

# SOUTHEASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB SENC

## *NEWFANGLED NEWS*

Spring 2020

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### SPECIAL MESSAGE

There are no instructions for how to feel at a time like this, and I know this has caused stress for everyone. My list of worries right now - like yours, I'm sure - is for our loved ones, friends, and furry animals to be safe and healthy. The world health community continues to monitor closely the emergence of the "coronavirus" disease. Given the uncertainty, and the fact that the virus is still widespread, the Southeastern Newfoundland Club board of directors has decided to cancel our 2020 Regional Specialty in Greenville, SC in July. This was not an easy decision but one that was made out of concern for the safety of our members, attendees, judges, and professional handlers.

SENC is proud to have several of our members in the health care profession, Alisa and Michael Keats, Dr. Charles Lane, Rebecca Beaucamp and two members who are first responders, Jennifer Williams and Jamie Earle. These members have worked tirelessly on the front line of this pandemic.

Our appreciation of and respect for each of you is deep and heartfelt. Thank you for your service, and please stay safe! As there may be others within the membership that are on the front line, thank you as well! To all, please take care of yourselves, your loved ones, and your beloved Newfoundlands. I know we are going to get through this together and will do so by being safe.

God bless each and every one of you,  
Beverly L Cusac  
President

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First and foremost, I would like to officially welcome our Tennessee members into SENC! The Revised Constitution added Tennessee to SENC, and it was passed at our Annual Meeting. Thus, we will soon begin the process of selecting a new logo. Further details regarding this will be forthcoming.

Thank you, Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairs for all that you have done over the past 2 years. It has been my pleasure to serve along with you, and I look forward to another two great years.

Even though the Officers, Board, and Committee Chairs make it possible to host special Club events, the ongoing support of the entire membership is essential if we are to continue our efforts to ensure the welfare of our Breed. Volunteers are always needed. Please consider volunteering your talents, time, etc. to help make these special events possible. Keeping our Newfs our number one priority.

For those who were unable to attend our Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon in Greenville, SC , you missed a great event. Congratulations to all the award winners! A huge thank you goes to Margaret Rancourt who chaired this event and to Erin Lonas and Dana Phillips who served on the committee. The award gifts were beautiful, the food was outstanding, and the gathering of SENC members was fabulous!

Also, special congratulations to Linda Hiestand who was awarded SENC Member of the Year, to Connie Sovie who was awarded the Patti Sutherland Community Service Award, and to Margaret Rancourt who was awarded SENC's Distinguished Member. Margaret is the first recipient of this award!

Please keep up-to-date with SENC events and other pertinent information which is listed on our website.

As I am sure most of you know, the NCA 2020 National Specialty has been cancelled. Just the same, SENC wants to recognize those individuals and their Newfs who were awarded the 2019 Top20/10 - - - Dana Phillips and Josef; Benita Edds, Patti Sutherland, and Amelia; Laura Rader and Derby. SENC is very proud of these members and their Newfs who worked incredibly hard to achieve this prestigious honor and recognition. The name says it all - **Top 20/10 Newfoundland**s!

In conclusion, during these times of uncertainty with the CoronaVirus19, please keep yourself and your family members, including your Newfs, as safe as possible.

Beverly L. Cusac

President

I would like to recognize Amy Bray for her outstanding efforts at fundraising for SENC. Amy joined SENC in October, 2019. Since that time, she has donated many items she made for the Club to auction, sell, etc., and, over the past several months, she has created "Waffle Raffles" online to raise money for SENC to help defray the cost of trophies for our Regional. Even though Amy has been a part of SENC for a short time, she truly has worked hard. Amy told me she that she may not be able to come to all of SENC's functions, however, she is still doing her part as a member of the Club, and we want to thank her graciously for all her talents and efforts. Also, another new member, Kelly Roberts who joined SENC in December, 2019, has put her talents to work as well for fundraising. Kelly contacted me asking if she could do an online costume jewelry auction for SENC. As a result of her efforts, she raised over \$300 for the Club, and we sincerely thank her as well.

Thank you to those folks who donate money to sponsor a trophy for our regionals, as without your support, we could not offer the gifts that we do. 2020 will be a tough year for fundraising but with members who donate money and who volunteer their time and efforts, we will succeed. Thanks to all of you who monetarily support SENC

Beverly L Cusac  
President

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS

**Jeanette Kershner**

Sponsored by John & Beverly Cusac

**Sherry Koeler**

Sponsored by Benita Edds & Tammy Hensley

Comments on the applicants listed here are solicited from members for a period of 30 days from the publication of this newsletter. All comments are to be sent to:

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Marrietta, GA 30066-6467

-or-

beverlycusac@gmail.com

# IT'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE

Calling all SENC Members!

Put on your "creative face" and help SENC design their new logo!

Due to the adoption of the revised SENC Constitution and ByLaws, SENC has expanded their region to include Tennessee. Therefore, our "old logo" with the states outlined is not up to date.

Please let me know what you would like to see in our "new logo"...get out your colored pencils, paints, etc. and help express what SENC is, and should be!

Send your comments and ideas to:

Julie Fitser  
SENC Newfangled News Editor  
julie@patdraw.com



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NEW

## 2020 BACK to BACK REGIONAL SPECIALTIES

Saturday July 25th, 2020

Sunday July 26th, 2020

Held during the Carolina Foothills Cluster

July 23rd - July 26th

TD CONVENTION CENTER

Greenville, SC

Event Chair: Julie Fitser

julie@patdraw.com

Due to the uncertainties during this COVID-19 pandemic, SENC's Board of Directors has voted to cancel the Back to Back Regional Specialties scheduled for July 25th and July 26th, 2020. Our Specialties were to be held in conjunction with the Carolina Foothills 4-Day Cluster in Greenville, SC.

Your 2020 Regional Specialty Committee has been very busy. We have already purchased the trophies necessary for the specialties event, and provided MB-F (the superintendent for the event) with our listing of trophies to award and the sponsor names for each class.

The Regional Specialty committee would like to "roll over" your sponsored purchased trophies to the 2021 Regional Specialties which we are already planning. We hope you will agree to this "delay" in the date, and agree to have your sponsored classes used next year. If you don't feel you can, or want to do this, please let me know as soon as possible, and SENC can provide a refund.

Thank you to everyone for all your sponsorship's for SENC's 2020 Regional Specialties...we are already looking forward to next year! Stay safe and hug your babies...

Laura Rader, SENC Regional Trophy Chair for  
Julie Fitser, Regional Specialties Chair

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and NEWF 101 EDUCATION

Friday July 24th, 2020

TD CONVENTION CENTER

Greenville, SC

Conference room, time and Newf 101 Education Topic  
to be announced

Newf 101 Chair: Gregg Lonas

gregglonas@comcast.net

# 2020 WATER TEST

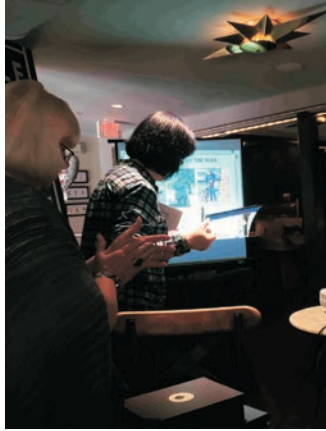
October 2nd, 3rd and 4th  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday

High Falls County Park, Seneca, South Carolina

Event Chair: Michael Keats

mdkeats@hotmail.com

## FEBRUARY 15th, 2020



# 2019 AWARDS

Special CONGRATULATIONS going out to

**MARGARET RANCOURT**

SENC's 2019  
**DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE YEAR**



## **2019 AWARDS February 15, 2020**

21 SENC members owned or bred 41 Newfoundlands that earned 56 AKC, NCA, or NCA Special Achievement Awards \*

These include:

**16** AKC Champions/Grand Champions

**6** AKC Obedience titles

**7** AKC Rally titles

**5** AKC Therapy titles

**4** NCA Water rescue titles

**4** NCA Draft titles

**2** NCA Trick titles

**4** AKC Canine Good Citizen titles

**3** Scent Work titles

**1** Achiever Dog

**2** FAST CAT (BCAT)

**1** VN

**1** NCA Top 20/20

\*\* Plus \*\*

**2** Barn Hunt (RATI); and

**1** International CH/Select Bitch at Westminster/Versatile Bitch at NCA National

### **AKC & NCA Titles**

#### **AKC Championships**

**CH** TimberKnolls Daddy Sang Bass CGC BN Achiever dog "Drummer"  
Owned by Susan Egan

**CH** TimberKnolls Checkmate Gold Cup "Rook"  
Owned by Benita Edds and Patti Sutherland

**CH** TimberKnolls Golden Bow CGC "Apollo"  
Owned by Ken & Hilary Bias, Benita Edds and Patti Sutherland

**CH** Avalon Bey's American Royal "Stetson"  
Owned by Laura Rader

**CH** Moonpie a Moxie Des Oursons De Svalbard "Moxie"  
Owned by Gregg and Erin Lonas

**CH** Avalon Bey's Finn McCool "Finn"  
Owned by Fay Murray and Laura Rader

**CH** TimberKnolls Back to the Future "Ellie"  
Owned by Benita Edds and Patti Sutherland



\* Dogs earning titles that are owned by non-SENC members but bred by SENC members are counted under Breeder categories.

