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Newspaper

January 2015

A monthly publication dedicated to our members and their dogs.

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Calendar

Don't forget!

Working Dog Planning Meeting

Saturday, January 10, 2015

Breakfast potluck 9 am/

Meeting 10:00 am

Linda Maggy

Hayward, CA

Board/General Meeting

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Board 10 am/Potluck 11:30 am/General 12 pm

Hazel Jacoby

Castro Valley, CA

Carting Seminar

Sunday, January 18, 2015

Larkey Park

Walnut Creek, CA

Walt Parsons

Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

Saturday, February 21, 2015

Board 10 am/General 12 pm

Cattlemens Restaurant

Livermore, CA

RSVP by Feb 14!

Spring Draft Test

Sunday, March 29, 2015

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aukainewf@aol.com**NCA Links**[NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA](#)[2015 NATIONAL SPECIALTY](#)[NCA MEMBERSHIP](#)[NEWFTIDE](#)**New Committee – Legislative News and Warnings**

By Walt Parsons

At the club's last meeting a new committee was formed which would report to the club and legislation (Federal, State, County or local) which might adversely affect the club's canine friends. Our information comes from various sources including the AKC. We also ask club members to alert us if you hear of any adverse legislation be proposed.

At the present time the chair of this committee is Walt Parsons who may be reached at the below e-mail address.

Walt Parsons

waltparsons@gmail.com

President's Message

The recent **holiday party** was a lot of fun. We had lots of great food and drink as well as a chance to socialize with many folks in the club. And, of course, there was the gift exchange (with thievery). Thank you Linda and Merle Maggy for once again opening your home for this event. Also, congratulations to four members who were elected to become general members: Patrick Benshoof & Lisa Lee, and Dick & Janet Heym.

Don't forget to renew your **club membership!** Renewal letters were sent out in November. Renewals are due by January 1 and become delinquent after February 15. If you can't find your renewal letter, contact our Membership Chair, Colleen Cahill. Her contact information can be found elsewhere in the newsletter and, of course, in the membership roster.

NCNC members and their dogs were active this past month, although the show circuit was less busy this time of year. (Show results are listed elsewhere in the Newfs Paper.) Here are a few highlights:

George earned two BOB and two Group 3 placements. Congratulations!

We have a busy time coming up. First, if you are interested in working dog events, don't miss the annual **Working Dog Committee meeting** on Saturday, January 10, at the Maggy home in Hayward. This is a very important meeting where working dog events will be planned for the next year. So, if you want a say in those events, or if you just want a heads up on what will be coming along, don't miss this meeting. Besides, it always starts with a wonderful potluck breakfast! If you need information or directions, contact Linda Maggy.

Next, we will have our **first club meeting** of the new year on Saturday, January 17, at Hazel Jacoby's home in Castro Valley. This will be an important as well as an interesting meeting. Nominations for the next Board of Directors will be accepted from the floor. (More on this, below.) We are also fortunate to have a talk by our own Jennifer Larsen. Jen is a veterinarian at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. I am told she will be discussing a very interesting topic: dog nutrition, including dog food labeling and marketing. Please plan to stay for Jen's talk.

Our **annual meeting and awards banquet** is planned for February 21 at Cattleman's restaurant in Livermore. We held this event last year at the same venue, and it was a huge success! So, don't miss it this year. More information can be found elsewhere in this NewfsPaper.

January through April will be a busy time for carting with our Newfs. We plan to have three **carting seminars**, one per month weather permitting, followed by the **Spring Draft Test**. The first seminar is scheduled for Sunday, January 18, at Larkey Park in Walnut Creek. We will have training available for beginning dogs through draft test run-throughs. Please contact Walt Parsons to sign up. (Information is available in this NewfsPaper as well as the NCNC website.) Dates for additional seminars will be chosen at the WDC meeting.

In the Spring, we again plan to have a **club picnic** at the same location that worked so well last year. Once again, Elisa and John Morozumi are in charge. They did a great job last year with lots of good food and fun activities for our dogs. I really look forward to this event! More information will be available as the plans firm up.

Looking further ahead, we are already planning the next **Regional Specialty** activities. This year we had only two entries in **Rally Obedience** (I entered Ready, Lori entered Rose). Please let me know if you are interested in having/entering Rally next October. If there is no interest, it probably won't happen. Please let me know soon.

Let me say a little more about the upcoming **NCNC Election**. The nominating committee has announced a slate of candidates (listed elsewhere in this NewfsPaper). At the January General meeting, we will accept additional nominations from the floor. If there are contested offices, an election will be held by mail. Ballots will be mailed out to General members and counted at the February meeting, where the new NCNC Board and officers will be announced.

So, we have lots of activities planned. As always, check the calendar section of the Newfs Paper or the NCNC website for more details. I hope to see you there!

Have fun with your Newfs!

