

NTCA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
October 5, 2019
Hilton Garden Inn Hotel Fort Washington, PA

CALLED TO ORDER at 5:40 PM

ROLL CALL: Sign in sheet attached. Quorum attained. 33 members present.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Previously posted on website. Approved without correction.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Judy Laffey – Report attached.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Nicky Conroy - all Committee Reports are posted on the Website- notify Nicky if copies via regular mail are requested. There are many vacancies on club committee-members are urged to contribute their time, skills and enthusiasm in doing the work necessary to run this club.

Discussion followed this report regarding distribution of Committee Reports. A request to mail these reports to all members in September each year was made by Blair Kelly. Judy pointed out the length of the reports, the cost of mailing, the time involved on an already overloaded Board lacking willing volunteers. Alternatively, the reports could be sent by in PDF format.

MOTION: To send a pdf copy of all reports to members via email prior to the annual meeting (Sept. 15-Oct.1) for review prior to the yearly meeting. **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL**

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jan Birchall, no report.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Rhonda Krupp - Rhonda requested that members contact her if they are not receiving the 2 major reports or the pre-Montgomery mailings each year.

TREASURER: Barbara Einspruch – See attached report.

A question was asked as to why the yearly financial report are not printed for the Annual meeting. The Treasurer explained this would require 360 pages to be printed out and distributed at considerable cost to our club which would not be an efficient use of funds. Barbara recommended that they are posted quarterly on our website for member review, and for improved transparency members can review the online reports & submit questions they have and at the annual meeting.

AKC DELEGATE REPORT

Jean Kessler announced a new AKC Committee: Sustainability. She asked if we should be investigating declining numbers of Norwich-causes?

Jean was asked by the Board to determine how the AKC defines an “at risk breed.”

Otterhound club forming frozen semen bank from older members-to save specimens which would be otherwise discarded. Should Norwich consider the same?
Complete AKC Delegate Report is attached.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES – committee reports are attached and posted on website.

Update on Health Committee Report (September report is attached):

Jane Schubart: If any member participated in the Longitudinal Study and has not requested reimbursement please do so as soon as possible. Dr. Kurt Williams is continuing work on the Puppy Lung study but the request for deceased puppies is on hold. Dr. Williams may need tails of littermates of a deceased puppy to collect DNA. If you have questions regarding this, please contact Committee Co-Chairs Jane Schubart and Susan Miller Hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

1. Associate Membership Dues – the Board has recommended \$30 per year.
MOTION-To establish individual associate membership dues at \$30 per year.
VOTE: Passed with unanimous approval.
2. Motion submitted by Blair Kelly: The NTCA will award \$1,000 to the NTCA member or members who own a Norwich drawn at random from those who have earned a CHIC number in the previous year.
VOTE: Defeated; majority voted against the motion.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS

April Clark – 1st Vice President
Blair Kelly - Treasurer
Suzanne Bennet – Recording Secretary
Jan Birchall – Director
Kenneth Sumner MD – Director
Ursula Walsh – Director

ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED - October 27, 2019
Jan Birchall, MD-Recording Secretary

Approved: October 3, 2020

President's Report – October 2019

As we celebrate our 10th Anniversary it is a testament to our dedication to our breed that we are also finishing a major health study that will allow us to make more educated decisions about breeding.

We look forward to next year when Larry Adams judges at our Specialty and Kelly Wood Judges sweeps. Ken Sumner will judge sweeps at Morris and Essex.

Would like to thank everyone for their support over the past year. Especially, Amanda Kozora. Her work on The Norwich News Editorial Board, as Trophy Chair, Website Liaison, and all-round social media point person is immeasurable.

Although Montgomery seems to be a culminating event, the work of the NTCA continues throughout the year. We have a Meet the Breeds for 2 days in Orlando on December 14 and 15. If you are in the area or showing at the Royal Canin shows please think about spending some time at our booth. You can talk with Alyson Cleary, our Meet the Breed Chair, if you have any questions. We will also have a booth at the Meet the Breeds event in New York City in January.

Two new awards have been added to our list – starting in 2020, one will be awarded to the top Owner Handled dog and the second will be awarded to the Breeder of the Best of Breed at our National Specialty.

Welcome to our new members, Amelia Smith, Amy Grace Clark, and Mariann Holmes.

Please read your communications – much time and effort are put into keeping our membership informed. We send out full membership mailings in the Spring and Fall, with others added as needed. If you have not heard from us recently, please check the website where we post all mailings and contact the Corresponding Secretary to ensure that we have your correct email.

We would like to thank our Treasurer, Barbara Einspruch, who will be leaving the board after serving 4 years as Corresponding Secretary and 4 more years as Treasurer, and Nicky Conroy who is leaving after 4 years (two terms) as 1st Vice President.

Judy Laffey
President, NTCA

TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 2019
BOARD MEETING
PHILADELPHIA PA

1. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Balance sheet as of Sept 30
- Profit and Loss Comparison as of Sept 30
- Year to Date Profit and Loss
- Transaction List by Vendor 3rd quarter

The Health, Hospitality, Rescue and Trophy donations are restricted and may not be used for other purposes. Monies donated and unspent are carried over to the next year. In general, the Hospitality Fund uses all money donated in a year for hospitality events at our national specialty.

2. NOTES TO BALANCE SHEET

- Restricted fund donations 1/1/2019 to date
 - Trophy Donations \$3678
 - Health Fund Donations - \$100
 - Rescue Donations- \$300
 - Hospitality Donations - \$200
 - Allocation to the Longitudinal Study - \$12,000.

Restricted fund balances

- Trophy Fund year to date \$2703
- Health Fund year to date \$9715 (Longitudinal UAS Study)
- Rescue Fund \$5151

3. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Club has contracted with Smoker Smith to compile the financial review. They expect to complete the review by mid-October.

4. Tax Form 990 EZ for 2018 was submitted to the IRS and is posted on the club website.