**CH** Seabrook's Carolina Girl At Avalon Bey "Carrie"

Owned by Steve & Becky Beauchamp and Laura Rader

**GCH CH** TimberKnolls Courage in the Sky Gold Cup "Amelia"

Owned by Benita Edds and Patti Sutherland

VN **GCHB** INTCH TimberKnolls Little Slice of Heaven CD, DD, WRD, THDX, BN, RA, CGCA, CGCU, TKI "Maggie"

Owned by Connie and Greg Sovie, Patti Sutherland, and Benita Edds

(Maggie also earned her International Championship, Select Bitch at Westminster, and Versatile Bitch at the NCA National.)

**GCHB & GCHS** Cayuga Jet Setter of Bonaventura "Josef"

Owned by Dana Phillips, Peggy Helming, and Olivia Eichelberger

### **AKC Obedience Titles**

CH TimberKnolls Daddy Sang Bass CGC **BN** "Drummer"

Owned by Susan Egan (Drummer also earned his Achiever Dog)

Avalon Bey's I Shall Wear Midnight **CDX**, PCD, GN, RAE, BCAT, CGCA, CGCU, TKI, DD4, WD "BRI"

Owned by Laura Rader and Fidelia Van Steertegem

Avalon Bey's Because I Said So **CD BN** RA CGCA CGCU TKI BCAT "Princess"

Owned by Laura Rader and Fidelia Van Steertegem

VN CH Cypress Bay Run for the Roses to Avalon Bey CGC, TKN, RN, **BN, CD**, WD1, WRD, DD "Derby"

Owned by Eric & Jo Nussle, and Laura Rader

### **AKC Rally Titles**

CH TimberKnoll Crosses the Hudson BN CD CGC **RE** TKN "Hudson"

Owned by Benita Edds and Patti Sutherland

Docksides Katie Scarlett **RN** "Scarlett"

Owned by Linda Hiestand

Avalon Bey's Because I Said So CD BN **RA** CGCA CGCU TKI BCAT "Princess"

Owned by Laura Rader and Fidelia Van Steertegem

VN GCHB INTCH TimberKnolls Little Slice of Heaven CD, DD, WRD, THDX, BN, **RA**, CGCA, **CGCU**, TKI "Maggie"

Owned by Connie and Greg Sovie, Patti Sutherland, and Benita Edds

### **AKC Therapy Titles**

CH TimberKnolls No First Mate Only An Admiral CGC **THD** THDN WD WRD "Harrison"

Owned by Benita Edds and Patti Sutherland

TimberKnolls Pride of America CGC CGCA RN DD1 TKN **THDX** "Major"

Owned by Connie and Greg Sovie, and Patti Sutherland

VN GCHB INTCH TimberKnolls Little Slice of Heaven CD, DD, WRD, **THDX**, BN, RA, CGCA, CGCU, TKI "Maggie"

Owned by Connie and Greg Sovie, Patti Sutherland, and Benita Edds

### **AKC Canine Good Citizens**

CH Dreamhaven's Cascading Waterfalls At Old Bay **CGC** "Tilly"  
Owned by Wendy & Harold Sparks and Andrea Jung

VN GCHB INTCH TimberKnolls Little Slice of Heaven CD, DD, WRD, THDX, BN, RA, CGCA, **CGCU**, TKI  
"Maggie"  
Owned by Connie and Greg Sovie, Patti Sutherland, and Benita Edds

### **AKC Trick Dog Titles**

Avalon Bey's Because I Said So CD BN RA CGCA CGCU **TKI** BCAT "Princess"  
Owned by Laura Rader and Fidelia Van Steertegem

VN GCHB INTCH TimberKnolls Little Slice of Heaven CD, DD, WRD, THDX, BN, RA, CGCA, CGCU, **TKI**  
"Maggie"  
Owned by Connie and Greg Sovie, Patti Sutherland, and Benita Edds

### **AKC Performance Titles**

Avalon Bey's Because I Said So CD BN RA CGCA CGCU TKI **BCAT** "Princess"  
Owned by Laura Rader and Fidelia Van Steertegem (Princess also earned her RATI from Barn Hunt Association)

Avalon Bey's I Shall Wear Midnight CDX, PCD, GN, RAE, **BCAT**, CGCA, CGCU, TKI, DD4, WD "BRI"  
Owned by Laura Rader and Fidelia Van Steertegem (BRI also earned her RATI from Barn Hunt Association)

### **NCA Water Titles**

"Jethro" **WD**  
Owned by Jamie Earle

Allison Acres Nor' Easta' Louie **WD** "Louie"  
Owned by Linda Hiestand, and Connie Allison

TimberKnoll Paint the Sky Indigo **WD** DD "Indy"  
Owned by Benita Edds, Patti Sutherland, Nan Martin, and Cara Perry

Avalon Bey's I Shall Wear Midnight CDX, PCD, GN, RAE, BCAT, CGCA, CGCU, TKI, DD4, **WD** "BRI"  
Owned by Laura Rader and Fidelia Van Steertegem (BRI also earned her BCAT and Barn Hunt's RATI)

### **NCA Draft Dog Titles**

TimberKnoll Paint the Sky Indigo WD **DD** "Indy"  
Owned by Benita Edds, Patti Sutherland, Nan Martin, and Cara Perry

Bruno is Talking to the Moonpie **DD**, CGC, FDC, TKA "Bruno"  
Owned by Gregg & Erin Lonas

VN CH Cypress Bay Run for the Roses to Avalon Bey CGC, TKN, RN, BN, CD, WD1, WRD, **DD** "Derby"  
Owned by Eric & Jo Nussle, and Laura Rader

## **NCA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

### **Versatile Newfoundland**

VN CH Cypress Bay Run for the Roses to Avalon Bey CGC, TKN, RN, BN, CD, WD1, WRD, DD "Derby"  
Owned by Eric & Jo Nussle, and Laura Rader

## **SENC SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **Top 20 Owner-Handled**

CH Moonpie a Moxie Des Oursons De Svalbard "Moxie"  
Owned by Gregg and Erin Lonas

### **Best in Show – Regional Specialty**

GCH CH TimberKnolls Courage in the Sky Gold Cup "Amelia"  
Owned by Benita Edds and Patti Sutherland

### **Undefeated CH**

**CH** Old Bay's Light My Fire at Dreamhaven "Kindle"  
Owned by Kathy Hamilton, Andrea Jung and Cindy Flowers

**CH** Dreamhaven's Cascading Waterfalls At Old Bay CGC "Tilly"  
Owned by Wendy & Harold Sparks and Andrea Jung

### **Living Legends**

CH Avalon Bey's So What...I'm Still A Rock Star "Pink"  
Born December 10, 2009  
Owned by Laura Rader

CH Avalon Bey's Little Glass Slipper "Bella"  
Born December 10, 2009  
Owned by Mike & Jackie Wells and Laura Rader

GCH Avalon Bey's Boone "Boone"  
Born May 30, 2008  
Owned by Rick Bell and Laura Rader

CH Avalon Bey's The Tide Is High "Saylor"  
Born May 30, 2008  
Owned by Rick and Deb Bell

BIS BISS GCH Cypress Bay JL Snazzy Story at Avalon Bey "Snazzy"  
Born September 16, 2008  
Owned by Laura Rader and Julie Fitser

Tarbeary's Safe Harbor CGC TDI "Beacon"  
Born January 11, 2008  
Owned by Julie Fitser

### **Patti Sutherland Community Service Award**

Connie Sovie and "Maggie" VN GCH TimberKnolls Little Slice Of Heaven

### **Member Of The Year**

Linda Hiestand

## **SENC COMPETITIVE AWARDS**

### **Top Stud Dog**

VN GCH Southwind's Pouch Cove Dark Star CD RE WRD3 TDD "Crosby"  
Owned by Andrea Jung

**Top Producing Dam**

CH TimberKnoll's Tempted by Tradition WD "Ella"  
Owned by Patti Sutherland and Benita Edds

**Top Newfoundland**

GCHS CH Cayuga Jet Setter of Bonaventura "Josef"  
Owned by Dana Phillips, Peggy Helming, and Olivia Eichelberger  
Defeated 245 Newfoundlands

**Top Newfoundland Opposite Sex**

GCH CH TimberKnolls Courage in the Sky Gold Cup "Amelia"  
Owned by Benita Edds and Patti Sutherland  
Defeated 127 Newfoundlands

**Best in Show**

GCHS CH Cayuga Jet Setter of Bonaventura "Josef"  
Owned by Dana Phillips, Peggy Helming, and Olivia Eichelberger  
2,609 All Breed defeated points

**Top Breeder Conformation**

TimberKnoll Newfoundlands  
7 Titles: 5 CH, 1 GCH, 1 GCHB

**Top Breeder Obedience/Rally**

TimberKnoll Newfoundlands  
5 Titles: 1 BN, 1 RN, 1 RI, 1 RA, 1 RE

**Top Breeder Working Dog**

TimberKnoll Newfoundlands  
3 Titles: 1 WD, 2 DD

**SENC Breeder Of The Year**

TimberKnoll Newfoundlands  
22 Titles

*Congratulations to all!*

# SENC CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS



# SOUTHEASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Approved 2/15/20

## CONSTITUTION

### SECTION 1.

The name of the Club shall be The Southeastern Newfoundland Club, Inc., a 501(c)(3), and shall be referred to hereafter as the Club or SENC.

