

NTCA BOD MEETING
Saturday March 14, 2020
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Louisville, Kentucky

Meeting called to order at 5:08 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present in Louisville: Judy Laffey, Amanda Kozora, Blair Kelly. Members participating via phone conference: April Clark, Alyson Cleary, Andrew Chen, Rhonda Krupp, Maris Purvis, Ursula Walsh, Jan Birchall, Suzanne Bennett. Absent: Kenny Sumner.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President- None

1st Vice President- None

2nd Vice President-None

Corresponding Secretary-None

Recording Secretary-Suzanne Bennett requested that all BOD members use Group.IO vs Yahoo online chat group.

Treasurer-Blair Kelly presented a report of bank statements and receipts to members present for Board review. Items of note:

- NTCA bank account funds have been moved from Citibank to Bank of America. Patty Warrender has moved the Notions funds to Bank of America.
- 2020 Membership renewals are complete.
- Stoker Smith independent auditor review completed and reported on the website. The audit cost was high and a new vendor will be found for future required reviews.
- Blair proposes moving \$50,000 into CD at Bank of America to accrue interest. If funds are withdrawn early there are no penalties, just the loss of interest.

Motion by Rhonda: To approve treasurer report read by Blair.

Approved: Unanimously.

Motion by Blair: To move \$50,000 into a 12-18 month CD at Bank of America with no penalty for early withdrawal other than loss of interest.

Approved: Unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Motion by Amanda to ratify prior approval of minutes of BOD meetings for October 2, 2019 and October 5, 2019.

Approved: Unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1.Ratify On-Line votes.

Motion by Judy: Approve ratification of on-line votes with corrections noted.

Approved: Unanimously.

ON-LINE VOTES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

10/5/19

Motion: To approve the next BOD meeting at Louisville March 14, 2020 at 5:00PM/
Approved: Unanimously.

10/21/19

Motion: To approve Kandy Adams as member of the Performance Committee.
Approved: Unanimously.

10/25/19

Motion: To approve Patty Warrender as temporary Membership Chair.
Approved: By Majority. For-11, Against-1.

11/1/19

Motion: To approve Alicia Smilowitz, Will Sparks and Richard Giotta as members to the trophy committee.
Approved: By Majority. For-11, Abstain-1.

11/1/19

Motion: To allow an eligible individual member to change from full voting status to associate membership and lower dues payment. Such a choice would require the member to reapply if he/she wishes to return to full membership status.
Approved: Unanimously.

11/7/19

Motion: Accept signatures as proof of membership on the Nomination form and when requesting votes for breed and sweepstakes judges for our 2021 National Specialty use a double envelope system with return address on the outer envelope as proof of membership.
Approved: By Majority. For-9, Against-3.

11/9/19

Motion: Approve Rhonda Krupp as member of the Health Committee.
Approved: By Majority. For-10, Abstain-1.

11/19/19

Motion: To approve the amended copy of the NTCA Constitution and Bylaws for publication on website and distribution to membership. In addition to the new amendment (Article 1 Sect 1(g)), the second and third paragraphs of Article 1 Sect 8 will be removed.
Approved: By Majority. For-9.

11/26/19

Motion: To approve Suzanne Bennett as member of the Policy Committee.
Approved: By Majority. For-10.

1/11/2020

Motion: Approve minutes of BOD meeting 10/02/19, BOD meeting 10/05/19, and Member Meeting 10/05/19.
Approved: By Majority. For-11.

1/24/2020

Motion: Approve application for NTCA supported entry for Great Lakes Terrier Association 6/30/2020.

Approved: By Majority. For-11, Abstain-1.

1/30/2020

Motion: To approve proposed budget of \$4400 for conformation trophies over the 5 shows for Montgomery week 2020.

Approved: By Majority. For-9, Against-2, Abstain-1.

2/2/2020

Motion: To approve Amy Grace Clark as member of the Health Committee.

Approved: By Majority. For-11, Abstain-1.

2/5/2020

Motion: To approve application for supported entry at the Western Washington All Terrier Show 7/3/2020.

Approved: By Majority. For-11, Against-1.

3/9/2020

MOTION: During in-person meetings of the Norwich Terrier Club of America's Board of Directors meals for Board members will be paid for by the NTCA. Meals for members will not exceed \$50 per person and will include only non-alcoholic beverages.

Approved: By majority. For-11, Against-1.

2. Committee Chair Appointments-April reviewed the current list of committee chairs and members and positions open that need to be filled. In addition:

- Judy reports that Jennifer DeMason has agreed to chair the Membership Committee.
- The Ways and Means Committee currently has no members listed. Judy reports that Amanda Kozora, Nicola Conroy and Judy Laffey are members but Paula Smith has resigned as Committee Chair.
- Currently there is no Legislative Liaison position listed. This needs to be added to the list of positions open and needs to be filled.
- After discussion it was suggested that the committee members be added to the website in addition to the committee chairs. The 1st Vice President will keep the committee member list updated and send to the Website Liaison to post on the website.
- It was requested that the Committee Chairs notify the BOD when a member leaves the committee.
- Regarding the CBL Committee, Rhonda Krupp is the current Committee Chair, Judy Laffey and Amanda Kozora are committee members and they will address potential amendments and/or revisions of the CBL.

3. AKC Registration Statistics- Breeder Committee. Judy reports that Al Ferruggiaro has agreed to be on the Breeder Committee but not in the Chairperson position. He reported that all breeds are having issues encouraging people to either purchase purebred puppies or in some breeds increase the number of responsible breeders. Some other breed clubs have sent out surveys to their members trying to get people interested in breeding to keep their breed alive. Breeder stats from AKC show decline in numbers of Norwich. AKC stats for Norwich and all breeds have been updated for 2019 and are on the NTCA website for members only.