~ John Pearson, NCNC President

Treasurer's Tips

Just a note about expense vouchers and the receipts. Please provide receipts with line items, not just a total charge. If you are ordering online, a print of the order might be necessary as some vendors are not providing pricing on the shipping notice. If the order was not made online, the vendor should provide a line item receipt.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact treasurer@ncnc.org.

Send photos of your dogs to newspaper@gmail.com! We need those cute faces in our newsletter!

Have questions about dog food? Want to know what "holistic" or "natural" means?

Come to the January meeting at Hazel's house on Saturday the 17th.

Jennifer Larsen DVM PhD, a board-certified veterinary specialist in nutrition, will be talking about pet food labels and how pet food is marketed.

We are sad to report that Mary Killian has passed away. She had many friends in NCNC. A group will be buying a memorial page in NewfTide - if you would like to be included please contact Kathy Mitchell. She had so many friends, and we don't want to leave anyone out.

Kathy Mitchell
818-317-8760
fairseasnewf@gmail.com

Newfoundland Health and Rescue

Dogs in Rescue

Here is a status of the dogs currently in rescue:

- Bryce – Has been adopted!!
- Sunny - Has been adopted.
- Patch Adams - Being medically treated.
- Wilson - A black male, 8 weeks old. Pending heart check with an adopter in sight!
- Daisy Mae - A black female, 16 months. Pending heartworm test and spay.

If you have an interest in adopting a wonderful dog from rescue, please follow the procedure on our website newfhealthandrescue.org and send your application to Beth Mirsky. If you have adopted from us before, let Beth know that you are ready for another dog as your application should still be on file. Thank you for your support.

Donation Challenge Status

Thank you to everyone who accepted the Challenge and allowed us to exceed the total! We appreciate Ursula and Mike providing this incentive for donations and thank them for their matching donation!

Thank You to our Volunteers!

NH&R would like to thank all our volunteers for their work over the last year. Without them we would not be able to do our job. They helped with everything from sending donation acknowledgments to transporting dogs to fostering to doing home checks for potential adopters to helping at sales tables to --- "many other things". Thanks to all of them!

Carla & Barry Brodd

Lori Littleford

John Pearson

Ursula Cabalzar

Keith & Sandy Mendia

Summer Poris

Colleen Cahill

Rob & Robin Merritt

Mike Reyer

Kevin & Laura Gallagher

Beth Mirsky

Buzz & Patti Sondgroth

Diane Garfield

Patty O'Brien

Martin Vroeryk

June Gibson

Edd O'Donoghue

Samantha & Bob Westgate

Hazel Jacoby

Terry Parker

Mark & Nancy Young

James Jorgensen

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the heart and eye clinics at the Regional – listed last month. Thank you to the Veterinarians who gave us rescue discounts. If we missed anyone, please forgive us – we appreciate and want to thank everyone who helped support rescue in 2014.

H&R Donations

We would like to thank and acknowledge the following for their donations:

- **Samantha Westgate**
- **Hazel Jacoby**
- **Ursula Cabalzar and Mike Reyer**
- **William and Susan Liley**
- **Aldo and Diane Branch**
- **Margaret Boosembark**
- **Hale Pet Door (in name of Dean Case)**
- **Cathy and Jerry Sayre on behalf of Debbie and Todd Bridge**
- **Colleen Cahill**
- **Karen and Eric Johnson**
- **Frank Pedroni**
- **Debbie Bridge**
- **Rob and Robin Merritt**
- **Heather and Mehrdad Azim**
- **Marcia Hutchins**
- **Greg Altergott, in name of Hazel Jacoby**
- **Dwight and Carmela Ely, in memory of Kirby and Teddy**
- **Bruce Cudd, in honor of Dan and Joy Chervinkas's wedding**

Would You Consider a Donation?

Visit the NH&R website, newfhealthandrescue.org, or you can send a check to:

Hazel Jacoby
5514 Greenridge Rd.
Castro Valley, CA 94552

Committee Roles and Responsibilities – continued

The next "Role and Responsibilities" defined by the Board is Membership.

The definitions used for this document are:

"Role" - A set of activities or job functions. Not necessarily a single person – one person may have several "roles", one "role" may be supported by several people. For example, the secretary of a water test and the chief steward of a draft test may be the same person. The steward role at a draft test has multiple people assigned.

"Responsibility" - An outcome to be achieved by a "role". This does not mean that the person(s) assigned to the role must complete the task(s) for the responsibility, only that they must ensure it is completed.

We hope you will see something of interest and volunteer to help out! You do not need to be a Chair, but if you would like to help with one or more responsibilities you can contact the appropriate Chair to volunteer.

Role: Membership

Current Assignment: Colleen Cahill

Responsibilities:

- Send renewal requests in December.
- Receive renewals and update information as requested.

