

2023 Committee Reports



2022 - 2023 Report of the
Ethics Committee

The Committee Members are myself, William Sparks and Annie S. Taylor. We have received no complaints or requests for opinions and have not incurred any expenses.

On August 28, 2023 the Committee Members met by telephone and discussed the Code of Ethics and whether it needs to be improved. We have started researching how to do so, exchanged information and plan to move forward with proposed revisions to submit to the Board of Directors.

September 9, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Lark Shlimbaum, Chairperson
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Cc: William Sparks
Annie S. Taylor

2022 - 2023 Report Of The
Judges Selection Committee
(Conformation Specialty)

The Elections Ballot and cover letter for 2024 were drafted, submitted to the Board for approval and, after approval, mailed on September 21, 2022 to 264 NTCA Members, which was all voting Members except myself. 106 complying Elections Ballots were received by me = a 40.15% response, less than the 43.8% response received for 2023. The Elections votes were counted and the results were sent to the Show Chair.

In accordance with the Chairperson's Job Description, the process of securing Judges for the 2025 NTCA National Specialty Show in Montgomery County, PA was started by obtaining a list from AKC of all AKC Judges approved or permitted to judge Norwich Terriers and a list from NTCA of voting Members.

The Nominations Ballot, cover letter and Judges list were drafted, submitted to the Board for approval and, after approval, mailed on April 23, 2023 to 260 NTCA Members, which was all voting Members except myself. 71 complying Nominations Ballots were returned to me = a 27.3% response, less than the 31.9% response for the 2024 nominations. One more was received but not considered because it was not in NTCA Ballot envelope.

The Nominations votes were counted and the results were sent to the Show Chair on June 16, 2023. When the Show Chair's response is received, the Elections will proceed.

The expenses of the Judges Selection Committee are as follows:

2025 Nominations - 500 Prestamped Envelopes with Return Address - \$387.20
and Copying Cover Letter, Judges List and Ballot and 400 NTCA Ballot
Envelopes - 198.24 - Total \$585.44

September 6, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
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NTCA Annual Report: Membership Committee
Submitted 09/14/23 by Melissa Smith, NTCA Committee Chair

As of this date I am the sole Member of the Membership Committee.
I am not in possession of any NTCA Club assets related to this Committee.

During the first (of two) membership application periods in 2023, the Board of Directors voted to accept applications from the following:

Chrisy Morgan of Ridgely, MD (Individual Membership)
Sponsored by Chris Zink and Vanessa Andrews

Jeff Sime and Kim Sime of Verona, WI (Dual Membership)
Sponsored by Lisa Sons and Judy Laffey

The above applications then passed the 30-day Challenge Period without any challenges put forth by the General Membership. Subsequent to the Challenge Period, these applicants officially achieved their NTCA membership.

During the second membership application period of 2023, the Board of Directors voted to accept the following applications:

Kelly Davis of Merced, CA (Individual Membership)
Sponsored by Cary Trexler and Marie Cato

Roberta Kirby of Lavon, TX (Individual Membership)
Sponsored by Judy Laffey and Claire Johnson

Barbara MacBride and James MacBride of Glen Bernie, MD (Dual Membership)
Sponsored by Dale Martins and Donna West

These applications have been accepted by the Board; are currently within the 30-day Challenge Period; and have not yet been accepted for membership. To date, I am unaware of any challenges made by the General Membership.

I have been in frequent contact with NTCA Corresponding Secretary, Amanda Kozora. She has been extremely helpful, as I became more familiar with the requirements and expectations of NTCA Membership Chair.

We are currently discussing suggestions for minor changes to the Membership Application form, which would eliminate some back-and-forth discussion with prospective members (requesting clarification of their answers on the form). These changes would help the Applicants and the Committee and would be in compliance with the Club's By-Laws.

I am currently composing an article we could possibly include on the NTCA website, or in the NTCA News, related to inquiries from Norwich owners who wish to become members, but aren't sure how to go about it... or what would be expected in terms of participation. I've discussed this topic with the NTCA Corresponding Secretary and the NTCA President and would seek further feedback prior to submitting the article.

Respectfully,
Melissa Smith, NTCA Membership Chair

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September 11, 2023

Mrs. Jean Kessler
First Vice President
NTCA

Re: Meet The Breed Committee

Dear Jean:

The Committee consists of myself and Judy Laffey.