### SECTION 2.

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a.) To encourage and promote the quality of purebred Newfoundland dogs by doing all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection and by planning activities designed to promote the quality and well-being of the Breed;
- b.) To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the Newfoundland Club of America and the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Newfoundland dogs shall be judged;
- c.) To protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging the participation of the membership in all activities related to the Newfoundland dog, and to encourage fellowship and sportsmanlike behavior of the breed's admirers at all Newfoundland related events;
- d.) To showcase the special qualities and versatility of the Newfoundland breed by promoting and conducting a variety of events and activities related to the Newfoundland dog as a working, conformation, and companion animal, including, but not limited to, breed competition, specialty shows, obedience trials, working events (tracking tests, water tests, draft tests), therapy work, and community involvement, all in accordance with the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club and/or of the Newfoundland Club of America;
- e.) To provide education and information to the members, to the breeders, and to the general public for the ultimate benefit of the Newfoundland breed;
- f.) To encourage all members to abide by the Newfoundland Club of America Ethics Guide as a guideline for responsible Newfoundland ownership;

- g.) To support rescue activities and placement services of SENCR, the 501(C)(3) rescue organization formed by members of SENC in 2009, as well as to support other selected charitable organizations that benefit the rescue, health, and/or well-being of the Newfoundland breed.

### **SECTION 3.**

The Club, being a 501(c)(3), shall not be conducted or operated for profit, and no part of any Club profits or funds shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

### **SECTION 4.**

The Members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such Constitution, and may from time to time revise such Bylaws as may be required to carry out these objectives.

# **SOUTHEASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. Eligibility
- Section 2. Dues
- Section 3. Application and Election to Membership
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## **ARTICLE II. MEETINGS AND VOTING**

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- Section 3. Removal
- Section 4. Vacancies

## **ARTICLE IV. CLUB YEAR, ELECTIONS, AND NOMINATIONS**

- Section 1. Club Year
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- Section 3. Nominations

## **ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES**

- Section 1. Appointment
- Section 2. Committee Chair
- Section 3. Directors
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- Section 2. Charges
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## **ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS**

- Section 1. Amendments
- Section 2. Amendment Vote

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- Section 1. Club Meetings
- Section 2. Board Meetings

## **ARTICLE X. PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY**



## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

#### SECTION 1. Eligibility

The SENC's service area shall be comprised of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee.

There shall be five (5) classes of memberships within SENC: Associate, General, Lifetime, Junior, and Honorary. Associate and General Membership shall be restricted to persons eighteen years of age or older. General Memberships shall be open to residents of the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee and to residents of a state that is not serviced by a sanctioned regional club at the time membership is granted.

Members of any class will be considered in good standing if their dues are current and they are not otherwise indebted to the Club. Members placed on suspension under the provisions of Article VI, Sections 1. and 3. will not be considered to be in good standing.

#### Membership Definitions:

a.) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS shall receive electronic copies of the newsletter of the Southeastern Newfoundland Club and may attend Club meetings, make motions, debate Club issues and participate in all Club functions, social or otherwise, with the following exceptions: They shall not vote on official Club business nor hold elected office. All new memberships into SENC shall automatically begin as Associate Memberships. Any person who has been an Associate Member for at least 6 months may apply for election to General Membership, providing they have attended at least one Club Meeting or function within the preceding 6 month period.

b.) GENERAL MEMBERSHIPS shall hold all the rights and privileges and responsibilities of Associate Members and shall in addition have the right to vote on official Club business and hold elected office.

c.) LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS may be made available at the Board of Directors' discretion. Lifetime Memberships shall be the equivalent of General Memberships, except that Lifetime Members shall be exempt from paying annual dues.

d.) JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS shall be open to all persons under 18 years of age. Junior Membership shall enjoy all rights and privileges of Associate Membership, except they may, by act of the Board of Directors, pay reduced membership dues.

e.) HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS FOR NON-SENC MEMBERS may be conferred upon a person or persons who have made outstanding contributions to the welfare of the

Newfoundland Dog. Honorary memberships shall have all the rights and privileges of Associate Membership and shall be exempt from paying dues.

## **SECTION 2. Dues**

Dues are set by the Board of Directors no later than September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

During the month of September each member shall be sent a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

Dues are payable prior to November 1 of each year. Any new membership applications will be subject to a full year's dues. If membership is approved after October 1, the dues will apply to the following calendar year's dues.

## **SECTION 3. Application and Election to Membership**

a.) Election to Associate: An applicant for membership shall submit a completed application form to the Membership Chairperson, together with the appropriate dues which are established by the Board of Directors. The application form shall be approved by the Board of Directors, and may be modified from time to time by the Board of Directors, and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of this Club. The application shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing.

The applicant's name shall be published in a Club publication following initial Board approval and any comments received by the Membership Chairperson within 30 days of publication shall be forwarded to the Secretary to be included in the material distributed to Board members prior to the final consideration by the Board. During final consideration, an applicant must receive a favorable vote of 2/3 of the Board members in attendance. The Board may deny membership for any reason and will communicate the reasons for denial of membership to the sponsors and applicant.

Applications which have received unfavorable action at a Board Meeting may be presented by the applicant's endorsers at the next meeting of the Club. The presence of both endorsers is required. Such applicants may be elected by a favorable vote of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the members in attendance at a meeting of the Club. Any applicant who has been rejected may not be reconsidered for 12 months.

b.) Any person who has been an Associate Member for at least 6 months may apply for election to General Membership, providing they have attended at least one Club Meeting or function within the preceding 6 month period. A Junior Member, or Minor Family Member, upon passing their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, may apply for election to General Membership, providing they have attended at least one Club Meeting or function within the 6 month period preceding their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Application shall be in the form of a written statement of intent to become a General Member and shall be submitted to the Membership Chair on or before the day of the next Club meeting. At that time their conversion from Associate to General Membership is to be part of the

agenda for that meeting. The statement shall specify the time and places of attendance as an Associate Member at the required meeting or function. An affirmative vote of at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the General Membership in attendance at the Club meeting at which it is presented is required to approve the conversion from Associate to General Membership.

c.) Election to Honorary or Lifetime Membership: Honorary or Lifetime members may be proposed by a Board Member or Club Member through the Secretary. Election will be by  $\frac{2}{3}$  favorable vote of the Board of Directors, voting by secret ballot.

#### **SECTION 4. Termination of Membership**

Memberships may be terminated:

- a.) By resignation. Any member may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary; but resignation shall not affect or cancel any obligations for debt to the Club which accrued prior to resignation.
- b.) By lapsing. Any membership shall be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid on November 1<sup>st</sup>. To rejoin the Club, lapsed members must reapply for Election to Associate Membership as described in Article I., Section 3 a.).
- c.) By expulsion. Any membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE II. MEETINGS AND VOTING**

#### **SECTION 1. Conduct of Meetings**

a.) Conduct of Meetings. All categories of meetings of this Club shall be conducted in accordance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order except where superseded by these Bylaws.

#### **SECTION 2. Club Meetings**

a.) Regular Club Meetings. There will be a minimum of two Regular Club meetings per Club Year as defined in Article IV, Section 1. One of these meetings shall be the Annual Meeting. Regular Club Meetings will be at such time and place as designated by the President or Board of Directors.

b.) The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in the first quarter of the year at such time and place designated by the President or Board of Directors.

c.) Special Club Meetings. Special Club meetings may be called by the President, by a majority vote of the members of the Board, or by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 25% of the members of the Club who are in good standing. Special Club meetings shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the President. Notice of meetings shall be

made by the Secretary at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other business shall be transacted thereat.

d.) Notice of all Club meetings shall be made by the Secretary at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20% of the General and Lifetime Members in good standing in attendance.