- Receive new member applications and add information.
- Provide General Member applications / procedures when requested.
- Receive General Member applications.
- Provide new / updated member information to NewsPaper Editor monthly (new member information, General member application information, birthday list, etc.).
- Create and deliver printed roster after renewal due date.
- Provide updated roster list to Webmaster quarterly.
- Provide email distribution list to NewsPaper Editor and Corresponding Secretary, including updates as required.
- Provide member list for each General meeting for attendance.
- Administer Budget.
 - Provide input to Treasurer as required
 - Manage income and expenses for responsibilities
- Ensure income and expense vouchers are delivered to Treasurer in a timely manner.

If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please contact one of the Committee Chairs or a member of the Board of Directors.

Luise Parsons Award

The NCNC Board solicits nominations for the club's Luise Parsons award. The award does not need to be given annually, but if there is a member who fits the criteria, it would be given during our annual meeting/banquet being held February 21, 2015. Please send your nominations to John Pearson (waterdog@ix.netcom.com) or to any of the other board members, so that the board can begin the process of selecting the next awardee. Include the name of the person nominated, and a description of why that person meets the award criteria. The criteria for the Luise Parsons Award are best described in a message from Pam Rubio, below.

Lifelong dedication to the breed/club who has provided dedicated service and contribution (over an extended period of time) to NCNC. The award should be given to a member who personifies all the great qualities and contributions that Luise set forth as an example:

"I am sure all of us have Luise stories to tell that exemplify her generosity to both the club, the breed, or us personally. I will start by telling you that every year that I have been trophy chair for the regional, Luise sent me a check for \$100 to be used wherever needed. I know there are many other instances that I am not aware of, where she stepped in to intervene for a dog in a shelter, rescue or to help in any way she could. When Autumn was here for whelping, she came at least once a week, and always brought food for lunch/dinner, whatever. She often volunteered to do lunches for working events, when no other volunteers could be found. The award should be given to the member who truly exemplifies those qualities that we so loved and valued in Luise."

NCNC Working Dog 2015 Annual Planning Meeting

January 10, 2015

at the home of Linda & Merle Maggy
28103 Dobbel Ave., Hayward, CA
[\(510\) 886-9385](tel:5108869385), merlem3@aol.com

Breakfast will begin at 9:00 am with the meeting to follow at 10:00 am. Please contact Linda to let her know what food item you plan to bring.

In addition to selecting dates, committees and judges for our usual events, we will be considering the following new items:

Do we want to include a demonstration of the new DDX exercises at the spring draft test?

(The rules and descriptions of the maneuvers are now on the NCA web site. Check them out.)

July water tests at Folsom Lake in Granite Bay (do we want a WRDX?)

New site for the fall draft test

Advanced Draft Test (DDX)

Selection of design for working dog T shirt.

Be thinking about whom you would like to have judge our various events and be prepared to volunteer.

If you have any other agenda items you think we should cover, e-mail me at aukainewf@aol.com.

I'm hoping there will be a large turnout.

~ Cherrie Brown, NCNC Working Dog Chairman

The Golden Gate dog show is January 24-25, 2015. If you enjoy talking about newfs and educating the public about our wonderful breed, this is the place for you. Your admission will be paid for, you only need to stay for an hour or two. There is fabulous shopping and you get to hang out with the newfs. If interested please contact Lynne Baker, noofmom@aol.com, [530-587-5384](tel:5305875384)

[Click here for the Carting Seminar Registration Form.](#)

Show & Trial Results

Santa Cruz KC – Saturday 11/29/14

BOB/G3 – GC Heartsease King of the Jungle (George) – M Joan Casler & Lynne Anderson & Pamela Jackson & Jill Latchaw
 BOS – GCh Tempest's First Lady O' Lanikai (Margaret) – Deborah & Todd Bridge & Dejah & Steven Petsch
 BOW/WD – SaltyDog's China Clipper (Captain) – Patti & Buzz Sondgroth
 SEL – GCh Waterbear's the Real Thing – Pamela Jackson & Allan & Denise Robins
 SEL – GCh Bear N Mind's Giving Strength to Ardeur – Ann Cramer & Christine & Dwight Gorsuch
 BOBOH – GCh Tailwind's Rooster Cogburn – Ann Cramer
 WB – Alist's Meryl Wears Pouch Cove – Christine Legg & Peggy Helming & Laura Vande Ven

Camellia Capital KC – Sunday 11/30/14

BOB/G3 – GC Heartsease King of the Jungle (George) – M Joan Casler & Lynne Anderson & Pamela Jackson & Jill Latchaw
 BOS – GCh Tempest's First Lady O' Lanikai (Margaret) – Deborah & Todd Bridge & Dejah & Steven Petsch
 BOW/WD – Capricio's Rocky Mtn High – Linda & Robert Kennard & Pamela Rubio
 WB – Alist's Meryl Wears Pouch Cove – Christine Legg & Peggy Helming & Laura Vande Ven

The following are the 2015 board nominations. Nominations from the floor will be at the January 17th meeting. If you know of someone interested in running or interested yourself, please come to the meeting. Nominees must be general members.

