



**Board Meeting Minutes:** Date: Wednesday 12/10/14 8:38 EASTERN

**Meeting called to order at 8:38 pm EST Approved: 1<sup>st</sup> Deb, 2<sup>nd</sup> Will Feb 2015**

**ROLE CALL: IN ATTENDANCE OFFICERS & BOD**

PRESIDENT:	Carlo Pietroniro	NJ	(July, 2014-June, 2016)
VICE PRESIDENT:	Gonnie Schaffer	NJ	(Sept, 2014-June, 2015)
SECRETARY:	Lena Moles	TX	(July, 2013- June, 2015)
TREASURER:	Rachel Hosking	LA	(July. 2013-June, 2015)
SEVEN DIRECTORS:			
	Carol Armbrust	OH	(July, 2013-June, 2015)
	Jim Deppen	NJ	(Sept, 2014-June, 2015)
	Bill Goetz	NC	(July. 2014-July, 2016) Absent
	Aaron Lozano	MS	(Sept, 2014-June, 2015)
	Will McGill	CA	(July. 2013-June, 2015)
	Deborah Priestler	VA	(July. 2014-June, 2016)
	Peggy Wolfe	KY	(July. 2014-June, 2016) Absent

**Presidents Message:** We are making accomplishments, our website is becoming more active, we have our 2015 Nationals in May, we need to plan for 2016, our Newsletter is being formulated Happy Holidays to all !

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from the 11-12-14 were motioned **to pass** 1<sup>st</sup> Rachel – 2<sup>nd</sup> Debbie  
Minutes from the 10-1x-14 were motioned **to pass** - 1<sup>st</sup> Debbie – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim **Yes, to Pass**

2014 - Photo's need to be sent - reported to WEBSITE ... - for Issue

Lena will issue photo's from Lansing MI - USNMC Regional Specialty,  
(It could be a possible location for a future Nationals)

**Treasurer Report:** **See Bottom of Pages**

## Committee Reports:

### Judges Education Committee Report: Jim, Sharon, Gonnie, Carlo, Lena, Bill

J E, Lena Moles @ Lansing MI met with Rita Biddle – it went good – only 1 attendee Judge Rita & Lena went through the complete Standard Rev 2. –

J E Will call a meeting to Review – Rev 2 –

Plans to have a meeting soon, including listing Criteria for Judges ED, as Oct meeting discussed

No, JE has not had a meeting yet

### Show Committee: Meeting – Dec 3, 2014 **REPORT** – See Bottom of Pages

**Suggested – Get a Calling Card – to use for Calling: Giuseppe Alessandra**

**No, this has not occurred, it will be noted when it dose**

### 2015 National Specialty Committee: Mike, Carlo, Peg, Alaina. Carol, Robin -

The Tulsa Kennel Club informed the Show Chair of a change of Location, Moving to a fair grounds facility, expression of concerns of dirt floor and disease

A meeting was called, to communicate the Show Committee with the BOD, Show chair nor volunteers would accept the invite – “location change”

### Membership Committee: chair: Rachel, Peg, Debbie , Lena - Need Volunteers

Ballots on Angela Lucas have been received. **All Yes's**

Membership files have been turned over to Rachel as of Dec 2,

Rachel has prepared to send Membership Re-Newels for 20105

**NO voting took place. Discussion only**

Most clubs are finding that in this Internet-age, people are finding the lengthy process for acceptance to be tough to take.

There's no reason we have to publish member applicants in the BOARD meeting minutes.....and doing so merely DELAYS processing member applicants. (our bylaws don't require this).

I'd like to propose a change in membership process:

I'd like to propose that:

1. applications are sent to the membership person
2. applications are verified to be complete and then MONTHLY all complete applications are published on the club's website to the members.

(board notified that this is happening)

(members notified this list of applicants is on the website)

3. members have two weeks to review applicants and provide feedback
4. board is sent a ballot for voting on those applicants
5. at end of voting, applicant is sent notification of results

**NO Action was taken. A Motion was not made.**

**AKC Titles report:**

*(Publish titles monthly on the website and to contact non-members to invite them.)* Volunteer Needed

**Studbook report:**

Rachel has Declined to take on the AKC Titles & Or Studbook Reports

Suggestion: when Rachel takes over to turn the titles / studbook to Rachel and she can communicate w/Mike & Jim monthly. (to be confirmed w/Rachel that she'll do this as she was not at this meeting.)