### **SECTION 3. Board Meetings**

a.) Regular Board Meetings. Regular Board Meetings will be held in conjunction with the Club meetings referred to in the above Section 1. Notice of each meeting shall be made by the Secretary at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

b.) Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the Board. Written notice of such meetings shall be made by the Secretary at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other business shall be transacted thereat. A quorum for such meeting shall be a majority of the Board.

c.) The Board meetings may be held in person, by conference call, or by other collaborative technology.

d.) All votes of the Board of Directors shall be considered roll call votes and recorded in the minutes. The minority voter(s) shall be identified and may insert a short statement of reason in the minutes.

### **SECTION 4. Voting**

Each General or Lifetime Member who is a member in good standing is considered to be a voting member and may vote at each meeting of the Club at which they are present. When a member's dues are not received by the deadline, membership immediately lapses and all membership privileges, including voting, are immediately lost. Further, in no case may a person with outstanding financial obligations to the Club on the day of any Club meeting be entitled to vote at that Club meeting.

The Club Secretary shall be responsible for ascertaining voting eligibility based upon current membership records.

Each member who meets the above requirements shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the Club at which they are present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meeting or election. \*Cumulative voting is not allowed.

## **ARTICLE III. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 1. Board of Directors**

The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past-President, and four other persons who shall be called Directors, all of whom shall be General or Lifetime Members in good standing. Two Directors shall be elected, as described in Article IV., for two year terms so that two Directors will always hold over from one year to another. They shall take office at the conclusion of the Club's Annual Meeting and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors and Officers shall also serve as the Board of Directors and Officers of the 501(c)(3). Acceptance of nomination to run for a position constitutes acceptance to serve on the Board of the 501(c)(3).

### **SECTION 2. Officers**

The Club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected as described in Article IV. for two year terms, shall take office at the conclusion of the Club's Annual Meeting, and shall serve in their respective capacities until their successors take office, both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings:

a.) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board, and shall have duties and powers normally appurtenant to the Office of the President, in addition to those particularly specified in these Bylaws.

b.) The Vice-President shall have those powers and exercise the duties of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.

c.) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which the Club shall order a record. They shall have charge of roll call at meetings, keep the official roll of the members of the Club with their addresses, present the names of proposed new members of the Club as received by the Membership chairperson, determine the quorum for conducting votes, notify members of meetings, notify officers and directors of their election to office, have charge of answering all inquiries to the Club and such other correspondence as may be delegated to them; and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these Bylaws.

The Secretary may issue Club communications and notices via email, the Newsletter (Newfangled News), regular mail, or other collaborative technology.

d.) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club from the Membership Chairperson, Committee Chairs, or other parties from whom funds are due. They shall deposit all monies in a bank or other financial institution either designated or approved

by the Club's Board of Directors. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Board, and the Treasurer shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances; and at the Annual Meeting shall render an account of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded by the Club in such a manner and amount as the Board of Directors shall determine.

### **SECTION 3. Removal**

Any Board Member who fails to attend 50% of the meetings or fails to dispatch the duties of the office in a Club year will be asked to resign following a 2/3 vote of the Board. If resignation is not tendered, the Board will request from the Membership removal of said Board member.

### **SECTION 4. Vacancies**

Any vacancy occurring on the Board during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term of the office by a majority vote of the members of the Board at its first meeting following such vacancy.

## **ARTICLE IV. THE CLUB YEAR, ELECTIONS, AND NOMINATIONS**

### **SECTION 1. Club Year**

The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, and end on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and shall continue through the next Annual Meeting. The Club's award year shall be the calendar year.

Incoming officers and Directors will assume their positions at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Each retiring/outgoing board member or committee chairperson shall turn over to their successor in office all records and properties related to that office within 30 days of the Annual Meeting. Any retiring/outgoing board member or committee chairperson who fails to turn over such records and properties within 30 days may be suspended from all privileges of the Club until the transfer is affected or for a period not to exceed 375 days from the date of suspension. If additional disciplinary action is deemed appropriate, the Board of Directors may refer this matter to the membership for possible expulsion.

### **SECTION 2. Elections**

a.) Election of officers and directors will be held prior to the Annual Meeting. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these Bylaws. No later than September 1<sup>st</sup>, the Board of Directors shall select a nominating committee consisting of 3 members total, only one of whom may be a member of the Board. The Board of Directors shall name a chairperson of the Committee. The President shall name an alternate in the event a member of the Committee is unable to fulfill their duties. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, email, phone, or other collaborative technology.

### **SECTION 3. Nominations**

The Nominating Committee shall solicit and nominate candidates for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Board Members, to be elected in odd numbered years. In even numbered years the Nominating Committee shall solicit and nominate candidates for the positions of two Board Members. The Nominating Committee shall then submit its recommendations of candidates to the Secretary on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Secretary shall distribute the list of nominees to each member of the Club on or before November 15 so members may make additional nominations if they so desire.

Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition, addressed to the Secretary and received at their regular address on or before December 10th, signed by 4 members in good standing and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying their willingness to be a candidate.

If no valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary on or before December 10th, the Nominating Committee's recommended candidates shall be declared elected; to take office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Club and no balloting shall be required. The Secretary shall inform the membership on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> if no balloting is required.

If one or more valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary on or before December 10th, they shall on or before December 20<sup>th</sup> mail to each voting member in good standing a ballot listing all of the nominations in alphabetical order, together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Secretary and marked "Ballot" and with the name of the member to whom it was sent. So that all ballots remain secret, each voter, after marking their ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the Secretary. To be considered valid, ballots must be received by the Secretary by the due date determined by the Secretary and indicated on the ballot. In no case shall the due date be less than 10 days before the Annual Meeting of the Club. The ballots shall be opened and counted by three Club members consisting of the Chair of the Nominating Committee and two Members of the Board who are not nominated for office and who are selected by the President. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to the Board. If any director-elect is unable to serve for any reason, the vacancy so created shall be filled by the new Board of Directors, in the manner provided by Article III, Section 40f.) of these Bylaws.

Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.

## **ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION 1. Appointment**

The Board each year at its Annual Board Meeting shall appoint Standing Committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience trials, working trials, trophies, awards, membership, education, rescue, and other matters which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Special Committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

## **SECTION 2. Committee Chairperson**

The Chairperson of each committee shall be appointed annually by the Board for a term of one year.

The Chairperson of each committee shall submit a written report to the Secretary of the Board no later than a week before the Annual meeting of the Board.

## **SECTION 3. Directors**

Each Director shall serve on a Standing Committee. The Board may choose to recommend additional members for each committee appointed.

## **SECTION 4. Committee Termination**

Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those services that have been terminated. Each retiring Committee Chairperson or Member shall turn over all records and properties relating to the committee to their successor, or, if the committee has been dissolved, to the Secretary, within 30 days after they have been notified of the termination of their office. Any person who fails to do so within 30 days may be suspended from all privileges of the Club until the transfer is affected or for a period not to exceed more than 375 days from the date of suspension. If additional disciplinary action is deemed appropriate, the Board of Directors may refer this matter to the membership for possible expulsion.

# **ARTICLE VI DISCIPLINE**

## **SECTION 1. Official Suspension**

Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club or Newfoundland Club of America shall be automatically suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

## **SECTION 2. Charges**

Any member may prefer charges against another member for alleged action prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the Breed and/or failure to abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, or the Newfoundland Club of America's Ethics Guide adopted by this Club. Written charges with specifications must be filed with the Secretary, together with a deposit of \$100.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board Meeting.

The Secretary will also send copies of the charges to the defendant who shall have the opportunity to submit written documents to the Board. The Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute action prejudicial to the best interest of



the Club or the Breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct that would be prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or of the Breed, or determines that the charges fall under the jurisdiction of the American Kennel Club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board decides to entertain jurisdiction, the Secretary shall so inform the parties to the complaint and shall send one copy of the charges by certified mail together with a notice of the hearing. The hearing shall be held at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, unless the date of that meeting would be less than 20 days from the date of the hearing notice. In that event or should the Board decide that such scheduling does not allow adequate preparation time to the Board, or to either or both parties, the hearing date shall be put over until the next Board meeting. If the Board decides that meritorious charges exist, the Board shall set a date for the hearing and shall return the \$100.00 deposit to the complaining party. The charged party shall be personally notified of the hearing by the Secretary. If the Board decides that there is no merit to the charges, the accused will be exonerated, and the \$100.00 will be deposited in the Club's general fund. If the Board decides the charges are outside its jurisdiction, the \$100.00 shall be returned to the complaining party.

