

**USNMC BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, December 14, 2008
MINUTES**

In attendance: Sharon Costello, Donna Welty, Irene O'Connor, Jennifer Groves, Nikki Stamper,

Absent: Rita Biddle, Ingrid Fortunato, Shani Stewart-Robbins, Kendail Gonzales, Nydia Thornton, and Cathy DeLuca

Meeting called to order at 8:07 PM EST

Minutes from November 9, 2008 will have to be approved and seconded via email since lack of quorum in attendance.

President's Message: President Costello thanked those in attendance during this stressful time of the year. She wished all safe and happy holidays.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report: Correspondence sent: Bylaws draft sent to AKC, follow up phone call to AKC re: bylaws – the AKC received ours on 11/14/08 and they are swamped with bylaw revisions from clubs. Nothing done with ours as yet; various emails re: legislation, breed requests, **Correspondence received:** emails re: memberships applications; communication with members, AKC

On November 16, 2008, Nikki Stamper made the following motion via email. Seconded via email by Nydia Thornton. The motion-

On the 2009 Membership renewal forms we now give members the choice of where a \$5.00 donation goes. 1) A BOD approved Neapolitan Breed Specific Rescue Organization. OR 2) Funding of the parent club's magazine- The NeoGram.

On November 19, 2008 the following email was sent to all board members: The motion made by Nikki, seconded by Nydia - On the 2009 Membership renewal forms we now give to members, the choice of where a \$5.00 donation goes; 10 A BOD approved Neapolitan Breed Specific Rescue Organizatio OR 2) Funding of the parent club's magazine, the Neogram. Vote tally - Yes votes - total 6 No votes - total 4 Motion carried

Membership Applications Received – 2nd Printing

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| Carlo Pietroniro | NJ | Associate | Sponsor – Cathy Deluca |
| Halim Porras | TX | Associate | Sponsor- Cathy Deluca |

Membership Applications - 1st Printing

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| Troy Stroud | MI | Associate | Sponsor – Peggy Wolfe |
| Jim Hough | IL | Associate | Sponsor – Cathy White |
| Lena Moles | TX | Full | Sponsors – Nikki Stamper, Irene O'Connor |

Treasurer's Report:

**United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club
Treasurer's Report
Irene O'Connor**

NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2008

BEGINNING BALANCE \$23,310.67

| RECEIPTS | AMOUNT | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------------|
| NeoGram Ads | \$377.00 | |
| 2009 Trophy Pledges | \$410.00 | |
| USNMC Rescue | \$ 10.00 | |
| Membership Dues | \$ 60.00 | |
| USNMC Stores | \$160.00 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$1,017.00 |

| EXPENSES | AMOUNT | TOTAL |
|--|----------|-----------------|
| USNMC Monthly Website Fee (\$44.50 month) | \$ 44.50 | |
| USNMC Store Paypal Exp. | \$ 4.94 | |
| 2009 Trophy Expenses | \$168.97 | |
| AKC Registration Fees | \$ 3.75 | |
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| TOTAL EXPENSES | | \$222.16 |
| TOTAL PROFIT/LOSS | | \$794.84 |

ENDING BALANCE \$24,098.01

| Account | Acct. Balance | TOTAL |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| General Account | 9,965.76 | |
| National Specialty Account | 6,945.76 | |
| USNMC Rescue Account | <u>7,186.49</u> | |
| SUBTOTAL | | \$24,098.01 |
| Putnam Fund (USNMC Rescue) | \$3,955.34 | |
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Committee Reports:

Communications:

Website - Co-chairs Sharon Costello and Donna Welty

Have posted various legislative alerts and status of bylaws

Neogram – Chair/editor Heather Welty

Via email -We are still revising the Winter Issue - we still have no cover story from Jim or Carlo on Achille despite numerous emails to both. We still have not been able to get a hold of Anita Goetz who has paid for ads. The number she gave us is disconnected. We still have not gotten any copy or pictures from Lena Moles who wanted to buy one of the inside covers. We got word this week to include the membership list in this issue so I am currently editing that again. We will be trying Lamb printing this issue to try and further cut costs. I do not have any submission from Rescue (I was told they wanted to submit something) so it will not be in this issue. For the future, Rescue submit copy to the gmail account. Next year we are going to get stricter on the deadlines of the Neogram.

Fundraising- Chair Nydia Thornton (absent)

No report sent

Judges and Public Education – Chair Jim Deppen

No report sent

Pres. Costello asked Director Nikki Stamper to explain about recent Complaints from people in regards to use of photos in standard. Photo Standard will be revised with permission slips for use of photos.

Health – Chair Dr. Pierluigi Scalia

No report sent in

Pres. Costello informed board members in attendance of a study being Conducted in regards to weight of dog and chance of cancer. Health Committee is unable to participate. For more details, contact Mrs. Costello

2009 Nationals and Awards – Chair- Jennifer Groves, Co-Chair – Cathy DeLuca
Information sent to Neogram. More to come in January

Legislation – Chair Rita Biddle (absent)

Via email - ... I will be attending the Legislative Caucus at the Delegates Meeting...

Historian – Chair Donna Welty

Anthony Gomez has joined the committee. We are working on how to scan Past covers of Neogram and putting to music. Anthony was going to check On copyright laws for music. Jennifer Groves reported that copyright exists For life of artist plus 70 years. Christopher Arts will be writing for the Neogram.

Ethics – Chair Shani Stewart-Robbins (absent)

No report

Membership – Chair Cathy DeLuca (absent)

Sent via email

1. 2009 Membership renewal has not been mailed since the BOD has not made a determination if the 2009 membership dues will stay at \$35 or increased to another amount. As soon as the 2009 membership dues are determined, the membership renewal and new COE will be mailed by me.

Also, please confirm the exact 'extension' date for 2009 membership renewal with me prior to my having everything printed and mailed to the membership.

If there is something else that needs to be mailed with membership renewal and COE, please let me know.

2. Will members be allowed to renew 2009 membership via paypal?

The attending board members discussed the above points. It was decided to leave the dues at the present rates due to the following: (1) it would take more time to email for a discussion, motion and then vote and (2) in light of the economic times. Extension date is March 1st of 2009. Will need to add permission slip for information on website, a notice that there is a charge for use of PayPal and there will be a personal preference for the \$5 – rescue or Neogram. Yes, members will be able to use PayPal. A note should be added that all paperwork must be submitted or no information will be on the website.

Bylaws – Chair ???

No report – waiting to hear from AKC.

Local Clubs – Chair Irene O'Connor

No report

Procedure Revisions – Chair Donna Welty

Waiting for most recent copy to be reproduced and then committee will meet

Old Business

Still no bids for 2010 National.

Pres. Costello has been in touch with Carlos Calderon who is starting a club.

New Business

Nomination Committee will be formed in January

Next meeting: Sunday,

Meeting moved for adjournment by Donna Welty at 10:45 PM EST