Peg: As it states, R.H. Declined, it was stated we need more Volunteers

**NeoGram & NewsLetter Committee:** Jim - volunteers needed, Photos, Educational

NEOGRAM - Photo's can be send to Jim - a Chad M interview will be in the issue

Jim has goal to get Neogram out middle of January, certainly before end of January, 2015.

**NEWSLETTER**

Jim also doing newsletter. Has all templates set up will insert info.

Will do newsletter monthly. – WE ALL NEED TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

Will have links so will be able to link to each topic. Encourage advertising

Will have link to facebook as well. – this is a Plus

Letting Membership know:

All newsletters will be archived so in future people can refer back to older issues and refer people to them.

***Jim will put out the call to the members to ask for help / input / pictures / articles and so on.***

Peg – No change, or it would be stated

**Bylaws Committee:** Peg, John, Deb, Carol, Carlo (Alaina)

Nothing has been done in last two weeks.

The plan is to have the committee discuss everyone's Ideas / suggestions for each Section and the for the Committee to Recommend the Combined Suggestions to the BOD. The Concept is, to change for that Section. As this is a Large Job, Peg's Idea is to do this Work Section By Section, giving Focus to meetings/discussions TO BE Scheduled – volunteers are Needed, ( is everyone Invited ?)

**Website Committee:** Mike, Lena others ?

Updated officers page, other out of date information, 2014 National Album uploaded, I also have the ability to create announcements on the front page as discussed at annual meeting, I announced the 2015 info, it is on the front page. Any announcement needs to be sent to me to put on front page instead of using facebook, we can post "new announcement" on facebook to drive people to the website for information. If we start doing this, people will get in the habit of checking our website for information instead of facebook.

I am working on cleaning up the FAQ document to upload on website, as soon as I get some typo's corrected I will upload this, great information for people.

Are we posting new CH info? I have a list of new champions, but should we list some of our members past accomplishments?

Right now it would only have the 3 new ones I received. Let me know if anyone has any questions.

Peg, **NO ACTION was taken** Thanks, Mike McDonald

**CHIC: Gonnie Shaffer - Reported 2 of Robins dogs are the only Neapolitan Mastiff's listed**

Carlo sent an official statement to CHIC, of AKC with our implementation of Liaison, G. Shaffer and a statement that the list of testing from the USNMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS for your consideration:

1. HIP- OFA or Pin Hip
2. Elbow
3. Heart- cardiac echo cardiogram
4. Eyes- board certified ophthalmologist certified by ACVO.

**Lena put info on Facebook – WE Need to Add Info To the WEBSITE - about this**

Carlo noted that OFA wants a picture of a dog to represent the breed. – All can Send Pic to Gonnie

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Report from new World Organization by Antonio Di Lorenzo** No Discussion

**Eukanuba Meet The Breeds - Dec 2014:** Rachel, Cathy DeLuca.

Rachel, Alaina, Mike will all be staffing the booth at Florida

**2016 National Specialty Planning**

Status: Bill will develop a boilerplate of criteria to help people understand the ideas / work / criteria.  
Gonnie will help - **No response**

They'll try to have it done in next couple of days so can be included in request for proposal to members being done by Lena / Jim. Status: Lena will work with Jim to get it in the newsletter so a request for proposal for 2016 will get out within the next month

**NEW BUSINESS: Encourage Support!**

Carlo received a call from Remo – Asking if the USNMC would become an affiliate of the ATIMANA

**Next Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (January 14))**

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Gonnie 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie

Adjourn at 9:52 pm EST

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**USNMC - REGIONS BANK BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT**