No Action: This issue was tabled for now until more information is gathered and then will be addressed in the online group.

4. Membership Directory Publication-This is now separate from the Membership Committee. Carol Jeffrey has agreed to be the coordinator for publication of the Membership Directory. This is a Liaison position.

Motion by Judy: To approve Carol Jeffrey as Membership Directory Coordinator.

Approved: Unanimously.

5. CBL Amendment to allow Electronic Balloting. Rhonda reported on the AKC guidance to Parent Clubs regarding electronic balloting. Discussion followed.

No Action Taken: Tabled for now to explore cost analysis and the work required for the NTCA to do part of the work.

6. Working Club Calendar. Amanda is designing a calendar to be posted on the website which will list the club and committee projects listing dates that reports are due.

7. Review budget for 2021 Roving Specialty in Sacramento.

Motion by Amanda- To reaffirm up to \$500 from the NTCA general fund is authorized for trophies at NTCA Roving Specialty show in Sacramento in 2021.

Approved: For-10, Abstain-1.

8. New members approved by membership since October 2, 2019 BOD meeting stated for the record:

Individual Members: Carol Jeffrey, Cassandra DeMauro, Marianne Domingcil.

Junior member: Isabelle Roche.

BOD break at 6:35PM

Back to Order at 6:40PM

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation by Kelly Foos regarding Montgomery Ad Submission Form, deadline is 8/20/2020. Morris and Essex submission information is still pending. Same as last year the preferred method of payment is PayPal, and digital photos are preferred. Pricing was discussed. Kelly suggested ways to increase participation in the ads by establishing themes, contests to generate excitement and have fun, maybe award a prize for best ad. This would help generate income.

No action: Tabled until final info for Morris and Essex pricing is released.

2. Establish an amount allowed for Treasurer reimbursement without BOD approval. The CBL requires this and it has not previously been set.

Motion by Judy: To allow the treasurer to reimburse up to \$250 per request from a member without BOD approval.

Approved: Unanimously.

3. Discuss the need for an annual signature affirming Code of Ethics for membership renewal.

Motion by Blair: Revise the Membership renewal form to remove the requirement of signature to affirm The Code of Ethics on an annual basis.

Approved: Unanimously.

4. Directory Listing- Why must members have a breeder listing before stud dog listing is allowed?

Requirement dates from when directory was printed. Discussion followed.

Motion by Blair: Separate listings of breeders and stud dog directories with separate fee schedules.

Approved: Unanimously.

5. Discuss AKC decision to expand Meet the Breeds to include additional cities. AKC has contracted a company to run two new Meet The Breed (MTB) events this year. These events are not associated with a dog show. Sites are Philadelphia June 6-7, and Nashville Sept. 26-27, 2020.

No action: Will refer to the Meet the Breed Committee to explore recruiting members in those areas to participate. If no volunteers step forward within 6 weeks then the invitation will be declined.

6. Revise the Judges Selection Job Description to include directions for secret balloting. Discussion of additional changes.

No Action: Will table until Policy Committee proposes updated language to job description and policy manual.

7. Increase fee for US Postal communications option for members. Discussion followed.

Motion by Rhonda: Raise the fee for USPS paper mailing to \$20 per household per year.

Motion Approved: Unanimously.

8. Discuss limiting judges elected for National Specialty to judge only one major show per year. Discussion followed.

No Action Taken.

9. Discuss policy on selection of Top Stud Dog and Top Brood Bitch. Alyson presented proposed new policy as follows:

As of January 1, 2014 the NTCA will provide an annual award to the NTCA member(s) who own the Stud Dog(s) and Brood Bitches(es) which have produced the highest number of get which earned their AKC conformation championship during the calendar year based upon AKC records. The get need not be owned by NTCA members.

Motion by Judy: To accept the revised policy as stated.

Approved: For-10, Abstain-1.

10. Discuss the new Temperament Testing Title. A request was made that the NTCA be added to the list of parent clubs that acknowledge the Temperament Testing (TT) title.

No Action: Will refer back to the Performance Committee.

11. Discuss Performance Committee request for new Rally award. In keeping with AKC acknowledging the top dogs in other Performance/Companion venues, they now acknowledge Top Dogs in Rally Competition; therefore, the Performance Committee is proposing that the NTCA follow suit and present an award to the Top Norwich in Rally each year. The committee proposes that this award be named, "Let the Good Times Roll" Rally Award, to recognize Jill Lowry's achievement with "Zee" (RACH Breakaway Bon Temps Roullez CDX PCDX RM3 RAE3 AXP AJP NFP RATN CGC TKP) as the first Norwich to achieve Rally Champion.

Motion by Judy: To establish annual award, "Let the Good Times Roll" Rally Award honoring the Top Norwich in Rally each year. The winner will receive a medallion and will be listed in the Recognition Book.

Approved: Unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24PM to move to Executive Session.

Executive session convened at 8:30PM and ended at 8:43PM

It was reported out of executive session that new member applications, 3 dual, 1 individual and 1 associate, were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Two additional issues discussed:

1. Pictures used at Meet the Breed sponsored by AKC need to be improved. Judy will continue discussion on-line and dedicate someone to work with the AKC.

2. Blair discussed the impact of Covid19 and our aging membership. Suggested sending messages to the membership and let them know that if they need help with their dogs to please reach out to the BOD.

Motion by Blair: Adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52PM.

Submitted by

Suzanne Bennett, Recording Secretary.