

USNMC BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY , JULY 11, 2007  
MINUTES

**Board Members in Attendance** were as follows: Sharon, Ingrid, Donna, Irene, Anita, Jennifer, Kendail, Nikki, Nydia and Shani

**Board Members Excused** – Rita

**Meeting called to order** at 9:08 PM EST

Motion made to **accept July 1<sup>st</sup> Minutes** as printed made by Shani and seconded by Ingrid.

Correction was made to July 2<sup>nd</sup> Minutes (Rita stated that usually the Vice President is the head of the Membership Committee – NOT the Code of Ethics). Motion made to **accept the July 2nd minutes** as corrected by Jenn and seconded by Ingrid.

**President's Message:** Sharon welcomed everyone and asked everyone to remain on topic. Sharon proceeded to update the board on what has been accomplished since last week's meeting.

- Stationary has been ordered for the secretary
- President's Message is posted
- Trip made to Maryland to work on the 2008 National arrangements
- Ingrid has tried to contacted Guiseppe Alessandra
- Irene is researching the cost of ribbons
- Met with Irene to finalize bank paperwork
- Working on Judges' Selection for 2009 and 2010 letter to the membership
- Has contacted the printing company (Synet) used for the Neogram. Was informed that we must state a printing deadline for each issue. Current copy expected to be printed by end of week
- The next issue of the Neogram is due October 1 – therefore ALL materials need to be sent to the printer by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary's Report:** Have received correspondence from the following:

- Email received from the Wicomico County Convention and Visitors Bureau in Salisbury, Maryland, offering their facility for future dog shows
- Letter from the AKC Canine Health Foundation looking for sponsorship at their Golf Tournament scheduled for January 15, 2008
- Email from Cathy White notifying the Board that a check in the amount of \$9,028.10 payable to the USNMC was mailed on July 9 to treasurer (VIP account)
- Email from Adam King reminding club of August 15 deadline for registering for October 19-21 AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference held in St. Louis, MO.
- Email from Robin Waldvogel White stating her interest in being involved with the USNMC health committee.

- Phone call from Sue Luedemann stating a member's request for an address correction
- Three (3) correspondences requiring Executive Session. These were from Jim Deppen, Karl Groves and Nikki Stamper Smith

Membership Applications received from the following:

- Forwarded from Sue Luedemann / Peggy Wolfe
  - Note requesting subscription to Neogram
  - Full membership applications from Nataly Hohlova (TN) Sponsored by Robert Gravel and Amber Gordy and Donna Boles (MI) sponsored by Dale McDonald and Jennifer Groves
  - Application for renewal from an associate member
  - Two sponsor forms for two different people – no attached applications
- Applications received from New Board
  - 1<sup>st</sup> application for July 1, 2007 received from Christopher Arts (NY) sponsored by Cathy White
  - Application for Associate Membership received from the following:
    - Shawn Welty (NJ) sponsored by Sharon Costello
    - Mimi Winkler (PA) sponsored by Sharon Costello
    - Cornell and Bernadette Bryant (NJ) sponsored by Sharon Costello

Email from Cathy White notifying board of her sponsorship for mailed application for Lori Desimon-Olsen

**Treasurer's Report:** Received check from Janet Hospodar in amount of \$21,821.89 that was deposited in the club's General Fund. Check from VIP account not received as yet. Rosemary Rosensteel will close out rescue account in Maryland and mail to Irene. Sharon inquired if a date had been set as to when this was to occur. Also waiting on second Maryland account in form of CD from Rosemary. Short discussion on the policy for bounced checks.

**Committee Reports:** Emailed drafts of completed write ups were read to Board Members Attending.

Communications ( Website and Neogram) – Ingrid  
 Fund Raising – Nydia ( latest revision sent that evening)  
 Judges and Public Education – Sharon  
 Health – Irene  
 2008 National and Awards – Jennifer  
     Progress report given  
 Legislation – Rita  
 Historian – Donna  
 Code of Ethics – Shani  
 Membership – Anita  
 By- Laws Review – Kendail

## OLD Business

- Discussion on website occurred. Board was questioned on what information wanted listed on website.
- Update needed on several areas of website – Rescue, online store, 2008 National
- Need to look into hiring someone to do graphics
- Discussion occurred on how long do we keep articles – such as the National Results for 2007 – on website. What do we put up in the place of the articles taken down?
- Question asked why we do not have a separate link/website just for the 2008 National. Discussion. Decided to create separate link/website for National
- Tabled – the procedure for organizing committee volunteers due to time element

## NEW Business

- Rescue status
  - Insurance is due by end of week
  - Irene has resigned from the Rescue Committee
  - Cathy White will be the new treasurer
  - NeoRescue, INC will be 501C3
  - Still to be decided the status of USNMC Rescue and NeoRescue, Inc.
  - NeoRescue will be having a meeting shortly
  - Shani stated that USNMC Rescue is still operating but rescue people working with no insurance, hence no protection. This is putting every member on the line
  - Jenn and Shani will compose a report and forward a letter – will continue
- ATIMANA
  - Discussion on whether we should continue our membership in the ATIMANA.
  - Vote taken – all ayes
  - Need to fax list of officers, number of dogs registered and number of litters to Guiseppe Alessandro asap
- Decided to Table any discussion on the Inventory Lists
- Show Report by Show Chair Jennifer Groves
  - Met on July 5 with two showchairs of Old Dominion K.C., Sharon, Donna and Myself to discuss arrangements. Contract will be mailed to Jenn.in Oct/Dec
  - List of who does what needs to be done
  - Old Dominion will provide USNMC with 2 tables, NO Awards of Merit ( must be done by USNMC), Time of judging not set as yet
  - Contract with Alessandro for OLKC – will pay \$4 per dog. Alessandro wants 30 Euros for meals, and 40 euros for expenses

per day. Contact with AKC on Alessandro's standing with AKC will be done by Jane from ODKC

- Trophy Budget will be sent out this week. Jenn would like to send out postcards to members announcing trophy sales for 2008 National
- Waiting for contract from hotel
- Ethics correspondence received from three people
  - Email to Jenn from Jim Deppen requestng an appeal re: membership
  - Email from Karl Groves to Ingrid and copy sent to Donna requesting an appeal on previous board's decision. Karl gave a link for current Board Members to read his appeal in depth
  - Email from Peggy to Sharon with copy to Donna in regards to Ethics Charge made by Nikki Stamper Smith. Peggy left this to the new Board to handle
  - Email from Peggy in reference to a compliant made against Gary Travers. Gary is not a USNMC member therefore the Board is not able to handle this.

Discussion ensued on what is "Executive Session"

Board decided to table above correspondence due to fact that each Board Member did not have copy from each of the above before meeting. After everyone receives above copies, decided to attend to two on one night and one on another.

Other

Letter will be sent to membership requesting names for 2009-2010 Judges selections. Draft copy read to Board and emailed.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 PM EST

Adjournment: Shani moved to adjourn at 10:54 PM EST