

**Board of Directors Meeting
Phone Conference
September 28, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 MST (8:05 CST) by Duane Packard, President.

Board members present by roll call: Duane Packard, Patty Koller, Sonny Mahurin, Peter Gonnet, and Barry Breemersch. Charles Holt, Lincoln Rogers, and Tim Feddes were absent.

Sonny Mahurin moved that the minutes of the July 29, 2021 Board of Directors meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Barry Breemersch and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- There was no Treasurer's report.

Old Business

- Peter Gonnet and Angie Brooks were introduced to the Board.
 - At this time, Sonny Mahurin moved that Peter Gonnet be appointed to fill the vacant At Large Director's position. The motion was seconded by Patty Koller and approved unanimously.
 - Peter resides in Outlook, SK.
 - Angie Brooks has accepted the Executive Secretary position.
 - Angie resides in Mulberry, KS.
- Duane Packard reported that the West Coast Director's position remains vacant.
- There was discussion about whether a policy needs adopted regarding nursery dogs.
 - Discussion included how points should be handled when NCA ineligible dogs run in the same class as eligible dogs.
 - This has occurred due to dual sanctioning of trials with NCA, MSSA, and SWCDA and the fact that year end and Nursery ages do not coincide between the organizations.
 - Barry Breemersch moved that points be awarded to dogs based on class size, including ineligible dogs.
 - The motion was seconded by Patty Koller and approved unanimously.
 - Ineligible dogs would not receive points but eligible dogs would get credit for all the dogs they placed above in a class.
 - For example, a class of 20 would have 600 possible points.
 - If the first place dog was eligible, it would receive the 600 points.
 - If the next two dogs were ineligible, they would not receive any points, fourth place dog would receive 300 points if eligible, and so on.
 - It was also mentioned that some handlers are not reporting birth dates of their nursery dogs to the NCA. It was decided that since any dog participating in Regional and National Finals has to have proof of age, that no action needed to be taken at this time as this was more of a local club issue.

Old Business

- 2022 Finals
 - The week of June 13, 2022 is proposed as the dates for the NCA 2022 Finals.
 - Two possible locations for Finals (Cheyenne, WY and Laramie, WY) were presented with no determination made at this time.
 - There was discussion about when to hold the Novice classes at the Finals.
 - Benefits of holding the Novice class at the end of the Finals included the fact that the cattle are very broke.

- However, if the classes are held during the week, the Novice handlers will be able to be more involved in the Finals.
 - Having a specific set of cattle for Novice handlers to use through the week was suggested as well. No action was taken.
- Regional Finals
 - This year there was poor turnout at some of the NCA Regional Finals. It was asked whether the format should be restructured or if any prizes or awards should be added to encourage participation, or if NCA should continue offering the Regional Finals.
 - Barry Breemersch stated that the Regional Finals were very important to Canada, especially this year with the border being closed and Canadian members being unable to come to the National Finals.
 - The Regional Final has stimulated a lot of interest in dog trialing in Canada and has resulted in new memberships.
 - The rest of the board agreed that the Regional Finals are an important part of the NCA.

Duane Packard stated that the date for the next NCA board meeting has not been decided yet but that he will be contacting the board later.

Duane Packard called for a motion to adjourn. Sonny Mahurin moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Patty Koller and approved unanimously.

Additions to the minutes since the last meeting:

- November 3, 2021
 - A Messenger vote to waive sanctioning fees for Tommy Thompson benefit trial to be held December, 27, 2021, was proposed by Lincoln Rogers.
 - Tommy Thompson was injured after coming off his horse.
 - Vote as follows:
 - Peter Gonnet-yes, Barry Breemersch-yes, Sonny Mahurin-yes, Lincoln Rogers- yes, Duane Packard-yes.
 - Other board members were unavailable at time of vote, vote passed with simple majority.
- November 24, 2021
 - Messenger vote to waive sanctioning fees for Kelly Popp Memorial trial to be held December 11 and 12 2021, as requested by long time member and supporter of the NCA Eddie Merritt.
 - Kelly Popp passed away unexpectedly on November 19, 2021 at his home in Curtis, NE.
 - Vote as follows:
 - Sonny Mahurin-yes, Duane Packard-yes, Barry Breemersch-yes, Patty Koller- yes, Peter Gonnet-yes, Lincoln Rogers-yes. Other board members were unavailable at time of vote, vote passed with simple majority.