

**USNMC BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2008  
MINUTES**

**In attendance:** Sharon Costello, Donna Welty, Irene O'Connor, Kendail Gonzales, Jennifer Groves, Nikki Stamper, Shani Stewart-Robbins, Nydia Thornton, Cathy Deluca

**Absent:** Rita Biddle (excused ) Ingrid Fortunato

**Meeting called to order** at 9:07 PM EST

**Minutes from October 19, 2008** were moved accepted as printed by Jennifer Groves and seconded by Irene O'Connor. All Ayes.

**President's Message:** President Costello welcomed new board member Cathy (White) Deluca and offered congratulations on Cathy and Ted's recent marriage.

**Secretary's Report: Correspondence sent:** Ballot for new memberships, various legislative alerts, breed request information. **Correspondence received:** emails re: health committee requests for website, membership applications ( 2); communications with members and AKC; email sent to Sharon Costello from Sue Luedemann inquiring about status of \$5 of dues monies going to rescue; letter received from ATIMANA stating they will excuse us from 2008 dues.

Membership Applications Received – 1<sup>st</sup> Printing

|                  |    |           |                        |
|------------------|----|-----------|------------------------|
| Carlo Pietroniro | NJ | Associate | Sponsor – Cathy Deluca |
| Halim Porras     | TX | Associate | Sponsor- Cathy Deluca  |

Treasurer's Report:

**United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club  
Treasurer's Report  
Irene O'Connor**

**OCTOBER 1 TO OCTOBER 31, 2008**

**BEGINNING BALANCE \$24,794.59**

| <b>RECEIPTS</b>              | <b>AMOUNT</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| NeoGram Ads                  | \$160.00      |              |
| 2009 Judge Donation (PayPal) | \$ 48.25      |              |
|                              |               |              |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>        |               | \$208.25     |

| <b>EXPENSES</b>                           | <b>AMOUNT</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|---|---------------|--------------|
|   |               |              |
| USNMC Monthly Website Fee (\$44.50 month) | \$ 44.50      |              |
| Heather Welty –NeoGram                    | \$ 50.19      |              |
| Donna Welty – Postage/Copies              | \$ 88.76      |              |

|                                |            |                    |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Sharon Costello – 2009 Auction | \$ 330.49  |                    |
| Good Impressions (Fall NeoGram | \$1,178.23 |                    |
|                                |            |                    |
|                                |            |                    |
|                                |            |                    |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>          |            | <b>\$1,692.17</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL PROFIT/LOSS</b>       |            | <b>-\$1,483.92</b> |

**ENDING BALANCE \$23,310.67**

| <b>Account</b>             | <b>Acct. Balance</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>       |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| General Account            | 9,429.45             |                    |
| National Specialty Account | 6,704.73             |                    |
| USNMC Rescue Account       | <u>7,176.49</u>      |                    |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>            |                      | <b>\$23,310.67</b> |
| Putnam Fund (USNMC Rescue) | \$3,955.34           |                    |
|                            |                      | <b>\$27,266.01</b> |

Bills to be approved:

\$168.97 for Sharon Costello

This check is for 13-Stainless 9 qt. pails for 1<sup>st</sup> placement trophies (2009 Nationals)  
Fee sent to State of Delaware for Incorporation

Donna Welty moved to pay bills, Jennifer Groves seconded. Motion carried – all ayes.

**Committee Reports:**

**Communications:**

**Website** - Co-chairs Sharon Costello and Donna Welty

Status of webstore – working on

Message Board is in operation. Need instruction on how to monitor,  
“coding”

“National” website is being updated

**Neogram** – Chair/editor Heather Welty

**New Ad prices are as follows:**

Front Cover - \$195

Back Cover - \$145

Inside Full Page Color - \$125

Inside Full Page B/W \$85.00

Inside Half Page Color - \$90

Inside Half Page B/W - \$50

Inside Quarter Page B/W - \$25.00

Inside Business Card - \$15.00

4 issue discount -

Inside Half Page Color - \$288.00

Inside Half Page B/W - \$160

Inside Quarter Page B/W - \$80.00

The rest of it is the same, i.e. the 20% discount, commercial/non member rates.

**Fundraising-** Chair Nydia Thornton

Irene O'Connor has made a sale of a Neo planter and small leash rack.  
Still working on the Webstore

**Judges and Public Education** – Chair Jim Deppen

No report

**Health** – Chair Dr. Pierluigi Scalia

No report

**2009 Nationals and Awards** – Chair- Jennifer Groves, Co-Chair – Cathy DeLuca

Premium is done and submitted. Ingrid will call Palazzo

**Legislation** – Chair Rita Biddle

No report – various emails have been sent by Donna Welty

**Historian** – Chair Donna Welty

Would like to include a column in Neogram “The Way We Were”

**Ethics** – Chair Shani Stewart-Robbins

No report

**Membership** – Chair Cathy DeLuca

Would like to add question “How long interested in breed?” to form

**Bylaws** – Chair ??? Brian King???

Refer to Old Business

**Local Clubs** – Chair Irene O'Connor

No report

## Old Business

### Bylaws Revisions

Few more corrections/revisions made

Donna Welty moves to accept revised bylaws. Shani Stewart-Robbins seconds.

Vote 7 ayes, 0 Nays 1 Abstain

Secretary will send to AKC for their approval. *A phone call had been made to AKC by club secretary to confirm procedure for acceptance of revised Bylaws. AKC recommended that they be sent to AKC first, then upon acceptance by AKC, be sent out to club membership for vote. This procedure would save on postage in case revisions were not accepted by AKC.*

Clarification of chairs for each committee done as committee reports given

### Procedure Revisions

Committee formed of following BOD: Jennifer Groves, Rita Biddle, Shani Stewart-Robbins, Donna Welty, and Cathy DeLuca. Donna Welty will chair.

Sharon Costello will give most recent copy to Irene O'Connor so that copies can be made and given to committee members.

## New Business

Bids for hosting the 2010 USNMC National should be submitted asap

In reference to letter sent by Sue Luedemann inquiring whether or not the \$5 from each Members dues will still go to Rescue since rescue is now a separate entity.

Discussion ensued. RescueInc is still waiting to hear from IRS in regards to their 501C3 status. Jennifer Groves will write a letter on status.

Guiseppe Alessandra had sent photos from ATIMANA – they will be put in Neogram.

Question raised from Neogram; The Neogram would like to do breeder interviews. Should They only interview member breeders? Donna Welty moves that the Neogram Breeder interviews be focused on club members. Jennifer Groves seconds. Vote taken 7 yes 1 no Motion carried.

*Next meeting: Sunday, December 14, 2008 **8:00 PM EST***

Meeting moved for adjournment by Donna Welty at 10:45 PM EST