget. Ciaran commented that every committee should be developing a budget for the board's planning purposes.

Ciaran said that every committee chair should go through every page on the existing website on topics pertaining to them and notify the website committee of needed changes or corrections or additions.

Wendy commented that the current contract with laird was up for renewal in early 2012, possibly January? Ciaran said that it would not be likely that all the work would be done before then.

Neogram Committee Discussion over the proposed outline for topics. Discussion and concern over lack of progress to date. Determination that given the annual-review focus publication would be in January or probably early February. Will be asking all board members / committee members to provide a report of committee activities throughout the year for publication.

At the moment exact publication cost unknown but Heidi and Troy are researching possible publishers and costs. The board requested more regular updates on progress.

Bylaws Committee: Peggy reported that she was setting up a free message board to enable discussion of the many topics requiring review in the current bylaws rather than use longer and longer emails. One message board per topic. She was setting it up with each section of the bylaws outlined in each message board. This would be opened for access to the committee first, then the entire board and then, ultimately, the members. She had hoped to have this completed before this meeting but was behind. It will be available soon.

Judges and Public Education: Committee consists of Sharon (chair) Rita and Lena. Pierluigi Scalia has stepped away from the committee. Sharon had presented a request to the board that the board allocate \$300 each for Carlo Pietroniro and Lena Moles both of whom were traveling to Florida to give the AKC-sponsored seminar at the Eukenuba. Much discussion over how much had been spent year-to-date on seminars. None. As the board had allocated \$300 per seminar / mtb event with the expectation that there would be no more than 6 a year the board has allocated \$1800 and could afford to pay more for this event. Wendy moved to pay \$300 each to Carlo and Lena to help toward expenses of the seminar. Ciaran seconded. All unanimous.

Ciaran moved that all committees present to the board at the next meeting a proposal showing expected expenses for the calendar year so the board could do proper financial planning. Robin seconded. Unanimous. Lena and Carlo are to send receipts to Rachel who will cut them a check. Rachel suggested to Lena that they bring the receipts to her while they were all in Florida and she would cut the check there.

Ethics Committee: Discussion of starting a committee to act as a consultant to people having questions or problems that might be ethical concerns. Wendy moved to create such a committee. Peggy seconded. All unanimous. Volunteers to be on the committee: Robin, Heidi, Wendy.

Robin moved to table the creation of an Ethics Investigation Committee until the end of February. Peggy seconded. All unanimous.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS

AGENDA ITEM G: MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Ready for processing:

Tony Gurrola	Full	Sponsors	Rachel Hosking & Wendy Gieske
Alaina Pierret	Full	Sponsor	Rachel Hosking & Lena Moles
Lisa Hershberget	Full	Sponsor	Susan Vann-Spruill & Wendy Gieske

** note Lisa's application came in two days after the meeting and the board was notified of it by email and agreed to have it added to the list.

STILL WAITING

Deena Patterson	Full	Sponsors	Charina Smith & Mindy Aaron-McElyea (waiting for both)
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NOTE: Charina Smith has already sponsored 5 applicants in 2011...Patterson needs a different sponsor

These are all the membership applications received to date.

Old Business

New Business

Determination of suitability of club members for official roles (submitted by a club member for board consideration)

Proposed; That the USNMC board of directors create a Standing Procedure that no club member who is convicted in a court of law of cruelty to animals shall be allowed to represent the club in any official or public capacity (such as committee member, committee chair, etc.).

Peggy reported on contacts with other parent clubs on this issue. 100% of all clubs said this was indeed their policy. However, none of them found it necessary to make any overt statement by the board because they expected that 1) either the AKC would suspend anyone making them ineligible for good standing in any club; 2) another club member would file a complaint; or 3) most members finding themselves in such a situation would resign from the club or become inactive in order to prevent #2.

It was determined that the USNMC would follow the example of all the other parent clubs.

Judge's Selection Committee Volunteers for this committee are Sharon Costello (chair) Lena Moles, Rita Biddle, Rhoda Winter Russell, Jim Deppen. Sharon will be contacted to ask her to come up with a plan and a schedule of operations.

New Business:

Approval of the minutes for the 2011 Annual Meeting. Peggy commented that the minutes for the annual meeting needed to be approved by the board since the next annual meeting wouldn't be for another year. Heidi moved to approve the minutes for the 2011 Annual Meeting. Lena seconded. All unanimous.

The following two topics were taken together

Replacement Board Member (replacing Troy Stroud)

Consideration of whether or not to accept Pierluigi Scalia's automatic resignation

Pierluigi Scalia had missed two board meetings in 2011 without notifying anyone in advance. Therefore, per the bylaws, his resignation has been automatically submitted. Heidi made a motion to accept Pierluigi's automatic resignation. Seconded by Susan. Unanimous.

Ciaran moved that Susan Vann-Spruill be made Vice-President to replace Pierluigi Scalia. All unanimous.

The topic of replacing two board positions was presented. Names suggested for possible candidates included Dr. Janice Wolf, Jim Deppen, Jessica Gibbons, Suzanne Storms.

Determined that Peggy should email each of the four to see if they would accept the nomination. The board would then vote, via secret ballot, from those who accept the nomination. Peggy was asked to draft an email request and give to the board for review before sending it to the candidates.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Susan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 EST. 11:08pm CST