President- John Pearson

V. President- Kevin Gallagher

Recording Secretary- Cathy Sayre

Corresponding Sec.- Lynne Baker

Treasurer- Hazel Jacoby

Directors

Gina Bonnell

Carol Chew

Linda Maggy

Patty Sondgroth

Quilt Raffle!

This is a 50" x 50" machine washable and dryable minkey fabric quilt. It is an original one of a kind quilt. It will be raffled off at the Living Legends and Awards Banquet. A small amount of funds could go towards the banquet if needed, but the goal is to stay in budget with all money going to Rescue as it did last year. Last years quilt brought in over \$432 for Rescue.

Tickets are \$1 each or 30 for \$20 and can be purchased from Linda Maggy at 28103 Dobbel Ave., Hayward, CA 94542 or at the Holiday party, working dog meeting or Living Legend/Awards Banquet. For more information contact Linda Maggy at [510-886-9385](tel:510-886-9385) or e-mail; merlem3@aol.com.

Last years winner was Hazel Jacoby.

Living Legends

If you have a dog who reached the age of ten or older in 2014 and have not previously received the Living Legend award for that dog, s/he is eligible to receive the NCNC Living Legend award. To receive the award please contact Pam Rubio, pamelar@garlic.com. I will need the dog's call name and date of birth. Living Legend awards will be given at the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet in February. You must be present to pick up the award, or make arrangements for someone else to pick it up. They will not be mailed.

REMINDER

Living Legends/Awards Banquet

When: February 21, 2015

Where: Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore, CA 94551

Cost: \$22.00 per person

A 48 inch wire dog crate will be given as a door prize.

Lunch will be a choice of Steak, salmon, chicken or pasta. Your choice will be taken at the restaurant.

Please reserve by Feb.10, 2015.

Send reservation and checks to Linda Maggy, 28103 Dobbel Ave., Hayward, CA94542.

For more information contact Linda Maggy at [510-886-9385](tel:510-886-9385), cell [510-882-6452](tel:510-882-6452) or e-mail; merlem3@aol.com.

AWARD FORM: Download from the NCNC.org website and send to Debbie at bridge@newfs.com by January 31.

PHOTOS NEEDED

We are looking for photos for our Living Legend/Awards Banquet slide show. We would like you to share some of your photos. They can be of dogs and or people. They do not need to be show or working photos. Candid photos are often the best. Many of the photos enjoyed most last year were from the past remembering those who have passed. If you have a living legend we would love you to share their photo with us. These are our very special members. The more photos we get the better the slide show. Send them to Merle Maggy at merlemaggy@comcast.net.

POISON MUSHROOMS

Many in Northern California are not aware that we have one of the highest rates of death caused by poison mushrooms for both humans and animals in the entire country. I didn't know that fact.....until I lost both my Newfie girls last May to poison mushrooms.

Northern California has a number of deadly mushrooms that grow in our area. The Death Cap Mushroom, the Destroying Angel Mushroom, and the Deadly Galerina are all mushrooms that are part of the Amanita toxin family. Amanita toxins are some of the MOST poisonous substances in all of nature. The toxin cannot be cooked out or frozen out of the mushroom. Even just a small amount of the mushroom can kill a human....and our DOGS! In fact there have been documented cases of Amanita deaths in cattle and horses in the Bay area! Why would an animal eat them? Well, some animals that graze in the grass may not know that they are eating them. For our pets, these mushrooms smell very good. They smell "fishy", which is what attracts our pets to them.

Unfortunately, I can tell you first hand that death by these mushrooms is horrible! It can take from 6 to 24 hours before you will see any effects: vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and lethargy. By the time you see the symptoms, the toxins have already begun to cause severe damage to your dogs organs. My girls died within 72 hours of my discovering their first symptoms.

Our current weather pattern of cool evenings, warm days and higher humidity makes it PRIME mushroom growing weather. Mushrooms will continue to grow until the ground temperature reaches freezing. Which is highly unlikely in our area.

So what can you do to keep your pets safe? Here are a few suggestions:

-Walk all areas your dogs have access to daily. Pull all mushrooms as soon as you see them. Getting them before they release their spores may help keep the spreading down. Amanita mushrooms are not the only threat to our dogs. There are a number of hallucinogenic, neurotoxic as well as other mushrooms that may make our dogs very ill that grow in our area.

-Keep the areas your dogs are in free from dead or dying organic material. Mushrooms thrive on dead organic material. Even dog feces is a great source for mushroom growth.

-If the mushrooms are really bad in your area, fence off a smaller area for your dog that is easier for you to maintain or take them out on leash to ensure they don't have access to any mushrooms.

-Contact a local lawn company and ask them about spraying your property with a fungicide. We have had good luck with this. Although, it hasn't kept away all the mushrooms from our dog's area, it has made managing them much better and kept them under control. The mushroom issues in the sprayed vs unsprayed areas are huge! Significantly less in the sprayed areas! Just remember to keep your dogs off the sprayed areas until safe for them to return.

