

**USNMC BOARD MEETING  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2007  
MINUTES**

In Attendance: Sharon Costello, Ingrid Fortunato, Donna Welty, Irene O'Connor,  
Rita Biddle, Anita Goetz, Jennifer Groves, Kendail Gonzales, Shani Stewart Robbins,  
Nikki Stamper, Nydia Thornton

Absentees: none

Guests: Karl Groves

Meeting called to order at 9:08 PM

Motion made to accept minutes from November 11, 2007 as read made by Nikki Stamper and seconded by Jennifer Groves. Motion passed.

**President's message:** Best wishes for happy holidays extended to all. Mrs. Costello will be out of town until January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Secretary's Report:**

**Correspondence received:**

- various emails requesting information on membership status, price of dogs
- Travis County Kennel Club marked catalog
- Winning Dog Productions soliciting business on planning shows
- Rend Lake Resort flyer promoting their site as show site
- Individual from Kern Valley State Prison seeking information on breed
- Copy of letter sent from PL Scalia to Mrs. Catherine Speakman

**Correspondence sent:**

Harvard Business Corp filing w/ \$25.00 fee

**Membership Applications –2<sup>nd</sup> Reading at Board Meeting**

Vickie Hall (NM)	Subscriber to <b>Associate</b>	Sponsor – Cathy White
Charina Smith (IN)	<b>Associate</b>	Sponsor – Cassandra Boczar
Wendy Gieske (MN)	<b>Associate</b>	Sponsor – Cathy White
Ann Bielawski (NJ)	<b>Associate</b>	Sponsor – Sharon Costello
Brenda Prochilo (NH)	<b>Full</b>	Sponsors - Cathy White Jennifer Groves
Robin L. Swartzlander, Sr. (MI)	<b>Associate</b>	Sponsor – Anita Goetz
Zane Smith (NY)	<b>Associate</b>	Sponsor – Donna Welty

**Treasurer's Report:**

Checking Account Balance: \$31,992.25

Bills to be paid: \$59.91 to Shani Stewart Robbins for judges' education, \$144.50 to Cathy White for membership renewal mailing, \$167.24 to Donna Welty for postage and Supplies.

Motion made by Jennifer Groves to pay bills, seconded by Rita Biddle. Motion passed, all ayes

Motion made by Donna Welty to pay Sue Luedemann \$340.00 for trophies and \$41.00 for Judges' gifts used for Travis County Specialty show. Seconded by Kendail Gonzales.

Brief discussion. Vote taken 6 ayes, 4 nays. Motion carried

Treasurer – Irene O’Connor – gave a brief history of the Putnam Fund amount of \$3843.62. This account should be dissolved and amount deposited into the General Fund. Also, notification from Rockford in reference to insurance policy for board was noted.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Communications** – liaison Ingrid Fortunato  
**Website** – Karl Groves called in and gave a brief summary of progress to date. He also asked for volunteers to help out.  
**Neogram** – Heather Welty sent word that it is at the printers! Final proofing to be done.
- **Fundraising** – liaison Nydia Thornton  
No report. Checking into T-Shirts
- **Judges’ / Public Education** – liaison Sharon Costello  
Materials sent to California for AKC Meet the Breeds at Eukanuba for December 13<sup>th</sup>. Sharon Costello provided general educational materials for hand-outs to the public. Thank you’s were given to Shani Stewart Robbins for making color copies of breed standards and to the volunteers to man the booth. To date, Dr. Scalia, Thierry Paretore, and Joyce Wolfe have volunteered. Thank you to Jim Deppen for organizing booth and for volunteering to help man the booth.
- **2008 Nationals and Awards** – Showchair Jennifer Groves.  
Mrs. Groves reported that the Premium is done. Saturday will be the National, Sunday will be a Regional Specialty and Monday will be a Supported Entry. Trophies have been paid, the cake is paid. The VIP committee will start in January. She has not heard from Danny in regards to the logo. A print has been donated by Dan Renfrow. Auction items are needed. Ribbons have been ordered.
- **Legislation** – liaison Rita Biddle  
Brief update on current legislation given
- **Historian** – liaison Donna Welty  
No report
- **Ethics Committee** – liaison Shani Stewart Robbins  
Shani Stewart Robbins would like to change the terminology of Code of Ethics Committee to Ethics Committee to avoid confusion. All in agreement  
Donna Welty moves to Executive Session at 10:08 PM. Nikki Stamper seconds.  
10:15 PM motion made by Donna Welty to end Executive session, Ingrid Fortunato seconds.
- **Membership** - liaison Anita Goetz  
Mrs. Goetz informed us that all renewal forms have been sent out. Cathy White will be mailing membership cards out in January. Updating of members information should be returned with renewals. Cathy White has some innovating ideas for new members.
- **By-Laws Review** – liaison Kendail Gonzales  
Committee has identified three areas where verbage needs work – membership, meeting attendance, and one more to check

- **Local Clubs** – liaison Nikki Stamper  
The Garden State Club has had their holiday party, The Chesapeake Club will be having a meeting, and the South California clubs have not resolved anything to date.

**OLD Business**

- **Rescue status** – Insurance policy has been sent via email. Restate motion made to release \$2500.00
- Tabled rest of agenda under Old Business

**NEW Business**

- Awards Document draft to be emailed by Jennifer Groves to BOD
- Membership ballots to be mailed when this minutes are posted.

Other

Next meeting: Sunday, January 13, 2008 at 9 PM EST

Meeting to be adjourned at 10:33 PM by Jennifer Groves