



USNMC Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2015
8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central

Members Present: Gonnie Schaffer, Rachel Hosking, Alaina Pierret, Michael McDonald, Carol Armbrust, Aaron Lozano, Will McGill, Deborah Priester, Peggy Wolfe

Members Absent (excused): Sherry Deans, Bill Goetz

The meeting was called to order by President Gonnie Schaffer at 8:35EST/7:35CST.

The minutes of the November 11 BOD meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as distributed was made by Peggy Wolfe and seconded by Debbie Priester. No objections; motion carries.

President's Report

Gonnie gave a short report about the show in Mexico that he was invited to judge. He stated that it was a very nice show and a great show site. He also pointed out that A.T.I.M.A.N.A. will be held with this show next year.

Secretary Report

Alaina reported that she created the BallotBin vote for the donation to NeoRescue, Inc. She also reported that she emailed the meeting minutes to all board members on 11/20/15 and that she emailed Donna Welty regarding her desire to continue as the USNMC columnist for the AKC Gazette.

Treasurer Report

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

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Rachel Hosking, Chair

Received the final sponsor form for David Hala so it is read for review. Rachel stated that his application needed to be reviewed. An email needs to be sent to the membership and his name needs to be posted on the website. Discussion turned to the 2016 dues notices and who will be responsible for sending them out. Rachel stated that in the past there hasn't been a designated person, sometimes it was the secretary and others it was the Treasurer or Membership Chairman. Alaina stated that she would be send them out and asked for an updated database. While on the topic of dues notices, Peggy asked if we should add the \$5 donation option back to the form for NeoRescue. After some discussion, Peggy made a motion to add the option for members to donate \$5 to NeoRescue to the membership statements that will be sent out. Seconded by Mike McDonald. No objections; motion carries.

2016 National Specialty Committee – Sherry Deans, Chair

Letter sent regarding the Claremont Kennel Club sharing the expenses of the judge. I also sent an email to the judge and am waiting to hear back from him with an estimate of costs including air travel, etc. Mike and I are submitting the Specialty paperwork to AKC this week. I purchased stuff for centerpieces for the banquet tables. The next show committee is scheduled for December 16th. Mike mentioned that he sent the paperwork with payment information to Sherry to submit to AKC.

Fundraising Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol stated that she received more of the Neo heart pottery that was auctioned off at Nationals and asked Mike to add them to the Ebay store.

NeoRescue Liaison Committee – Carol Armbrust, Chair

Carol reported that lots of new dogs are coming into rescue and during the holidays are the busiest time for them.

Website Committee – Michael McDonald, Chair

Nothing new to report, just regular monthly updates. Mike stated that he would add the results from the regional show in Michigan and also a flier for the regional coming up in Alexandria, La.

Communications Committee – Alaina Pierret, Chair

December issue of the Mastino Monitor has been sent to membership. The email included the message about the Ebay store that was discussed during the November meeting. The group discussed the NeoGram and Alaina asked for a timeline. It was agreed that the end of January/early February would be a good time to send a printed issue.

By-Laws Committee – Peggy Wolfe, Chair

No change from the last month;

In summary from last time: we did get a reply from the AKC's preliminary review of our proposed changes with good comments/suggestions. In summary, seems we won't be able to introduce a 3-part dues structure in the bylaws as I'd suggested (although I guess there's no problem with us doing it as a standard club procedure as long as we implement such things consistently). They also provided some data on IRS input for clubs in terms of dues regulations which the committee needs to review and consider. I am still procrastinating on the completion of a forum to allow interactive feedback from club members. Good intentions, but not enough follow-through.

Judges and Public Education Committee – Lena Moles, Chair

No report received. Gonnie reported that Lena sent an email to the committee and when they decide what direction they want to go they will report to the board.

Elections of New Members

None

Unfinished Business

NRI "Good Faith" donation vote

Alaina reported that the BallotBin vote that resulted from discussion to give NeoRescue a \$500 "good faith" donation concluded in a 7/4 vote in favor of sending the donation. Carol stated that she would let Cathy DeLuca know and Mike will forward payment to them.

AKC Gazette Columnist request from Peggy Wolfe

Alaina reported to the board that she contacted Donna Welty to see if she was interested in continuing in this role. Donna replied that she was no longer able to continue and stated that she wished to pass the task along to someone especially since an offer has been made. Alaina stated that a motion was made via email on 11/20/15 to accept Peggy's offer to be the USNMC columnist and contact for the AKC Gazette. Seconded by Mike. No objections either via email or during the meeting; motion carries. Peggy said she would contact the Gazette.

New Business

No new business.

The next scheduled meeting will be held January 13, 2015 at 8:30EST/7:30CST.

With no further business, Peggy made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mike. No objections; motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16/8:16CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Alaina Pierret
USNMC Secretary