### **SECTION 3. Board Hearing**

The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should either party to the proceeding choose to be represented by counsel, they shall so inform the Secretary no less than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing. The Secretary shall promptly inform the other party. In no case shall the accused be denied the right to confront and examine their accuser, or be denied the right to fully explain the allegations. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by the complainant and defendant, the Board may by a majority vote of those present suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of the hearing. And if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing meeting which considers the Board's recommendation. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

### **SECTION 4. Expulsion**

Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the Board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the Board's recommendation of expulsion.

The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in their own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in their own behalf if they wish. The eligible members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote

of those General Members present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not voted, the Board's suspension shall stand.

## **ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS**

### **SECTION 1. Amendments**

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by 30 percent of the voting members in good standing. The Board of Directors shall promptly consider amendments proposed by such petition. All amendments shall be submitted to the membership, inviting comment from the members. Within four months after submission to the membership, the Board shall report on such proposal(s) to the Club and present the same for action.

### **SECTION 2. Amendment Vote**

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at any regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed amendments have been included in the notice of the meeting and mailed to each member at least 15 days prior to the date of the meeting.

No amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Newfoundland Club of America.

## **ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION**

The Club may be dissolved at any time by written consent of not less than 3/4 of the eligible voting members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, whether voluntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club, or any proceeds thereof, nor any assets of the Club, shall be distributed to any members of the Club. However, after payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be divided among other regional Newfoundland clubs as determined by the SENC Board of Directors. Monies in the rescue account shall be transferred to another regional Newfoundland club chosen by the SENC Board of Directors that is a 501 (c) (3) Club, and has an active rescue program.

## **ARTICLE IX. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **SECTION 1. Club Meetings**

At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

1. Meeting called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of the last Meeting
4. Report of the President
5. Report of the Secretary
6. Report of the Treasurer
7. Report of the Committees
8. Election of New Members
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
11. Election of Officers and Directors (as needed at Annual Meeting)
12. Adjournment

## **SECTION 2. Board Meetings**

At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by a majority of those present, shall be as follows:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of last Meeting
4. President's report
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Report of Committees
8. Election of New Members
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

## **ARTICLE X. PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt. Any deviation from *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall be notated with an asterisk (\*) preceding the deviation.

## Constitution and Bylaws Certification

The preceding Constitution and Bylaws for the Southeastern Newfoundland Club contain the amendments approved by the SENC Board on 12/31/2019, was approved by the SENC membership on 2/15/20, and was pre-approved by the Newfoundland Club of America at their 9/19/19 Board meeting.

The 2018/2019 Constitution and Bylaws Committee consisted of: Benita Edds, Beverly Cusac, Dana Phillips, Gregg Lonas, Margaret Rancourt, and Susan Egan.

I certify that requirements of Article VII and Sections I and II have been met.

Dana Phillips  
SENC Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair

## Congratulations Mary & Emma!

Feb. 15-16 Homeport Keeping It Real - Emma passed her first Draft test and requalified the next day in the Florida test.  
Feb. 23 Emma earned her BCat Title

It's been a busy couple weeks. We look forward to meeting more Club members this summer. Thank you.

Mary Beville and Emma



### BEST OF OPPOSITE Avalon Bey's Encore "AVA"

Sire: GCHB Seabrook This Is It Pouch Cove  
Dam: CH Avalon Bey's Five Minutes 'til Midnight

Breeder: Laura Rader  
Owners: Joyce Boone & Laura Rader



### BEST OF BREED

Central Indiana Kennel Club -February 2020  
CH. Avalon Bey's American Royal  
"STETSON"

Sire: BIS MBISS GCH Cypress Bay's JL Snazzy  
Story at Avalon Bey  
Dam: CH Avalon Bey's Strike A Pose

Breeder: Laura Rader  
Owners: Laura Rader & Amy Bray



### BEST IN SHOW

Bogota, Colombia, South America

Avalon Bey's You Don't Know  
Who I Am  
"ZACK"

Breeder: Laura Rader  
Owner: Ignacio Maz



# BACK TO BACK BEST IN SHOW

Bogota, Colombia, South America

Avalon Bey's You Don't Know  
Who I Am  
"ZACK"

Breeder: Laura Rader

Owner: Ignacio Maz

SENC  
BOARD of DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES



MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICER MEETING  
SOUTHEASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB, INC

OCTOBER 28, 2019  
TELECONFERENCE

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04 PM**

**ROLL CALL:**

Members participating on call: Julie Fitser, Laura Rader, Beverly Cusac, Dana Phillips, Michael Keats, Margaret Rancourt, Gregg Lonas. Absent: Patti Sutherland and Susan Egan.

**1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Laura Rader emailed the minutes to the SENC Board from the September 30, 2019 teleconference.

Margaret Rancourt emailed Laura Rader on October 28, 2019 a few minor changes to the minutes.

Motion made by Dana Phillips to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2019 teleconference as distributed with corrections. Seconded by Michael Keats. No Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Beverly Cusac thanked the Water Test Committee for a great job on putting on a great water test and the weather did not stop things either.

**3. SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Laura Rader reported that the minutes for the September 30, 2019 Board Teleconference meeting had been sent out for review. Margaret Rancourt emailed Laura a few minor changes to the minutes of September 30<sup>th</sup>.



#### 4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Margaret Rancourt reported

Balance reported at last meeting	\$18,105.99
Credits	\$3,631.36
Debits	(\$6,799.50)
Current balance	\$14,937.85

Comments:

**Credit** = Largest items were \$1200 from Regional sponsors & raffle; \$1856 from water test (meals, auction, entry fees, ads); \$555 in membership renewals;

**Debits** = Largest items \$1447 expenses for Regional; \$3451 for water test; \$1324 for sweatshirts; \$343 for conference calls & supplies

Motion made by Gregg Lonas to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Seconded by Dana Phillips. No discussion. Motion carried.

#### 5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS :**

##### **Constitution**

Dana Phillips reported that the cover letter regarding the constitution was sent to Julie Fitser to be sent out to the membership. Dana needs a general meeting date.

##### **Working Dog**

Benita Edds Absent – no report.

##### **Membership**

Committee Chair, Susan Egan Absent – no report.

**Newsletter:** Newsletter Editor, Julie Fitser reported the newsletter deadline is November 15, 2019 and will send out a reminder. Beverly Cusac asked Julie to put the sweatshirts and form in the newsletter.

##### **Regional Specialty**

Julie Fitser reported the 2020 Regional Specialty will be on July 25 & 26, 2019 in conjunction with the Piedmont and Greenville Kennel Club cluster July 23- 26, 2019

##### **Fund Raising**

Michael Keats reported the sweatshirts have been delivered to Julie Fitser and will be promoted. Julie reported that five sweatshirts have been sold.

### **End of Year Awards**

Margaret Rancourt reported the committee of Dana Phillips, Erin Lonas & Margaret met twice and have covered a lot of ground. This year's criteria will be broader and more inclusive than in the past. It will be published shortly. We are looking at possible online submission but need to figure out how any required attachments will work. Also there is a fee for the forms creation site. I am working on a recommendation for the Board to try it for one year. It's not very expensive. We are discussing location and Asheville or Greenville seem to be most central for our members. We also would like to propose a luncheon rather than a dinner which would enable many members to make a day trip instead of having to stay overnight. Thoughts on that? I was asked about the cut-off date for info to be submitted to the Committee. If the annual meeting and awards are held on 2/15, then it could be as late as the 3rd week of January depending on the data collection vehicle.

### **Website:**

Laura Rader reported that updates are being made.

### **FaceBook Group Page**

Margaret Rancourt reported a recent post about proposed new USDA regulations for breeders that would publish address info has generated some strong responses but none of the posts have violated the guidelines on the page. I am keeping an eye on it..

### **Nominating Committee**

Dana Phillips reported that a cover letter and attachments were being sent to the Board for review and sent to Laura Rader to distribute to the membership. Laura Rader emailed Dana Phillips procedures for membership regarding the nominations. Margaret Rancourt asked if any board member have heard of any other member that would like to run for office.

### **Education Committee**

Gregg Lonas no report.

### **Communications Committee**

Julie Fitser no report.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS :**

**TRAILER:** Margaret reported Update on Trailer – requesting title

Margaret received the title from Sandy Hall and we are hoping we can effect the ownership transfer without a formal Bill of Sale. The plan is to have it remain registered in TN. Gregg Lonas and Margaret are discussing. Margaret mentioned that Jamie Earle and Andy Rancourt both looked at the tires. Andy recommends new tires for it and Jamie agreed. Michael said if the date on tires is more than 6 years old, we should not use it on the road. Margaret will go over to High Falls and check on it.

