

USNMC BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2008
FEBRUARY 25, 2008
MINUTES

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Members in Attendance: Sharon Costello, Ingrid Fortunato (10:15 PM), Donna Welty, Irene O'Connor, Jennifer Groves, Nikki Stamper, Nydia Thornton, Rita Biddle, Shani Stewart- Robbins (10:15 PM)

Members Absent: Anita Goetz, Kendail Gonzales

Guests: Karl Groves, Dr. Pierluigi Scalia (10:05 PM)

Meeting called to order at 9:13 PM EST

Motion made to accept Minutes from January 13, 2008 with corrections made by Jennifer Groves and seconded by Rita Biddle

President's Message: None

Secretary's Report: *Correspondence Sent:* 1) to the BOD and involved parties the result of hearing held by Ethics Committee, which stated charges placed were unsubstantiated with evidence presented. 2) Sent letter for voting on new member applications.

Correspondence Received:

- From AKC – Special Attraction Application
- Website info from Karl re: update and domain names
- Emails from Carlos Calderon requesting Specialty information
- Dayle McDonald's resignation from By-Laws Committee
- Request from PierLuigi Scalia to add his information on website member/breeder list
- Jennifer Groves reserving one more night for Guiseppe Alessandra
- By-Law Committee Report
- Neogram report from Heather Welty
- Email from Nestor Mantilla in regards to corrected address
- Email on incomplete membership application
- AKC – Education Match in NC
- Holiday Inn in Wisconsin offering site for future National

Membership – Second reading of application from Jane Pampelone. Applications received from Carlos Calderon and Judith Forrester

Treasurer's Report: Checking has \$29,995.70. Bills to be paid are as follows: 1) to Heather Welty \$127.78 (postage, copy paper, instruction manuals).2) Donna Welty \$34.04 (postage), 3)AKC \$2.34 (registration certificates), 4)Rockwood Insurance \$900.00, 5) \$570.16 for VIP Motivators (sports chairs) |1/2 to be charged to National Specialty Fund and 1/2 to be charges to General Fund|, 6) Sharon Costello \$367.41 (postage, Ways & Means) and 7) T.J.'s Sportswide \$340.05 (trophy engraving, cleaning and maintenance).

Nikki Stamper moved to pay bills, Nydia Thornton seconds. Motion passed. All ayes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications – liaison Ingrid Fortunato

Website – Karl reports on status of website, need for “teasers” from Neogram, and “extra” domain names. Donna Welty moves to purchase domain names, Irene seconds. Motion passed. All ayes

Neogram – Heather Welty had sent in written report, states need to secure more ads, need to cut costs, proposes three issues per year.

At this point, Dr. Scalia calls in, along with Ingrid Fortunato and ShaniStewart-Robbins. Suggested that we give Health Committee at this time,

Health Committee – liaison Irene O’Connor

Dr. Scalia reported on the status of the Neapolitan Health Committee, its purpose and goals, the use of a link, a non biased Health survey, the use of the resulting data, etc. A question and answer session followed.

Due to the length of the discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21PM and the meeting will continue on Monday, February 25 at 9PM EST

February 25, 2008

Members in attendance: Sharon Costello, Donna Welty, Irene O’Connor, Jennifer Groves, Nikki Stamper, and Shani Stewart-Robbins, Kendail Gonzales (phoned in late)

Excused members: Ingrid Fortunato, Rita Biddle

Absent Members: Anita Goetz, Nydia Thornton

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Fundraising – no report

Judges’ and Public Ed - liaison Sharon Costello

Breed Seminars set for Tar Hill Shows on March 19 and 20, and the Working Dogs Group in June.

Dr. Penta’s judges group is putting judges’ pictures with their bios.

Dr. Scalia has requested to join committee

Update to Treasurer’s Report – Artist for National bill \$740.44, \$64.07 to Cathy White (postage, envelopes). Jennifer Groves moves to pay bills, Donna Welty seconds. Motion passed. All ayes.

Health – new liaison Nikki Stamper

Discussion on Dr. Scalia’s proposal

Nikki to call AKC CHF

2008 National – chairperson Jennifer Groves

Update on Pins, Awards, VIP, fundraising

Confirmation letters needed from H. Welty, Dr. Scalia. Have received confirmations of Assignments from Mr. Atlee and Mr. Alessandra

Donna Welty will construct Tri-Fold for mailing

Legislation – liaison Rita Biddle

Donna Welty suggest a tri-fold be created for public education

Historian – liaison Donna Welty

No report

Ethics - liaison Shani Stewart-Robbins

Article has been submitted to Neogram

Code of Ethics revisions need feedback from Neogram article

Membership – liaison Anita Goetz

No report

By-laws – liaison Kendail Gonzales

Need a new chair

Revisions close to be done – need to be submitted to BOD asap

Local Clubs – new liaison Irene O'Connor

No report

OLD BUSINESS

1. Annual Meeting Agenda discussed. Secretary will mail no later than March 3rd. Waiting for completed 2008 Membership list. Members had until March 1st to send in dues. Suggestion made that each committee write paragraph on what has been done and projected plans for 2008-09. Printed copies will be available at Annual Meeting
2. ATIMANA dues are billed as 1,520 EUROS. Benefits or lack of will be discussed at Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Carlos Calderon has contacted club and has offered to help organize Specialties with two Possible AKC clubs – Douglasville KC on Sept. 19, 2008 w/ Sherilyn Allen as a possible judge and Atlanta KC on Sept 20th w/ Frank Podgorski as a possible judge. Douglasville will Give USNMC \$3.00 per dog entered and pay for one night's lodging and one meal for judge
2. Discussion ensued on increasing the amount of money that Parent Club will donate towards Funding(ribbons, trophies, etc.) a Specialty. Shani moves for USNMC to donate \$250 towards each USNMC Specialty. Jennifer Groves seconds. Vote to be taken by email.

Next meeting: Sunday, March 9, 2008 at 9 PM EST

Please remember that we have established the second Sunday of each month as our meeting date

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Shani Stewart-Robbins at 11:00 PM