

Board of Directors Teleconference  
September 20, 2007  
AGENDA

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Roger Frey)**

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Sandee Lovett)**

**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Mary Lou Roberts)**

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Jacqueline Brellochs)**

**RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT (Cathy L. Sands)**

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Mary L. Price)**

**AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT (Mary W. Price)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (Mary Lou Roberts)**

Working Dog Committee – proposal for changes to qualifications for judging

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Membership Applications

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Report by Jacqueline and Kathy on the AKC Parent Club Conference they attended in GA, July 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>th</sup>

1. (Meredith Reggie) The Board of Directors asks the Working Dog Committee to develop a policy for refunding entry fees for working events.

Rationale: This message was sent to a potential exhibitor in a water test: "There is a test the weekend before ours at Great Lakes. Usually that results in pulls out of our test. I wanted to let you know that our test officially closes tomorrow, and if you would like to pull tomorrow you will get your money back. If you stay, there may be a chance you could still get in, but unfortunately you will lose your entry fee of \$30.00 if you don't get it."

It is unfair of a club to keep entry money when an exhibitor does not even have a chance to compete. The message mentions that some may pull because they qualify earlier. If they pull to make room for alternates, does the club also keep their money. Basically, this is keeping double entry money for one slot. If there are more alternates, they could keep even more.

Developing a policy will be difficult because there are many variables. However, in the end, a club should not receive more entry fees than number of entrants. Common sense should prevail.

2. (Meredith Reggie) The Board of Directors asks the Working Dog Committee to develop an Emeritus Judges program for water and draft judges based on the current system used by the AKC. Rationale: When water or draft judge retires, an emeritus program would provide a certificate recognizing their years of service and continue to update them on judging matters.

3, (Jacqueline Brellochs) Motion: Board minutes and special alerts to the membership be printed on non-glossy paper, stapled and mailed with Newf Tide each quarter. Rationale: Minutes would be easier to retrieve and refer to if they could be put in a separate binder. Minutes should be on less expensive paper.

## **DISCUSSION**

1. (Meredith Reggie) Discussion or information only: Who will be printing the ballots for the upcoming election? What is the cost estimate?

1. (Jacqueline Brellochs)( Discussion/brainstorming regarding our National Specialty week...get input from our Specialties Committee for possible changes, touching on following topics, inter alia:

A) Is the week too cluttered? Would it and all of us benefit from fewer activities, but more focus on learning -- e.g. one obedience, one rally, one agility (not two or three), but bring in experts/seminar speakers

B) Offer activities more "unique" to our National gathering rather than including those readily available at numerous shows and club events all year (e.g. CGC tests)

C) Sessions to emphasize to those more into "performance" activities the importance of certain anatomical features and how to evaluate those features in our Newfs

D) ABC's of Breeding learning templates adapted for our breed

E) Remove from specialty guide, all references (eg pp 7, 8, 23, 24, 43) to water tests

F) Expand type of show site to be searched for from "Resort type hotels are recommended"(p. 8 of Specialty Guide)

G) Eliminate "Working Dog Reception" required (p.17) -- outmoded; Gymkana type of event the way things going of late and more beneficial.

H) Hotel reservations -- Board direction to Specialties Committee to revise already been referred

I) Top Twenty -- guide made a policy change that has not been Board approved, namely to require that it be a competition, if it is held; make this more of a learning experience and a sharing of anecdotes regarding the Top Twenty Newfs with membership; the MD evening was boring for many as most of us could not see much, especially in the way of movement, and we really didn't learn much about the particular dogs.

## **ADJOURNMENT**