-If your dog becomes ill please do not hesitate to get your dogs in and be sure that your vet is aware that your dog could have had access to a mushroom! QUICK treatment could make the difference between life and death.

As far as I'm concerned there is no such thing as a safe wild mushroom! Many mycologists (mushroom experts) have died eating a 'shroom they thought was safe. If the experts can't figure it out...I'm certainly not going to try. Since the death of my girls, I have become aware of at least 4 other dogs (all different breeds) that have died in the last few months. Those are just the ones I have heard about. I'm sure there are many more we don't know about. A simple Internet search for poison mushrooms can help you find more information as well as specific pictures of different mushrooms. Here is a link to one site: <http://www.bayareamushrooms.org/poisonings/index.html>

Please pass this information on to your neighbors and anyone else that has animals or children. My hope is that my girls' deaths will not be in vain. And that we can save more lives by educating everyone about the risk wild mushrooms have on our pets. I am sharing my email address for anyone that would like more information about what we have done or my experience. I am NOT a mushroom expert...but am happy to share our story with others.

Diane Blandina
dblandina@gmail.com

NCNC Board of Directors Meeting - Agenda

Saturday, December 6, 2014, 28103 Dobbie Avenue, Hayward, CA

Call to order and note the time: 10:15 am

Roll Call:

President - John Pearson (JP)
Vice President - Kevin Gallagher (KG)
Recording Secretary - Dawn Druge (DD)
Corresponding Secretary - Lynne Baker (LB)
Treasurer - Hazel Jacoby (HJ) – Absent
Director - Gina Bonnell (GB)
Director - Linda Maggy (LM)
Director – Patty Sondgroth (PS)

Approval of the minutes:

Meeting minutes from the August 9, 2014, Board of Directors meeting – As published in the November 2014 NewsPaper. **Action:**

Motion to approve: Kevin Gallagher; 2nd: Lynne Baker; Approved: UC

Officer Reports:

President - Holiday thank you to the board
Vice President - None
Corresponding Secretary - None
Recording Secretary - None
Treasurer –

- Treasurers Report – As sent to Board members – **Discuss/Approve?**

Motion to approve: Kevin Gallagher; 2nd: Linda Maggie; Approved: UC

2015 Budget – As sent to Board members – **Discuss/Approve?**

Motion to approve: Gina Bonnell; 2nd: Kevin Gallagher; Approved: UC

Committee Reports:

- Working Dog Chair – Cherrie Brown will discuss potential new Water & Draft Test sites. **Discussion: Suggest Lake Folsom as a future water test site. The park has approved NCNC to use the lake.**

Motion: Approve using Lake Folsom as a water test site and a new vendor: Kevin Gallagher; 2nd: Lynne Baker; Approved: UC

Discussion: Suggest Auburn Recreation Center as a future draft test site.

Motion: Approve using Auburn Recreation Center as a draft test site, Kevin Gallagher; 2nd: Lynne Baker; Approved: UC

- Any other committee reports? **None**

Unfinished Business:

- List of passwords – Kevin to put the passwords in a section of the website that is password protected. Kevin researching best location to store the passwords. **Status: Created page on website and also suggested the use of Last Pass.**

Motion: Approve opening a Last Pass account which is a secure storage site for passwords, Kevin Gallagher; 2nd: Lynne Baker; Approved: UC

Action: Plan what is to be put into the website

- By-Laws, Board approval of contracts –The Board will provide pre-approval to vendors on the approved vendor list as long as the agreement is within budget (motion approved, April 26, 2014). **Action:** Hazel to prepare approved Vendor list for Board review and approval. Hazel to update categories with, do not use, regional judges, working judges, stewards. Create a 5 year rolling list (motion approved, August 9, 2014). **Status: Draft Vendor list sent to Board members for review on December 4, 2014. Discussion:**

**Motion: Approve vendors list to make available to the membership, Lynne Baker
2nd: Kevin Gallagher; Approved: UC**

Action: Make the list user friendly

- Use of PayPal – **Action:** Committee of Hazel, Kevin, Gina and Diane Blandina formed to further investigate and bring findings to the membership (motion approved, August 9, 2014). **Status:** The committee needs a Chair. Kevin Gallagher has offered to chair the committee. The President proposes to appoint Kevin, and the Board needs to approve. **Discussion:**

Motion: Approve Kevin Gallagher to be the committee chair, John Pearson**2nd: Gina Bonnell; Approved: UC**

Kevin and Gina reported we have two different options, 1st to use PayPal via buttons, 2nd option via invoicing through Pay Pal. We can build templates and customize. We may also be able to import documents. The cost for the account is free, however there is a per transaction fee of 2.9% +\$0.30. The club will need to decide who absorbs the fees.