November 1st - 28th, 2014

**Activity Summary**

<b>Beginning Balance as of 11/01/2014</b>			\$12,292.67
Deposits/Credits			
Total Deposits			\$0.00
Withdrawals/Checks (Debits)			
11/4/2014		CTC for Newsletter - Neogram	31.5
11/4/2014	1062	Carol Armbrust - Nationals Expense	65.39
11/4/2014	1063	Carol Armbrust - Nationals Expense	202.5
11/17/2014	1064	AKC Flyer - Annual	14.91
11/10/2014	1065	Carol Armbrust - Nationals Expense	290.99
11/5/2014	1066	Aaron Lozano - Nationals Expense	458.04
Total Withdrawals			<u>\$1,063.33</u>
Ending Balance as of 11/28/2014			<u>\$11,229.34</u>

Summary of Checks/Debits Outstanding

Date	Check #	Description	Amount
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**REGIONS BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

**November 1st - 28th, 2014**

**Activity Summary**

Beginning Balance as of 11/01/2014	\$9,203.18
Deposits/Credits	
Interest Payment	<u>\$0.08</u>
<b>Ending Balance as of 11/28/2014</b>	<u>\$9,203.26</u>

\* Interest rate is  
0.01%

**Notes -**

Carlo Pietroniro submitted a receipt in the amount of \$67.88 UPS for mailing G Alessandra national contract to him in Italy

Carol Armbrust submitted receipts in the amount of \$56.20 for mailing out club T-Shirts.

Postage Receipt \$12.04  
Postage Receipt \$3.04  
postage Receipt \$41.12

# UNITED STATES NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF CLUB

## 2014 NATIONAL INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

### Income

Trophy Donations	\$2,602.50
Judges / Public Ed Donation	\$231.05
Auction / Banquet / Ways and Means	<u>\$5,599.82</u>
Total Income	<u>\$8,433.37</u>

### Operating Expenses

AKC Fees	\$15.00
Auction Items / Ways and Means	\$1,914.48
Awards	\$112.39
Entertainment - Banquet	\$1,016.58
Judges Expense**	\$229.77
Judges Gifts	\$248.00
Judges /Public Education	\$0.00
Office Expense	\$56.20
Special Events:	
uctioneer (club paid \$50 and CP donated \$50)	\$100.00
Trophy - Nat and Reg Specialty/Supported Entry	<u>\$2,737.69</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$6,430.11</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u><u>\$2,003.26</u></u>

\*\* Frank Podgorski' Hotel was paid by the Jefferson City Kennel Club

*\*Below is included in this report as the club may be obligated to pay for these in the future therefore a monetary value is displayed for reference.*

#### **\*Items Donated by Margaret Wolfe\***

Rights to Publish Gazette Photo	\$225
Printing and Mailing Tri-Fold	\$60
Card Stock for Certificates	\$24
Cake for Banquet and All Breed Club	\$70
Supplies for serving for All Breed Club	\$20

2015 Show Committee Meeting Meeting started at 6:05pm CST

Present mike, peggy, carol, Alaina, --Robin came at 6:40pm CST  
not present: Tabitha ames (still at work) Rachel (at meeting will come later) carlo and Ciaran (did not hear back from either) lena said would come if could make it but no promises

**We may could do Something Outside ?**

**Site Update**--new site is approved by AKC, all-breed club has sent preliminary forms and are already on akc show schedule on website

Lori (local akc person) will be taking pictures and sending them to Mike

show site is both inside and outside. our show will be indoors in a/c. crating: we need to be sure to request reserved crating near our ring and that fees / expectations are clearly laid out and managed.

**Tony had 8 spaces by him self Pre Buy Space 30. 5x10**

#### **UPDATE**

Trying to reserve 15 to 20 spots for reserved crating inside air conditioned building, also, Friday show will be inside, Sat and Sun the entire working group dogs will show in the Arena, outside covered on dirt.

AKC Forms from USNMC Update---now we need to fill out our forms and send.

peggy sent mike copies of all forms used / filled out for last two years so he has a guideline. he will print out and he and peg will work it out and mike will send in asap.

Mike got letter form the all-breed club inviting us and he will include this to the akc w/our application

#### **UPDATE**

Forms filled out, sent Rachel form to fill out for her part, as soon as returned, forms will be submitted to AKC. Then will call Onofrio to get contract started.

