

## General Meeting Minutes, October 22, 2011

Meeting Called to Order at 12:55pm PST.

Attendees:

From BOD: Robin Waldvogal-White, Ciaran McCloskey, Joe Attaway, Susan Van Spruill, Wendy Gieske, Peggy Wolfe

Members: David White, Domenic Valaone, Joe Steinfeld, Charina Smith, Susan Storms, Melinda Aaron-McElyea, Jim Deppen, Mariano Morales, Jessica Gibbons,

Guests: Alaina Pierret, Kip Bouillon, Debbie Schwasing, Aanita Bailey, Jessica Stites, Luciano Ramos, Omri Camadre, Tabitha Johnson, Neil Pierret,

Quorum established.

Last year's General Meeting Minutes were read by Peggy Wolfe. Susan Vann-Spruill made motion to accept. Mindy Aaron-McElyea seconded. All ayes

President's Report: Joe thanked everyone for coming and bringing their lovely dogs. Mentioned that it had been a tough year for the club in many ways but that everyone was working together and working hard.

Secretary's Report: none

Treasurer's Report: Rachel Hosking provided a copy of the 2010 Year-to-Date report that had been created and provided by Sharon Costello, who had been treasurer during 2010. This will be published to the entire membership in the E-mailed little Neogram. Sharon will be available for questions if any member would want to submit them.

Committee Reports:

**Education:** (members Sharon, PL and Rita Biddle). It was reported that in 2010 there had been a presentation done in August for 15-attending judges at the Dr. Penta education forum in Indiana, Pennsylvania. There had been a second seminar done at the National Specialty in 2010, in May in California.

This year the club is sponsoring a Meet-the-Breeds booth with the AKC in November. This was being coordinated by Joe Steinfeld and Cathy Deluca, who had also done the coordination at this same vent for the club in 2010. It was also mentioned that the club would be doing a second MTB booth as part of the AKC Eukenuba in Florida in Decemb er. This will be coordinated / staffed by Charina Smith and Rachel Hosking.

**Membership Committee:** Wendy Gieske, committee chair spoke, telling everyone that we need members to apply. She had plenty of application forms if anyone wanted to apply, or if anyone wanted to sponsor someone they knew wanted to apply. She also mentioned that we are working to get lapsed members back on board.

Lena made a motion to allow multiple-year renewals, up to five years, when membership renewals were sent out. Ciaran seconded the motion. Voting by raising hands. Motion passed unanimously.

Peggy read the names of all applicants from 2010 and 2011 as the current bylaws now require these to be read into two editions of the club's meeting minutes. The list of these names is:

**2010 Applicants now Members:**

Joseph Cione (subscriber Member)

Jessica Gibbons

Rachel Hosking

Frank Jackson

Patrick McGill

Willie McGill

Daniel Renfrow

Laurence Schiff

Carlo Pietroniro

## **2011 Applicants**

Adrian & Karli Bueno  
Marcus and Theresa Curtis  
John Grimes  
Sandra & Ted Hosking  
Mario Nieto  
Carol Parish  
Hector Pizano  
Anna Price  
Debrah Priester  
Heather & Jeff Webb

**Website Committee:** Current committee consists of Ciaran (chair) Peggy and Wendy. Our website is created and maintained by Barbara Laird who also developed and maintains the Neorescue website. Ciaran reported that the club's website progress is rather stalled and needs volunteers to help assess current content, propose / make new content, determine new design, etc. Jessica Stites volunteered to work with the committee. There was discussion of how content is updated and it was asked if Laird uses a "content management system" which would allow multiple persons to update. It was suggested that neorescue has multiple persons allowed to update. Peggy agreed to contact the Laird to ask if this would be possible for the USNMC as well.

**Neogram:** Peggy reported that the board had voted to increase communications to club members by providing a Monthly "little" neogram which could be emailed to all members who have and accept it via email. It will be printed and mailed (regular mail) to those members who do not have or do not use email. Currently there are about 10 members/households getting it via regular mail.

**Fundraising:** Right now there isn't a separate fundraising committee as all current fundraising has been being done as part of the National Specialty committee. Charina Smith suggested that the club might want to do a Calendar as a fund-raising project. Ciaran volunteered to work on organizing this with Charina.

**Ethics Committee:** Peggy reported that in the past there had been an Ethics Committee whose function was to act as a consulting resource for club members or even non-members who felt they had a problem with someone or some situation. The function of such a committee was to help people understand the conventions in the world of purebred dogs, and especially to understand alternative courses of actions they might be able to take to solve and resolve the issues. This committee had been disbanded several years ago but the board was considering re-establishing it as another helpful aid for the members.

**2012 National Specialty:** Susan V. reported that the 2012 National was scheduled to be held at Purina Farms, at Grey Summit, Missouri (outside of St. Louis) on the weekend of September 21-23.

Jim Deppen suggested that the club have the national for two years running in the same place to help the club in its planning purposes. Jim made the motion that the 2013 National also be held at Purina Farms. Motion Seconded by Charina Smith. Voting done by raising hands. 13 Ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:51pm EST.