

USNMC BOARD MEETING
Sunday, March 9, 2008
Minutes

Members in Attendance: Sharon Costello, Donna Welty, Irene O'Connor, Anita Goetz, Jennifer Groves, Kendail Gonzales, Nikki Stamper, Nydia Thornton, Shani Stewart-Robbins

Members excused: Ingrid Fortunato (illness), Rita Biddle (attending AKC Delegate Meeting)

Guest: Karl Groves (for website report only)

Meeting called to order by President Costello at 9:16 PM

Minutes from February 17, 2008 accepted with corrections moved by Nikki Stamper, seconded by Irene O'Connor. All ayes

Minutes from February 25, 2008 accepted with corrections moved by Nikki Stamper, seconded by Nydia Thornton. All ayes

President's Message: none (in the interest of saving time)

Secretary's Report:

Correspondence sent: Notification of National, the Annual Meeting, Tri-fold of National Schedule, Tentative Agenda; Applications to AKC for regional Specialty at Georgia Classic, September 19 and 20, 2008.

Correspondence received:

Membership Applications received from the following:

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| Ena Barrise | New Jersey | Associate | Sponsored by Sharon Costello |
| Judith Forrester | Massachusetts | Associate | Sponsored by Cathy White |
| Pamela Hamilton | Maryland | Associate | Sponsored by Jenn Groves |
| Heather Welty | New Jersey | Full | Sponsored by Irene O'Connor Sharon Costello |
| Susan Vann-Spruill | Virginia | Full | Sponsored by Irene O'Connor Sharon Costello |
| Michael Hinshaw | Pennsylvania | Associate | Sponsored by Cathy White |
| Michael Vescio | Nevada | Associate | Sponsored by Jenn Groves |

Membership Applications for second printing:

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| Carlos Calderon | Louisiana | Associate | Sponsored by Cathy White |
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Incomplete Membership Application received from the following:

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| Glen H. Pelletier | Georgia | Associate | Waiting for |
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Membership ready for vote:

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| Jane Pampelone | North Carolina | Associate | Sponsored by Peggy Wolfe |
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Treasurer's Report:

Irene O'Connor presented following bills to be paid: to Donna Welty \$77.03 (printing, ink). Jennifer Groves moved to pay bill, Shani Stewart-Robbins seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion occurred on bill received from Domain Registry for neapolitan.org. Should we pay one year or pay for 5 years? Cheaper if pay for 5 years. Jennifer Groves moves to pay for 5 years (\$95), seconded by Nydia Thornton. Motion passed.
Club has taken in the amount of \$2500.00 this month. Made \$431.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications – liaison Ingrid Fortunato (absent)

Website – Karl Groves called in at 9:31 pm to report that he still needs content for New website. Discussion ensued on the issue of BOD receiving emails from members protesting “blog” authored by Peggy Wolfe. Some want to resign their membership in club due to derogatory and offensive comments made by Ms. Wolfe on rescue and club. Suggestion made to ask Ms. Wolfe to remove her blog signature line from USNMC message board. Webmaster will attend to this as this violation of correct posting is addressed in Net-etiquette policy originally authored by Ms. Wolfe.

Neogram – Committee members were asked to check gmail account, articles have been sent to printers. Proof work needs to be done

Fundraising – liaison Nydia Thornton

No report

Judges’ and Public Education – liaison Sharon Costello

Jim Deppen had sent report in stating the following proposed projects: two trifold – one to be one basic information for the public, one to be on the essence of the breed and a dvd to be done on the movement of the Neapolitan.

Health – liaison Nikki Stamper

A separate meeting just on Health is needed. Sharon Costello suggested that emails be sent to all committee members and board members for available date of Tuesday, March 11, 2008. Everyone should compose their questions and send to Dr. Waldvogel.

2008 National – chairperson Jennifer Groves

Jennifer reported that Cathy White will resign from fundraising after this National. Following items have been ordered: t-shirts, towels, membership pins
Our block of rooms is done
Need information on National to be put on front page of club website
\$50 deposit is needed for Annual Meeting Room
need additional check for Guiseppe Alessandra’s Monday lodging

Shani Stewart- Robbins needs to end her call (10 PM)

Legislation – liaison Rita Biddle (absent)

No report. Donna Welty requests that everyone takes the time to read the legislative\ Emails she sends BOD

Historian – liaison Donna Welty\

No report

Membership – liaison Anita Goetz

Irene O’Connor gave a rough estimate of numbers re: membership. Donna Welty will give count.

To date - Approximately – 8 Honorary members, 6 subscribers, 50+ associates, 66+ full – therefore 130 plus members to date. This does not includes all seeking membership.

Cathy White will be mailing out membership cards.

Secretary will send Mrs. Nataly Hohlova-Means a new application form with sponsorship sheets. Mrs. Means is seeking to change her associate membership to a full status.

By-laws Review – liaison Kendail Gonzales

Brian King will assume position as new chair-

Local Clubs – liaison Irene O'Connor

No report

OLD Business

1. Organization of Annual Meeting

Date for additional agenda items is April 4th – written format only

Each committee should submit to club secretary a short update on what their committee has accomplished since July 1 and what their plans are for future. These should be sent by April 1st!!!

Secretary will compile all committee reports into one document and make copies for distribution at Annual meeting.

Will need a detailed report from the Treasurer – copies should be made for distribution

Will need a Show Report

2. Specialty Shows

Georgia Classic set for September 19th and 20th 2008. Waiting for judges' approval from AKC

GSNMC planning on specialty to be held in October 2008 with Ramapo Kennel Club

Suggestion made by President to have flyers made by National

New Business

1. Will need help with fundraising for 2009 National

Next meeting: April 13, 2008 (second Sunday of month) at 9 PM EST

Adjournment moved by Jennifer Groves at 10:32 PM