**Draft Test 2020:** Beverly Cusac tabled this to next board meeting. Beverly asked Julie to put ad for volunteers in newsletter asking for members to Chair this event and stress to members

if want this event we need volunteers. Margaret reported that the secretary of these events have the toughest job and do the bulk of the work. This year the water test was able to utilize the NCA link with Stripe which made entries, refunds, etc. much easier. Beverly Cusac offered to make a few phone calls to members soliciting for a Draft Chair.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

2020 Water Test: Micheal Keats reported that he and his wife, Alisa would commit to chair this event. Michael reported that they will visit Callaway Garden in Georgia a possible water test site and evaluate beach for specifications and suitabilities and will report back to the Board. Michael stated that Callaway has done parties like this before. Michael stated that after visiting the site location then he will submit the proper water test paperwork.

2020 Event Calendar: Beverly Cusac asked that all board members to come up with dates for the 2020 Event Calendar. This is tabled to next meeting.

8. **2019 EVENT CALENDAR**

It was agreed that the next SENC Board teleconference be scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00PM (EST).

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Margaret Rancourt to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm PM (EST).  
Seconded by Julie Fitser. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Rader



MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICER MEETING  
SOUTHEASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB, INC

DECEMBER 2, 2019  
TELECONFERENCE

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:04 PM

**ROLL CALL:** Members participating on call:, Julie Fitser, Laura Rader, Beverly Cusac, Dana Phillips, Margaret Rancourt, Susan Egan. Working dog committee: Benita Edds. Absent: Gregg Lonas, Patti Sutherland and Michael Keats.

**1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Laura Rader emailed the minutes to the SENC Board from the October 28, 2019 teleconference.

Motion made by Margaret Rancourt to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 teleconference as distributed. Seconded by Julie Fitser. No Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

No Report.

**3. SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Laura Rader reported that the minutes for the October 28, 2019 Board Teleconference meeting had been sent out for review. No changes were emailed.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Margaret Rancourt reported

Balance reported at last meeting	\$14,941.00
(amended)	\$663.19
Credits	
Debits	(\$64.98)
Current balance	\$15,539.21

Comments:

**Credit** = Almost entirely from membership dues; one payment for an auction item

**Debits** = \$65 for water test trophies for Jamie Earle & Larry Boyer

Julie Fitser sent Margaret money from the sweatshirt fundraiser.

Motion made by Dana Phillips to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Seconded by Julie Fitser. No discussion. Motion carried.

## 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### **Constitution**

Dana Phillips reported the revised SENC Constitution and Bylaws and required documents were sent to the SENC membership on 11/1/19. Comments and recommendations were solicited from the membership, with a deadline of 12/31/19 for receipt by the Chair of the SENC Constitution and Bylaws Committee of membership comments and recommendations.

There is nothing further to report until after the 12/31/19 deadline, at which time appropriate actions will be taken by the Board in accordance with the SENC Constitution and Bylaws.

### **Working Dog**

Benita Edds reported that SENC still needs a draft test chair for the 2020 draft test. Margaret Rancourt stated to Benita that the 2019 Water Test report is still needed. Then Margaret will send SENC Board the water test report when received.

### **Membership**

Susan Egan reported that she would be sending Margaret Rancourt more checks of \$160 for membership dues received. Susan also stated that 8 renewal notices were not responded to which equals 15 members. If received after renewal deadline they will have to reapply. Beverly asked Susan to email these 15 people that membership lapsed and Beverly stated they will have to reapply.

**Newsletter:** Newsletter Editor, Julie Fitser reported the newsletter will be done in a few days. The water test report and information is needed.

### **Regional Specialty**

Julie Fitser reported that one Sweeps judge has been selected and working on the other one. Over the next week the breed judges will be selected and then paperwork will be sent to NCA.

### **Fund Raising**

Julie Fitser stated that 7 sweatshirts have been sold and a FB posting will be made to advertise.

Laura Rader read email from Gregg Lonas regarding the cart: Cart is being repaired will list on ebay soon. The man in Kansas backed out.

### **End of Year Awards**

Margaret Rancourt reported The submission form has been rolled out and communicated. Thank you to Board members who helped test the new form. Awards period is open until January 10, 2020. The Committee is now determining the awards to be given for special

categories. Committee has been meeting weekly. It is critical to finalize location of annual meeting & awards presentation.

Beverly asked each board member what would be ideal location Greenville or Chatanooga? Laura-greenville. Julie-greenville. Susan-greenville. Benita-greenville. Margaret-greenville. Dana-greenville. Beverly-greenville.

Greenville was decided as the location.

Margaret Rancourt stated that the awards luncheon and annual meeting will be combined.

#### **Website:**

Laura Rader reported that updates are being made.

#### **FaceBook Group Page**

Margaret Rancourt reported nothing to report as it has been quiet.

#### **Nominating Committee**

Dana Phillips reported the list of 2020 nominees for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 2 Board Members and required documents were sent to the SENC membership on 11/15/19. Additional nominees were solicited from the membership, with a deadline of 12/10/19 for receipt of additional nominations by the Secretary. There is nothing further to report until after the 12/10/19 deadline, at which time appropriate actions will be taken by the Board in accordance with the SENC Constitution and Bylaws.

#### **Education Committee**

Laura Rader read email from Gregg Lonas. Newf 101  
Erin is posting a video soon on spaying from a TVKC November seminar. We obtained the speaker's permission to share with the SENC.

#### **Communications Committee**

Julie Fitser no report.

### **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS :**

**TRAILER:** Margaret Rancourt reported Tires are definitely old and will be replaced before the next use. Action re: title is on hold until 2020.

**Draft Test 2020:** Benita Edds reported that no one has volunteered to be chair of the draft test for 2020. Beverly Cusac stated No help then no way to have it. Margaret Rancourt suggested that since we don't have people, we won't have it in March 2020. Beverly asked for a vote whether or not to have the 2020 Draft Test. Margaret Rancourt made the motion for SENC not to hold a 2020 Draft test for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 since we are at a limited of time to submit paperwork to NCA and we do not have a chair. Julie Fitser seconded. All in favor: Laura Rader, Susan Egan, Julie Fitser, Margaret Rancourt, Dana Phillips, Beverly Cusac. No opposed. Motion carried.

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

2020 Water Test: Michael Keats was absent this will be tabled to next meeting.

2022 Draft Test at the National Specialty: WHEN: Monday and Tuesday of the National week. SENC 2022 Draft test to be hosted at 2022 National Specialty. Benita Edds reported that Colonial Newfoundland Club asked if SENC would consider hosting the draft test in PA during the week of the National Specialty. Benita stated she would chair this event but will need help. Beverly Cusac stated she would be the secretary but that she would need help as this is something she has never done. Benita will ask Tammy Hensley to be secretary. Benita Edds made a motion to have SENC host the 2022 Draft test at the National Specialty hosted by Colonial Newfoundland Club. Dana Phillips seconded. No Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried. Beverly stated since SENC voted to host the draft test for Benita to let the Colonial Club know.

## 8. **2020 EVENT CALENDAR**

Awards/Annual meeting – February 15, 2020

SENC Regional Specialty – July 25 & 26, 2020

National Specialty – April 27 – May 2, 2020

Fall Festival Event – October 2020

Water Test – October 2020

Black Mountain SENC Recue Parade – December 5, 2020

It was agreed that the next SENC Board teleconference be scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00PM (EST).

## 9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Beverly Cusac thanked everyone for their participation and wished everyone ~~has~~ a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. Motion made by Patti Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm PM (EST). Seconded by Julie Fitser. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Rader



MINUTES “AMENDED”  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS SPECIAL MEETING  
SOUTHEASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB, INC

DECEMBER 16, 2019  
TELECONFERENCE

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:12 PM

**ROLL CALL:**

Members participating on call: Michael Keats, Dana Phillips, Beverly Cusac, Patti Sutherland, Margaret Rancourt, Julie Fitser, Gregg Lonas, Laura Rader

**REASON FOR THIS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:** Membership Lapse Issue.  
Needs to be discussed and finalize membership lapse issue.

**DISCUSSION:**

Gregg Lonas made a motion that according to Robert’s Rule to reinstate 3 members that did not pay their dues prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>. When there is no rule we can apply a “Special” rule. Margaret Rancourt seconded motion.

After discussion, Gregg Lonas restated his motion according to Robert’s Rule to reinstate 3 members to membership as it was before membership lapsed. Margaret Rancourt seconded motion. Vote: 6 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

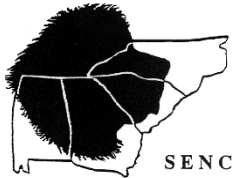
Gregg Lonas made motion to send a letter to the 15 people for their membership to be reinstated. Michael Keats seconded. Beverly asked for further discussion and voted: 6 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Margaret Rancourt to adjourn the Special meeting at 7:55 pm PM (EST). Seconded by Michael Keats. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Rader





MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICER MEETING  
SOUTHEASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB, INC

JANUARY 13, 2020  
TELECONFERENCE

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05 PM**

**ROLL CALL:** Members participating on call:, Julie Fitser, Laura Rader, Beverly Cusac, Dana Phillips, Margaret Rancourt, Gregg Lonas, Patti Sutherland joined at 7:08 PM and Michael Keats joined at 7:16 PM.