The NTCA has participated in two AKC sponsored Meet the Breed events since my report in September of 2022.

1. **Saturday and Sunday January 28th and 29th, 2023 New York**

Meet the Breeds event returned to The Big Apple at the Javits Center after 2 years off for COVID restrictions, and our members once again stepped up to help, bringing dogs who were a credit to our wonderful breed. There were 30,000+ spectators over the two days, many of whom received kisses and tail-wags from the Norwich present

Many thanks go to the NTCA members and their families who participated: David Michaud and Michael Heaner with Harry and Louis, seasoned veterans at meeting and greeting the public, and youngster Buck, who accepted the crowds' admiration with aplomb; Denis Johnson with Fergus, another seasoned veteran who tolerated a grooming demonstration with ease; Annie Taylor and her daughter Leah with Birdie, Birdie's daughter Porsche and Beanie, first timers who wowed the crowds with kisses; Lark Shlimbaum and her husband Don who helped with agility stars Wylie and Rascal; Betty McDonnell with youngster Lark, who has the fastest tail wag in the East; Kandy Adams with adorable youngster Brinna who gave many kisses; Magda Chiarella with Pocket, a great kisser of children, and Amelia Smith, who helped handle dogs when their owners desperately needed a break! Thanks also go to Joan Krantz who donated rosettes and ribbons won by her dogs, which we gave to the children along with our Club stickers.

2. Saturday and Sunday August 26th and 27th , 2023 Chicago

Members Judy Laffey, Cathy Rogers and myself trekked to the McCormick Center in Chicago, with seven dogs between us, to represent the NTCA as part of the International Kennel Club and AKC's dog extravaganza. We had two star participants, Holmes at 7 months old belonging to Cathy, and Winnie, 4 months old belonging to Judy, who wowed the crowd with their kisses and puppy antics. The crowds were not as impressive as NYC, but it gave us an opportunity to speak with people in more detail about the breed.

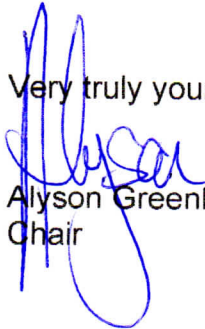
3. We were contacted by the Monroe Kennel Club (Michigan) about participating in an informal Meet the Breeds at their all-breed show on September 30th. Member Norma Braun, who is the coordinator for an NTCA supported entry at the Terrier Club of Michigan show on September 29th, has agreed to participate. I have provided her with the Club stickers to hand out and encouraged her to review the NTCA policy.

At this time, the Committee retains possession of one table cloth with the Club logo, two maroon fleece table clothes, small stickers with the Club logo and web address, a few stuffed rats, two standing banners with photos of Norwich and two back drops.

Let me know if you or the Board require additional information

Thank you

Very truly yours,


Alyson Greenlaw Cleary
Chair

cc Judy Laffey
Amanda Kozora, Secretary

Saturday, April 29, 2023

To: NTCA Corresponding Secretary

From: Liz Fujikawa, Chair, 2023 NTCA Nominating Committee

The 2023 slate from the Nominating Committee is as follows:

First VP: Jean Kessler

Recording Secretary: Monti Craig

Treasurer: Blair Kelly

Director: Betty McDonnell

Director: Lisa Sons

Director: Tonnie Willrich

Sincerely,

Liz Fujikawa, Chair, Nominating Committee

Ann Carlson, Committee Member

Judy Laffey, Committee Member

Andy Chen, Ex officio

Norwich Terrier News Committee Report
September 2023

Committee Members Amanda Kozora, Elaine Jong, Wheatley Wentzell

Committee property includes past issues (varying quantities) of the *News* currently stored with Amanda Kozora at her home in Austin, TX. We also have 7+ years of files stored in a Google drive.

Over the past year, we have not had the time to dedicate to the *News* that our members and subscribers deserve. After Issue 27 is complete, we will be resigning and the *News* will need a new editor. We look forward to continuing to contribute as needed and to assist with the transition to a new editor. This would be a great opportunity for a new editor to work with a member-volunteer on the design portion of the *News* to help reduce costs.

Thank you to all of our regular contributors – especially Joan Krantz with her detailed performance reports.

We look forward to seeing the direction that the *News* moves in next.