Action: Work on implementing/testing during 2015.**Motion: Use Pay Pal as a payment option service for NCNC transactions, Lynne Baker; 2nd: Dawn Druge; Approved: UC****Motion: Committee to have full access to NCNC's Pay Pal account, Kevin Gallagher; 2nd: Lynne Baker; Approved: UC with Kevin Gallagher abstaining**

- Ways & Means, do we need a chair? Discussed at the General meeting on April 26, 2014 and August 9, 2014. **Action:** Gina Bonnell to come up with 2 to 4 items to present to the membership for a pre order opportunity once or twice a year. **Status:** Gina selected a cap and hooded shirt, both with NCNC emblems and available in several colors. Purchase information was distributed to NCNC members on October 19, 2014, as pre-order/pre-pay. **Discussion: Is this item closed? Action item closed, Discussion: Gina reported on 2 orders for each item offered were placed. Gina elected not to place the order. Gina will come up with something for the near future and will continue to discuss with the general membership what items they would like to purchase.**
- Roles and Responsibilities document – Hazel sent a “straw man” version to the Board. **Action:** Hazel will finalize and delete SmugMug from responsibilities. **Status:** Hazel has published portions of the document in the NewsPaper (September, October & December). See her message to Board. **Discussion: Item Closed**

Action item: Hazel to discuss the roles and responsibilities at the next meeting for the regional costume contest.

- Should we survey the membership about what they like and want on our website? **Action:** Kevin to work on design changes which will include working dog information. **Status: Kevin proposes changes to “Rebuild website to make it mobile friendly.”**

Motion: Rebuild the website for the budgeted amount of \$275. The old site will be left up while the new site is being built. Delivery of the new site is February 1st 2015, Kevin Gallagher ; 2nd: Lynne Baker; Approved: UC with Kevin Gallagher abstaining

- How club meeting minutes are posted and retrievable. **Action:** Hazel to send to the NewsPaper editor for publishing the approved meeting minutes from two meetings in 2013 which did not get published at that time. **Status:** Minutes of the January 12, 2013 and February 16, 2013 meetings were published in the June 2014. **Action completed.**
- Should minutes be published with the paper as a separate attachment? A suggestion was also made to publish the NewsPaper (on website) with a color or symbol, such as asterisks, to notate papers with minutes. **Action:** Gina to create a 2nd reference document for the meeting minutes to be located on the website (motion approved August 9, 2014). **Status: Progress being made and should see with the new website.**
- Hazel: Should we appoint a NCA Newfoundland Ambassador. **Action:** Gina to put an article together for the NewsPaper to describe the position and ask for volunteers. **Status: An article was published in the September 2014 NewsPaper. Action Completed.**
- Need to appoint a Nominating Committee at the General Meeting. The following nominating committee was appointed at the August 9, 2014, General Meeting: Pam Rubio (Chair), Linda Maggy and Diane Blandina. Summer Poris and Laura Gallagher are 1st and 2nd alternates, respectively. **Status: The Nominating Committee has selected a slate, which will be presented at the General meeting and published in the Newspaper. Discussion: Nominees to be announced at the general meeting.**
- Membership chair needs to send out printed membership roster to those who requested it and update the membership roster on line. **Status: The on-line membership roster was recently updated (October 18, 2014). Discussion: Printing of the roster**

Motion: Hard copies of the membership roster will be made available after membership renewal is completed. The roster will be distributed one time per year. Updates to the membership roster will be available on the website periodically, Kevin Gallagher; 2nd: Patti Sondgroth; Approved: UC

- Linda Maggy proposed the Sunshine Committee needs a new chair. She would like to step down. **Action:** Discuss at General Meeting. **Status:** Hazel Jacoby read the roles and responsibilities for this chair position. Janet Heym was appointed to assist Linda Maggy in this roll (approved August 9, 2014, General meeting). Janet Heym has applied for General membership. **Discussion: Is this issue closed? Item closed**

New Business:

- Annual Picnic - John and Elisa Morozumi have agreed to chair the event, again, at San Leandro Marina Park. We need to select a date (April – June) so they can reserve the location. **Discussion:** (See show calendar dates for potential picnic dates.)

Motion: Picnic to be held on Saturday, June 20th with the alternate date of Saturday, April 25th, Kevin Gallagher; 2nd: Gina Bonnell; Approved: UC

- Walt Parsons suggests: "Apparently our club doesn't have a 'Government Relegations' chair at the present time. I am on the AKC legislation list for the local Saint Bernard Club and I received the below notice from AKC [concerning a proposed spay/neuter legislation in Southern California]. The club needs a 'Government Relations' chairperson to keep an eye out for stuff like this." **Discussion:**

Motion: Have a Government Legislation Committee as long as there is a committee chair, Gina Bonnell; 2nd: Patti Sondgroth; Approved: UC

- June Gibson proposes: "Currently, NH&R is in charge of Counter Ads. We would like to pass it back to NCNC as a part of Breed Education." **Discussion: Bring to General Membership**
- Newspaper: The editor needs a volunteer to send out hard-copies each month to a few members who have requested it. (This item is also on the General meeting agenda.) **Discussion: Bring to General Membership**

Any other New Business?