**1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Laura Rader emailed the minutes to the SENC Board from the December 2, 2019 teleconference.

Motion made by Julie Fitser to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 teleconference as distributed. Seconded by Margaret Rancourt. No Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Beverly Cusac asked to go into **EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:07 PM. EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 7:09 PM.**

**3. SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Laura Rader reported that the minutes for the December 2, 2019 Board Teleconference meeting had been emailed to board members for review. Margaret Rancourt emailed a few minor changes, changes were made. The minutes from the December 16, 2019 Special Board meeting were emailed to board members for review. Margaret Rancourt and Beverly Cusac emailed questions and minor changes, questions were clarified and changes were made.

Motion made by Julie Fitser to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting of December 16, 2019 teleconference as distributed. Seconded by Margaret Rancourt. No Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Margaret Rancourt reported

Balance reported at last meeting	\$15,539.21
Credits	\$634.50
Debits	(150.00)
Balance as of 12/31/2019	\$16,023.81

Credit = Largest items - Membership dues \$230; water test t-shirts \$148; sweatshirts \$255;  
Debits = Conference calls & Trailer storage (\$75 each)

Treasurer sent \$500 to NCA Health Challenge on 1/6/20

Motion made by Dana Phillips to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Seconded by Patti Sutherland. No discussion. Motion carried.

## 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Constitution

Dana Phillips reported the deadline for receipt of comments, recommendations, or suggestions for additional revisions to SENC's Revised Constitution and Bylaws was 12/31/19. Dana Phillips, Chair of the SENC Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee, received no additional comments or recommendations from the membership.

In accordance with SENC's Constitution and Bylaws, the SENC Revised Constitution and Bylaws, as submitted to the membership, will be voted on at the 2/15/2020 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet to be held in Greenville, SC

Dana Phillips will email Laura Rader the Revised Constitution and Bylaws so that Laura Rader can mail out to the membership. Laura Rader discussed cost of this mailing. Margaret Rancourt will mail Laura Rader a check in order to make copies, purchase envelopes, postage. Beverly Cusac will type the membership labels for each household return labels and FedEx them to Laura Rader. The labels will list the names of members for that household based on the most recent membership list.

### Working Dog

No Report.

### Membership

Beverly Cusac reported that reinstatement letter was sent to the 15 members whose membership lapsed. There was error of dates in the letter and Beverly Cusac resent the letter to these 15 members whose membership lapsed. The only person renewing their membership out of the 15 members is Glenda Garrett. Beverly asked Laura Rader to update the membership chair on the SENC Website, changes were already made. Julie said she has a Word version of the application that Beverly asked to have sent to her. Julie said she would send to her & Laura.

**Newsletter:** Newsletter Editor, Julie Fitser reported the newsletter went out on January 1, 2020. Gregg Lonas asked Julie to resend the newsletter because he is still not receiving the newsletter. Margaret Rancourt asked Gregg to check his spam folder. During the meeting, Margaret and Gregg tested various email formats and Gregg received every one of them so it is not a problem with blind carbon copies. Julie will reconfirm his email address and send him the latest newsletter.

### **Regional Specialty**

Julie Fitser reported that the Sweepstake judges have been selected, Breed judges have been selected. The paperwork for NCA and the letters from the kennel clubs will be mailed tomorrow. Julie will send a copy of the \$30 check to Margaret for reimbursement.

### **Fund Raising**

Michael Keats reported that Gregg Lonas is still working on selling the cart.

### **End of Year Awards**

Margaret Rancourt reported the submission window has closed. We have 44 entries. The Committee has selected awards to be given for special categories and will meet again tomorrow night to review what's been submitted. An announcement will go out to members this week along with a form to sign-up for the annual meeting & award presentation on February 15 in Greenville. It's critical we know the headcount for the meeting so it's an RSVP invitation.

### **Website:**

Laura Rader reported that updates are being made.

### **FaceBook Group Page**

Margaret Rancourt reported nothing to report as it has been quiet.

### **Nominating Committee**

Dana Phillips reported As of 12/10/19, no additional nominees for 2020 Officers and Board members have been received by Laura Rader, SENC Secretary. In accordance with the SENC Constitution and Bylaws, when there are no additional nominees from the membership, the nominees chosen by the Nominating Committee will be declared elected. Thus, the following officers are declared elected and will assume office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on 2/15/2020:

President – Beverly Cusac

Vice President – Julie Fitser

Secretary – Laura Rader

Treasurer – Gregg Lonas

Director – Susan Egan

Director – Margaret Rancourt

Dana reported that a new Director will be chosen at the next board meeting since Susan Egan resigned.

**Education Committee.**

No report.

**Communications Committee**

Julie Fitser no report.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS :**

**TRAILER:** Gregg Lonas & Margaret Rancourt will discuss next steps on the title for the trailer. New tires are still in the plans for spring.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**Susan Egan Resignation:** Beverly Cusac read Susan Egan's resignation. Margaret Rancourt made motion to accept Susan Egan's resignation. Seconded by Michael Keats. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Beverly Cusac stated based on the timeframe from Jan. 13, 2020 until Feb. 15, 2020 Susan's membership chair replacement will be discussed at the next board meeting following the annual meeting. Beverly stated the board can select a new membership chair once the new board takes over.

**2020 Water Test:** Michael Keats reported the following:

Water test location: Calloway Gardens, Georgia

Michael stated the meeting went very well and the site is very receptive to having our water test. Hotel is across the street from site. Facility is right there with restaurants, etc. More expensive than State Park but this facility would be more upscale. Site will be rented for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Total beach rental is \$1620 for the four days including taxes. Assuming we have 25 dogs per day testing, that's 75 entrants for the weekend, that requires only \$21.60 of each entry fee to be used for beach rental and accommodations. Michael is stating this figure from the \$45 per dog per test? Michael will verify that water test entry fee with Benita.

Facility rental would normally be \$1000/day. Our price is \$415 includes tax/day.

Mountain Creek Hotel is across from the test site (can basically see the site from the Hotel parking lot). Room rate is \$115 plus tax, assuming 8% tax which will be \$124.50/night. One time pet fee of \$70 entire stay with 3 dogs per room allowed. No dogs allowed in any show buildings.

Bath and grooming station will be set up with cold water and electric.

Tent setup- site does not provide tents.

Catering must be done by Calloway. Breakfast \$18/person with a \$50 one time delivery fee. Lunch on the go is \$20/person for basic lunch plus \$50 delivery fee.

Banquet hall for dinner rental is normally \$750 per day, discounted to \$350 with a food and beverage minimum of \$1800. That works out to \$36.00 per person assuming 50 people purchase the dinner. Michael still needs to get the official numbers for the previous years water tests. Michael stated that last year was not representative of a typical water test year

and assumes we have about 50 people, maybe 20-25 rooms. Michael still needs to get with Benita to get this information.

Camping facilities nearby. Camping is \$30/night. Plus a negotiated admission fee, which Michael stated he will work to get this affordable and just allow for access to the test site area only, which means no access to the gardens.

Michael stated that we can recoup most of the cost but members must take part in the meals. The meals are higher quality, beautiful location and this location would offer test exhibitors one of the best test locations in the country.

Patti Sutherland requested a break down of numbers and would like a formal report. Patti stated it comes down to cost for the water test.

Beverly thanked Michael for all this information.

#### Fund to help pay membership dues:

Dana Phillips made a motion that SENC have funds allocated to help pay membership dues for those members who are having financial issues. Dana stated that the member must be active and has volunteered for events. Seconded by Margaret Rancourt.

Discussion: Dana Phillips wrote a check to SENC for \$100 and sent it to Margaret Rancourt. Dana Phillips will reimburse the fund to make sure the fund is always sitting at \$100.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

#### Online Form to handle Membership Dues renewals

Margaret Rancourt will investigate the use of online payment for membership dues and will report back. It was agreed that if someone wants to pay via credit card then we should add on the Stripe fee as a "convenience fee".

#### Insurance for SENC Directors

In an email prior to the Board meeting, Laura Rader asked Margaret Rancourt if SENC had Directors Insurance. Margaret reported that we do not. She received a quote from Sportsmen Insurance for \$569 for \$1M policy. Laura said she would find out how much the Carolina Working Dog club pays for its policy. Michael Keats stated that a liability policy would not cover directors and the directors would be legally liable at an event. Julie Fitser stated that the Carolina Working dog group's treasurer is bonded. Gregg Lonas will check on bonding in TN. Beverly Cusac stated she would check with other clubs if treasurer is bonded or directors are insured.