Sincerely,

Amanda, Elaine, Wheatley

Performance Committee Report from October 2022 through September 15, 2023

In October of 2022 we held our face-to-face Performance Committee meeting. In attendance were Kandy Adams, Rainee Johnson, Betty McDonnell and Ursula Walsh
Several topics were discussed.

The Versatility Chart added the new Novice Earthdog title Novice Earthdog and assigned two (2) points. We also voted unanimously not to add points for "Excellent" titles for Senior and Master Earthdog since we do give extra points for multiple Excellent/Master titles in other venues. We made other small changes to the Versatility chart which the BOD approved.

We discussed our hosting the trial in October 2023 which we unanimously agreed to do either on Monday or Tuesday.

The committee asked Joan to research donating to disaster trailers which the committee will revisit in 2023.

Also, the committee wanted the history of profits for the years we have hosted to keep with the Performance records. Joan has those records.

Joan brought up creating "history" of Norwich in each performance venue; however, that chart or volunteers to write the "history" has not yet happened.

The Committee had five additional Zoom meetings during 2023 to discuss several topics.

February Zoom meeting:

We discussed awards /trophies for Palmyra and we unanimously agreed to purchase gear bags rather than purchase the Wendall August plates. The remaining Wendall August plates in Joan's possession will be used as "trophies" for qualifying Norwich who participate in Earthdog on October 10, 2023. The BOD approved our purchase of gear bags. Joan will transport the 6 Wendall August plates to the trial chair, Maria Sacco, for the Earthdog trial and will request all unused plate be returned to NTCA via Joan.

Another topic we discussed was the 15th year celebration. In addition to an agility "trophy" for high in Standard and an obedience and rally "trophy" for high in trial, we voted unanimously that each participant would receive a gift (to be determined at a later date.)

We also discussed adding additional members to our committee. The committee agreed we need additional members and requested that the BOD approve our asking Dale Martins and Patty Fornelli. After the BOD approved our request, Joan asked Dale and Patty to serve on the committee and they agreed.

March Zoom meeting:

We discussed the Meredith Dwyer tribute. And We unanimously agreed to have a “tribute” and not an award. Or trophy. We plan to have a table with pictures, a brief tribute before the trial begins on October 3, 2023 and a raffle or silent auction of one of Meredith’s prints (donated by Betty McDonnell) With input from her daughter those proceeds will go to a cause that Meredith supported. The BOD approved.

June Zoom meeting:

We discussed our weeklong club responsibilities or hosting a day in Palmyra 2023. Our jobs are “Set Up/ Break Down” and “ribbon order and inventory” for the whole week. Lynn Stonesifer, the assistant chair, has done a spectacular job creating an excel spreadsheet that will enable us to keep records each day. Since Lynn can’t be there the entire four days, Dale volunteered to be in charge when Lynn leaves. Everything for Palmyra is settled.

THE BOD approved our using Wendall August plates for earthdog.

The longest part of our meeting concerned the 2026 Purina Specialty. After a lengthy discussion of many issues: the size of the club, the number of performance dogs, the number of volunteers required for each performance/companion venue, the challenges faced in 2018(combined Norwich/Norfolk specialty) with agility after the conformation events, we unanimously voted to only sponsor rally and obedience on Friday, May 29, 2026. To ensure success of hosting obedience/rally event, we agreed to allow the first five days of entries for Norwich before the trials open to all breeds. We discussed awarding special prizes for placements and high in trial. The committee recognized the need to commit so that Magda could secure the appropriate space and equipment so that we can move forward with planning. We also voted to offer prizes/awards to ALL Norwich qualifying or participating in events that may be offered by either the Mississippi Kennel Club or the Missouri Rhineland Cluster. Those prizes/awards have yet to be determined and more discussion will be needed.

Betty agreed to look into who the judges for rally and obedience were in 2018 since they were local, well-respected, and easy to work with and brought their own stewards. She will also check to see about a locally use Trial Secretary/ Superintendent and volunteered to be the chairperson as long as she could also show her dogs.