Pam Rubio and Gina Bonnell (2015 Regional Specialty Chairs) would like to do some fundraising for the regional specialty budget. Proposed to raise funds by selling a small reusable grocery bag nationally, and then only to NCNC members sell a customized T-Shirt. The funds to purchase the items will come from the 2015 regional specialty budget.

Motion: Approve two new vendors, Customelink and Bulletin Bags, Kevin Gallagher

2nd: Gina; Approved: UC

Adjournment:

Motion: Gina Bonnell

2nd motion: Kevin Gallagher

Meeting adjourned at 12:09PM

NCNC General Meeting - Agenda

Saturday, December 6, 2014, 12:00, at 28103 Dobbie Avenue, Hayward, CA

Call meeting to order 12:55pm

Roll Call: Role sheet passed, yes there is a quorum

Introduce new members & guests present – No new members

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Meeting minutes from the August 9, 2014, general meeting – As published in the November 2014 Newspaper

Motion to approve: Mike Reyer; 2nd Motion: Cherrie Brown; Approved: UC

Recording Secretary please read the minutes of the Board Meeting (no comments at this time please)

Reports of the Board of Directors:

Report of the President – John Pearson: None

Report of the Vice President – Kevin Gallagher: None

Report of the Corresponding Secretary – Lynne Baker: None

Report of the Recording Secretary - Dawn Druge: None

Report of the Treasurer- Hazel Jacoby - Absent

Reports from Committee Chairs:

Rescue – June Gibson: Four dogs in rescue, two are being adopted. The eight week old was placed today and Bryce was adopted by his foster Mom. Patch was in three different shelters, the East Bay shelters would not relinquish him, gave him medication to keep him calm. Rescue now has him. He is being treated for seizures and doing much better. Sunny is looking for her forever home and needs to be the queen of her new castle.

Counter ads, currently NH&R place counter ads in papers that have an ad for puppies. NH&R's ad is guiding buyers on how to find a puppy properly. Counter ads are more educational and NH&R would like NCNC to take on the responsibility of placing counter ads.

Linda Maggie has made another quilt; she will be raffling it off at the banquet. Tickets are \$1 each or 30 tickets for \$20.

Education – Lynn Baker: Golden Gate just around the corner, need helpers for the education table. Should you volunteer your entry to the show will be free. Please see Lynn to volunteer.

Membership – Colleen Cahill: Membership renewals went out in November. Renewals are due January 1st and will be late if received after February 15th. Colleen needs technical assistance in printing the roster.

Newspaper Editor – Jen Larsen

- The Newspaper editor needs a volunteer to send out hard-copies each month to a few members who have requested it. Discussion: Mike and Ursula take on the task of mailing the hard copies of the Newspaper. Mike and Ursula will follow-up with Jen.

Webmaster – Kevin Gallagher: None

Recognition Chair – Summer Poris: Pam Rubio reminded the membership; please send your Louise Parsons Award nominations into the board.

Sunshine Committee – Linda Maggy: Janet reported 1 get well card and one gift card has been sent recently.

Ways and Means – Gina Bonnell: The last preorder did not go well. Gina will take suggestions for the next presale.

Working Dog Chair – Cherrie Brown: 2014 very successful, we've made \$168. The September water test had a very high pass rate and we have two potential test sites for the future, Lake Folsom for water and Auburn Recreational Center for draft. January 10th is the working dog meeting please be sure to attend. New DDX demo to be provided, possibly at the next draft test.

Regional Chairs (2014) – Pam Jackson and Laura Gallagher: Nothing to report. Ursula and Linda, thanks all who volunteered at the eye and heart clinics.

Regional Chairs (2015) – Pam Rubio and Gina Bonnell: Acceptance letters have been received by both the confirmation and sweeps judges. The contract has been sent for the obedience and rally judge. Rally may not be offered, need to determine level of interest before a firm decision is made. Beginner Novice will be offered. Fund raising will take place due to 2 of the judges coming from the east coast. A reusable bag will be offered nationally for \$7.00 each and a T-Shirt offered to club members only for \$20.00.

NCNC Breeders List – Lynne Baker: Please contact Lynne if you want to be on the 2015 breeders list.

Golden Gate – Summer Poris: Golden Gate show closed in four days; please send your bench information into Summer if you want to bench with NCNC.

Picnic Chairs – John and Elisa Morozumi: None

Awards Banquet Chair – Linda Maggy: Awards banquet, a crate will be a door prize, a quilt will be raffled off, and tickets for the quilt

will be sold through February 14th. Linda will check with Debbie Bridge to see if she will coordinate the awards. Send in your Living Legend Award request to Pam Rubio. The dog must have turned 10 years old in 2014. Simply send Pam your dog's call name and date of birth. Linda will also have a slide show running during the banquet, if you have any pictures from any event held in 2014 please share with Linda!