#### **Judges Update---Judges picked**

alessandra for national

other two names sent to all-breed club who are inviting dana cline and pat hastings

ACTION: just persist pestering alessandra to be sure paperwork is received quickly

(peggy mailed paper copies to him to remind him)

**SWEEPS – consider Sound Breeders – The have to Know AKC**

**Ediquet – Preferred AKC Judges that Know Ring Stewarding**

...what about sweepstakes? only name is Robin so far (robin would like to do sweeps on Saturday, not on Friday so she could possibly show to Alessandra and to Hastings (hoped for Sunday judge) Alaina suggested joe steinfeld or cathy DeLuca or possibly rex davis

...other idea, if we don't come up w/other names is to ask all-breed club if they have anyone planning on applying for the Neapolitan mastiff if they would want the assignment  
ACTION: suggest more names to board for approval (and board may have other names too)

### **Judges Ed coordination**

---Robin volunteered to be sure is set up and organized (not nec to do unless board approves)  
ACTION: to hear from Robin what her needs are

**Ringside mentoring**---Alaina to be in charge. would like to use Aleksandra on Saturday, **MAKE - Plans**

ACTION: need suggestions or ideas of other people to do mentoring

**Translator**----Alaina--now that we know the date and site for sure, Alaina will reach out to find someone at the university. she has a friend who is at the u and hopes this contact will be helpful.

**Carol states Hospitals have Translators**

### **Hotel Options**--mike in charge

a list of hotel options close to show site was sent and we talked about them. none seemed to have great amenities (like banquet rooms etc) motel 6 was 39.99 and had rooms available. quality in was 85.00 and had rooms available. mike will review locations. Amenities so forth Alaina has a friend going to that school and can ask them to scout out physical locations. this might help. Alaina also noted that this was a college town and we might not want a hotel right next to a bar on a Saturday night. note: several hotels already full up so we've got to move quickly on this.

### **UPDATE**

We need to make this decision very soon, Laquinta has a meeting room that will hold 60+ people.

**Banquet Options**---Mike will work on...meal?...anyone else like to help...I will give update from Brad when he gets it. (brad is a local contact who is reaching out to local restaurants.) Mike said several people had asked about a good old Oklahoma Bar-B-Que so brad is going to find out about catering and bar-b-que places. Note: Stillwater regulations re liquor are a little strict, you can drink in restaurants bars etc but not in parks and in public pavilions which might affect BBQ catering. Brad is checking on options said several places seemed to be able to handle it. inside / outside? weather and wind might be problematic for auctions and awards.

**annual meeting**---time? place? lori (from all-breed club) will find



out about meeting rooms at show facility also, **USNMC Breed Standard review**

**Trophy Donations**---Tabitha--as soon as she gets the word, she'll get busy..will contact previous donors to give opportunity first, then push push push Tabitha seems enthused and eager and we're all glad for her help!

**Trophies:** Rachel still dealing with acquiring bringing trophies.

**Auction items**--live and silent---Tabitha discussed suggestion that we not use paid auctioneer, use a club member volunteer. Alaina felt that paid auctioneer in 2012 was great and most committee felt that tom aldrich, club volunteer in 2013 was great too but most committee people felt paid auctioneer on 2014 wasn't so great. peggy felt that the club volunteers over the year were all well-received (charlie Costello in the past, lena moles one year too) overall recommendation tbd

**Ways and Means table**---Tabitha promote---Peggy work table during the weekend **GET VOLENTEERS – to Help**

**Video Filming**---Ciaran---had offered (on facebook) to honcho but specifics tbd

**SCHEDULE**---need to start scheduling time slots national show on Friday late afternoon early evening when annual meeting when je seminar when health talk (if one) robin can contact someone at university or give herself, who will come? when to have it? lots depended on when we could schedule national (mike thought at 3pm was likely time for national, which means would be over by 6 or so). this would leave plenty of time in early afternoon or late morning. **Premium Schedule is made 18 weeks before Show Date, be sure no events, or meetings overlap, each other**

**LOGO:** Board voted via email. motion made to approve by peggy, 2nd by carol, no objections (per Carlo no objections by 6:30pm would mean motion would pass) so motion passed? (we all think so but have to confirm)

**Budget update from 2014?**---Rachel not available yet. should be available next week for next weeks' board meeting since last-minute reimbursements should have been dealt with by now.

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