July Zoom meeting:

We revisited our discussion of Purina 2026 . Our requested date for Rally and Obedience, May 29, 2026 was not available indoors. Therefore, we agreed to hold the Rally and Obedience trial on Thursday, May 28, 2026. Betty agreed to be the trial chair; however, we cannot move forward with planning until we are assured the indoor facility is available on that date. Joan asked Jill Lowry, a club member and rally judge, if she would agree to be the judge for Rally. Jill accepted the invitation. We are waiting on details/ specifics from Purina.

We also discussed other demos/intros that could be held during the four -day specialty to provided performance-based fun/informative/ activities for those attending, This is what we have so far:

1. Magda Chiarella agreed to do an “Intro to Scent Work”
2. Denise Faulkner agreed to do “Intro to ratting” and agreed to look for a CGC Evaluator if we decide to offer that.
3. Kandy Adams agreed to do a “Freestyle Demo”
4. Joan Krantz and Rainee Johnson agree to “Intro to Performance/ Life Fundamentals”

We discussed special awards for Norwich participating in other All Breed events that may be offered during the four days. That information is not yet available.

September Zoom Meeting

Agenda

- Final details about Meredith’s tribute
- Preliminary discussion about Scent Work and the Versatility Chart
- Preliminary Discussion of Preferred Agility Grand Champion and Versatility Chart
- Preliminary discussion of contributing proceeds from the October 3 trial to the AKC Disaster Relief Fund

This past year has been a busy year for the Performance Committee. With so many new performance/companion opportunities, there has been an increase in Norwich participation.

Policy Committee Report Sept 2023

Submitted by Chair Dana Esquibel
Members Amanda Kozora and Lisa Sons

No NTCA property held.

2023 Policy Manual Updates

1. Removed reference to Part B (forms). We have too many forms to make the promise that the most current version will always be in this document. Also, many of our forms are online now. Now refer members to website or by request to Corresponding Secretary.
2. Added \$50 Vet sweeps reimbursement at supported entries
3. Changed committee name from Member Education to General Education
4. Added Finance Committee to Committee list
5. Added Emergency Prep Liaison and Junior Coordinator to Liaisons and Coordinators
6. Added list of affiliated clubs
7. Added Half a Bob trophy and Francisco trophy
8. Added requirement for listing committee property in annual report
9. Updated language around software that treasurer must use
10. Added policy from 2022 annual member meeting requiring all Board votes include names
11. Added \$1000 hospitality monies for national specialty day-of expenses
12. Added CS address to be associated with trademark
13. Added a 48-hour notice for disciplinary hearing
14. Added a requirement of 2 signatures for CD funds withdrawal
15. Added an in-person presenter and Norwich-related programming during Montgomery Co. KC week is preferred
16. Added missing policy from 2017 that prohibits AKC-licensed and provisional judges from judging NTCA national specialty sweepstakes

Since assuming the role of Rescue & Rehoming Chair in November 2022, I have followed up on fifteen inquiries or alerts of a Norwich Terrier in need of a new home. Some came directly to me via the website; others were forwarded to me by members. My involvement has ranged from a few phone calls to verify a post on social media to many hours spent working to place a dog.

Two of the cases, both senior females (Sophie 10 and Olivia 11 1/2 years old), both living in Maryland, were true rescue situations. Each had been rehomed at least once after the deaths of their original owners. Both were successfully placed in loving homes. Olivia went to a senior couple who had applied online and had experience with rescues. Sophie went to a senior couple in my own network who had recently lost their dog.

In three cases, I supported breeders – to varying degrees – in rehoming a total of four Norwich. In three other cases, I advised the owners to reach out to the breeder (with the caveat that if they needed my help to let me know). The balance of the cases were dogs being placed by other rescue organizations and, except for one, the dogs were not purebred Norwich. In the case of the purebred Norwich, the Scottish Terrier Rescue group was working directly with the breeder place them. In instances that made sense, I reached out to my list of applicants living in the general area of the rescue to make them aware of the opportunity and refer them to the rescue organization.

With Amanda Kozora's help and guidance, we updated the Rescue & Rehoming webpage and application. The result is a steady flow of applicants for rescues, now numbering more than 125 in almost every state (even Hawaii) and Canada, since November. Anecdotally, more than half are people who have or have had Norwich. While I don't respond to all (they receive an autoreply), I do respond to any phone calls or email inquiries.