Show Support Chair – Amy Ryan & Diane Blandina: None

PayPal Committee – Kevin Gallagher: None

Election of New General Members:

- Patrick Benshoof and Lisa Lee have applied for General Membership. This was published in the November 2014 NewsPaper. **Action:** Discussion and vote. **Voted in as General Members**
- Dick and Janet Heym have applied for General Membership. This was published in the December 2014 NewsPaper. **Action:** Discussion and vote. **Voted in as General Members**

Unfinished Business:

- Did anyone find the WRDX wetsuit and/or gloves? John and Elisa Morozumi procured new gloves which were used at the September test. John & Lori now have the wetsuit & gloves. **Item Closed**
- **Ways & Means** – The By-Laws state that we have a Ways and Means Committee. What does the general membership envision this position to be? The position used to buy items in bulk for the membership to purchase. A suggestion has been made to have logo items available to purchase once or twice a year. We would need someone to volunteer to chair a committee.

Action: Gina Bonnell to come up with 2 to 4 items to present to the membership for a pre order opportunity once or twice a year.

Status: Gina selected a cap and hooded shirt, both with NCNC emblems and available in several colors. This was distributed to NCNC members on October 19, 2014, as pre-order/pre-pay. **Discussion:** See Committee Chair Report

- Nominating Committee (approved August 9, 2014)

Pam Rubio, Chair

Linda Maggy

Diane Blandina

Summer Poris, 1st alternate

Laura Gallagher, 2nd alternate

Action: Propose a slate of Officers and Board members, in accordance with the NCNC By-Laws. **Status:** The Nominating Committee has selected a slate. The nominations are:

President – John Pearson

VP – Kevin Gallagher

Corresponding Secretary – Lynne Baker

Recording Secretary – Cathy Sayre

Treasurer – Hazel Jacoby

Directors:

Gina Bonnell

Carol Chew

Linda Maggy

Patti Sondgroth

New Business:

Motion: Move to have a Legislation Committee and appoint Walt Parsons as the committee chair, Pam Rubio; 2nd: Laura Gallagher; **Approved:** UC

Motion: Move the responsibility to place counter ads from NH&R to NCNC's Education Committee, Pam Rubio; 2nd: Summer Poris; **Approved:** UC

Walt Parsons: 1st draft seminar to take place on January 18th, 2015

Cherrie Brown: discussed NCA member, Meredith Reggie's passing and would like have NCNC make a donation in her name to the Newfoundland health challenge. Membership would like further investigation to be done to determine that is the proper place to make a donation. Tabled the discussion for our next meeting.

Pam Rubio: Mushrooms are really popping up in yards due to the recent rain, please be very careful. Pam to ask Diane Bladina to write an article for the next NewsPaper.

Pam Rubio: Please donate as much as you can to NH&R through December 1st, Mike and Ursula will match the donation \$.50 on your dollar.

Pam Rubio: Include in puppy packet NCNC membership information

Mike Reyer: Suggested NCNC Breeders do what the Entlebucher club does, the breeder pays for half of the club membership.

Brags: \$171

John Pearson:

Ready earned his Water Dog (WD) title at the September test. He earned his Rally Excellent (RE) title with two qualifying scores at Pleasanton and a first place at the Regional Specialty. He also earned his first Novice obedience leg with a second place at the Regional.

Rose requalified as a WD1 in September and earned her second Rally Excellent leg with a second place at the Regional.

Harry passed her doppler heart check.

Pam Rubio:

Khali won her 1st points at Wine Country

Rocky won his 1st point at Woodland

Brook earned her WD Title

Annie going to Mexico to join Karen

Jeeter earned his WD, WRD and DD titles

Carol Chew: **Bonnie** earned her VN

Cherrie Brown:

Flicker earned her CH at Woofstock

Ramble earned his WRD at Lake Del Valle, he is now a VN

Sophira is now a ROM

Kirby is now a ROM

Cathy and Jerry Sayer: Tucker earned his CH in January, WD in Colorado this summer and he earned his DD at our November draft test. Heart check passed

John and Gina Bonnell: Khali passed her heart and eye check

Martin: Busy earned High in Trial at our Regional Specialty. **Earl** earned his CH at the Dixon show.

Pam Jackson:

Clumber, Libby won back to back majors at the Dixon shows.

George won a best I back group 3 placements at the recent Woodland show.

Janet: Omelia after being very close the rainbow bridge three times is still with us.

Dawn and Kathy: Gabe earned his WRD

Ursula: Arcuda is behaving

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Pam Rubio

2nd Motion: Ursula

Meeting adjourned: 2:18pm

Other Activities:

Holiday Party!

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