I am grateful to former Rescue & Rehoming Chair Ursula Walsh for her initial coaching and advice, as well as members of the Club who have offered to and/or helped on select cases. I am especially grateful for the guidance and support of Magda Chiarella, Amanda Kozora, and the entire Board as I navigated the first year in this role, including helping me with an especially challenging case (that had a very happy ending)!

Respectfully Submitted,

Vanessa Andrews
Chair
Rescue & Rehoming Committee

RIC Report September 2023

Submitted by Chair: Dana Esquibel

Members:

Joan Eckert

Ellen Lucas

Pam Seifert

Barbara Wyttenbach

No NTCA Property.

Upon request by then NTCA President, Judy Laffey, the committee investigated a stud dog being offered to her by a woman who was not a member and appeared to have no knowledge of breeding, showing and health testing in Norwich Terriers but showed some interest in learning. An AKC pedigree (foreign-bred) and photos were included in the letter sent to Judy. Upon investigation, committee member Barbara Wyttenbach did discover the dog is Ukrainian bred and is indeed purebred. She also discovered that the dog's grandsire was scoped in Austria and has a good score. Judy agreed to offer guidance to the woman with the stud dog. We are so fortunate to have an international member on our committee.

An NTCA member reported to RIC that she found the questionable use of a foreign dog's pedigree in the US. She knew the dog in question was bred and owned by a person currently living in a foreign country. The committee investigated and discovered that the foreign breeder bred two dogs with the same name, kept one and exported the other to the US. The NTCA member was notified.

A woman from the state of WA notified NTCA that she had been in the process of buying (from a Cairn breeder) what was represented as a purebred Norwich puppy when (through other sources) she discovered it was a mix. The woman confronted the breeder who did admit it. She brought to our attention that the breeder writes about Norwich/Cairn mix puppies on her website and also a wait list for people wanting this mix. To date, we have not found any of her mixes to be AKC registered. Fortunately, the story ends well as the woman was able to connect with a legitimate Norwich breeder and now has a puppy. She just wanted to alert us and others to be cautious and not end up buying a mixed puppy that is represented as a purebred Norwich. We appreciate members notifying the Corresponding Secretary or RIC of anything that is worthy of investigating to determine its legitimacy.

Trophy Committee Report:

We would like to sincerely thank the membership for donating to the 2023 trophy fund. We really appreciate your support.

We will be offering Wendall August items and Centaur rosettes again this year at MCKC. Some of the rosettes have a bit more embellishment this year as we look to continue to make everything more regal and fitting of our National specialty.

For the supported entries at Hatboro 1 & 2 and Devon we are offering engraved metal keepsake awards from Woodbury Pewter and Hodges Badge Company, and rosettes from Centaur.

This year we will have a new trophy for Winners Dog: The John W. Francisco Memorial Challenge Trophy, bringing our total to eight active trophies. We thank Marilyn Jacobs for organizing, fundraising and acquiring the new trophy.

Custom fitted trophy cases were made for the six club trophies that were previously stored in plastic storage containers. The cases are very well made and we are pleased that the trophies will now be properly protected for transporting and annual storage.

Earlier this summer we closed the old storage unit and moved everything to a new storage unit in Macungie PA, which is about two miles from Macungie Memorial Park the site of the Hatboro and MCKC shows. The new location will make it a lot more convenient to access club materials during our National week.

Working closely with the Show Chair we are hopeful to once again have our own dedicated ring and an early start time at MCKC. Our intention is to get photographs done earlier and more efficiently so that members can get to the group rings and luncheon with less stress than last year, and so that the trophy committee and Show Chair have sufficient time to setup and take down our ring. We have also asked for more tables to display and stage our expanded offering of trophies and awards.

We are already brainstorming for 2024 which will be our club's fifteenth anniversary!

Sincerely

David Michaud, Trophy Chairperson
and committee members:

Amanda Kozora
Maria Kelly
Michael Heaner

I have currently have the awards, rosettes, tablecloths and supplies, and 7 trophies in my possession for our national week. All items will be returned to the storage unit after the MCKC show.

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September 5, 2023

Mrs. Jean Kessler
First Vice President, NTCA
Re: Ways and Means Committee Annual Report for Year 2021-2022

Dear Jean,

The Committee consists of myself, Cathy Rogers, Amanda Kazora. There has been no activity on the Ways and Means Committee.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
Lisa Sons
Committee Chair

CC: Cathy Rogers, Amanda Kozora