## **8. 2020 EVENT CALENDAR**

It was agreed that the next SENC Board teleconference be scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7:00PM (EST). Beverly Cusac stated that if time permits, there will be a board meeting at the close of the annual meeting.

Beverly asked Michael Keats if he had a proposed date for the 2020 Water Test. Michael stated October 1-4, 2020. Michael stated we do not have NCA approval for the 2020 Water test. Michael asked if location was needed to submit to NCA for approval and Patti said yes along with forms with other information.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Margaret Rancourt to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm PM (EST).  
Seconded by Michael Keats. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Rader



MINUTES "AMENDED"  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICER MEETING  
SOUTHEASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB, INC

February 24, 2020  
TELECONFERENCE

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 PM**

**ROLL CALL:** Members participating on call:, Julie Fitser, Laura Rader, Beverly Cusac, Dana Phillips, Margaret Rancourt, Gregg Lonas, Patti Sutherland, Michael Keats, Connie Sovie. Benita Edds joined at 7:03 PM.

**1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Laura Rader emailed the minutes to the SENC Board from the January 13, 2020 teleconference.

Motion made by Julie Fitser to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 teleconference as distributed. Seconded by Dana Phillips. Margaret Rancourt asked Laura to resend her the minutes. No Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Beverly Cusac welcomed the new board to a new term.

Beverly Cusac asked to go into **EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:07 PM.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 7:14 PM.**

Benita Edds returned to the Teleconference at 7:25pm.

**3. SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

No Report.

#### 4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Gregg Lonas reported that there were no updates as no statement had been received yet.

##### **As of 1/31/2020**

Balance reported at last meeting	\$16,023.81
Credits	\$135.32
Debits	(\$1,116.95)
Current balance	\$15,042.18

Credits = Membership dues \$35; New membership hardship fund \$100

#### Comments

Debits = Donation to NCA Health Challenge \$500; Postage & supplies (mostly for mailing new C&BL) \$400; 2019 Awards \$105

Motion made by Julie Fitser to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Seconded by Dana Phillips. No discussion. Motion carried.

#### 5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Constitution**

Dana Phillips reported the 2019 Revised Constitution and Bylaws was adopted by a 2/3 vote of the General members at the 2/15/20 Annual Meeting. The work of the Committee will continue to address possible additional revisions to the 2019 Constitution and Bylaws. Additionally, due to the resignation of Susan Egan, there is an open position on the Constitution Committee. Board Members who are interested in working on the Committee are welcome to participate.

##### **Working Dog**

Benita Edds reported there will be no Draft Test for 2020

Michael Keats, Water Test Chair, reported that he is working on his water test staff. Trish Woodward will be Chief Steward. Alisa Keats will be the Water Test Secretary with the help of Dionne Reep.

Discussion of the water test sites: Calloway Gardens is too costly at this time. Discussion dates are October 3 and October 10<sup>th</sup>. Margaret Rancourt volunteered to go talk to the Park



Ranger at High Falls, SC park and get a date scheduled for the water test in October. Margaret will email the board with her findings from High Falls

Benita Edds suggested to Michael once the site is secure then the NCA paperwork needs to be completed and finalize judges. Benita guided Michael on the judges letter and how to contact the water test judges. Michael stated he had Ron and Bethany in mind for judges.

### **Membership**

Beverly Cusac reported no new membership applications have been received. The membership list that was given out at the annual meeting on February 15, 2020 was incorrect. Beverly Cusac stated a new membership list will be emailed to the membership.

**Newsletter:** Newsletter Editor, Julie Fitser reported deadline for the newsletter is March 15, 2020.

### **Regional Specialty**

Julie Fitser reported.

### **Fund Raising**

Michael Keats had no report.

Laura Rader asked to discuss the Waffle Raffles that Amy Bray has been doing for the Regional Specialty. Gregg Lonas stated that these donations are from Amy Bray. Laura Rader asked if the Waffle sponsors could sponsor classes for the regional as the proceeds go to our club. Laura Rader asked how the Waffle raffle should sponsor classes for the regional. Michael Keats stated that should be sponsored by SENC on the trophy list.

### **End of Year Awards**

Attached is the event report for the 2019 awards. Margaret Rancourt reported the awards would benefit from doing some fundraising as it is almost entirely expenses and virtually no income.

Margaret reported that the Committee identified pros & cons. Pros included the online collection form working well (and we've already started the work to streamline further for 2020), having multiple people to determine awards, weekly calls, using Dropbox for document storage & access worked well, and the central location of Greenville, SC and having a luncheon event worked.

Cons included stairs and parking (for unloading) were a challenge. Also, the restroom wasn't on the same floor as the luncheon. The #1 con was the noise from the restaurant below us.

Margaret reported she sent a survey to the attendees. 14 of 23 responded which is an outstanding response rate in case you're not familiar with surveys.

	Location = Greenville	Location=Nose Dive (excluding noise)	Time of day	Ease of parking	Quality of food	Quality of staff
Very Satisfied	10	6	11	6	11	12
Satisfied	3	6	2	6	1	1
Neutral	1	0	0	2	2	1
Unsatisfied	0	1	0	0	0	0
Very Unsatisfied	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	14	14	13	14	14	14

### Comments

*I thought it was fabulous!!! And the food was delicious!!! I told Julie we need to take dogs for a walk downtown and eat when weather gets a little better and before it gets hot.*

*Sorry it took me a bit to respond...busy with puppies, the breeders education event this coming saturday and working 2 jobs...whew!*

*I believe it was hard for everyone to see the slideshow due to where they were sitting.*

*The food and staff were incredible as was the entire presentation. The biggest problem was the noise level, we couldn't hear most of what presenters said over the restaurants background noise. Also would have preferred the annual meeting be aligned with a dog show so we could maximize travel by entering a dog show as well.*

*This was our first attendance to an awards meeting. It was a lovely event!*

*I would like to see the awards on display in the future. Thank you for all of your efforts and time.*

*Location of parking was tough given how much we had to unload.*

*Stairs got tiring after many trips up & down.*

*Would have been nice to have restrooms right in the restaurant.*

*Staff was very accommodating and helpful.*

*Just the noise level.....too bad they don't have a room we could use.*

*Thank you.*

*It was nice to see everyone and put faces with names again. I look forward to getting more involved.*

*Sabrina*

*The food was so delicious and everyone was very welcoming. Thank you*

*Great place! The noise was a big factor though as it was very difficult to speak and be heard. You guys did an awesome job. As long as I did not have to carry anything up or down the stairs, that was OK as well.*

*Stairs and parking made it difficult for some, especially for those bringing things in for the meeting and awards presentation.*

*Parking made it difficult unloading and not as convenient as parking in an attached parking lot.*

*Staff could have done a better job of refilling beverages, otherwise very good.*

*Turn-out was great. Meeting went very well. Awards Presentation was amazing! Awards were excellent! Thank you, Margaret and Erin!!*

Committee Function Report - FINAL			
<b>2019 Awards February 15, 2020 Nose Dive Restaurant Greenville, SC</b>			
			Notes/Comments
<b>Income</b>			
Trophies - Awards	47.00		Additional VN award for Laura Rader (has been paid)
Donations	-		
Michael's	3.26		Change from a return that had been put on credit card but they gave me cash back
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>50.26</b>	<b>50.26</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Trophies - Awards	932.88		Two sources: The Crystal Shoppe and South Marietta Trophy
Walmart	31.04		Certificate jackets
Michael's	48.74		Floating frames for Living Legends
Dollar Tree	10.60		Gift bags for Living Legends
Postage	48.35		Mailed certificates back & forth for signature as there was no time to sign on day of event. Have discussed with Committee how to lower cost in the future
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,071.61</b>	<b>1,071.61</b>	
<b>Event Total</b>		<b>(1,021.35)</b>	
#Attendees	23		
Submitted by: M. Rancourt			

### **Website:**

Laura Rader reported that updates are being made.

### **FaceBook Group Page**

Margaret Rancourt reported Regional trophy sponsorships, waffles, a couple of fun videos. Declined a post from someone asking about a specific breeder. Quiet otherwise.

**Nominating Committee**

Dana Phillips reported the 2019 Nominating Committee's recommended candidates for the 2020-2022 Officer and Board positions, with the exception of Susan Egan who had resigned her Board position, took office at the conclusion of the 2/15/20 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. Per the SENC Constitution and ByLaws adopted on 2/15/20, the New Board of Directors will fill the vacated Board position during its 2/24/20 teleconference meeting.

**Education Committee.**

Gregg Lonas. No report.

**Communications Committee**

Julie Fitser reported the Communication form is on the website and information is being dispursed as needed.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS :**

Appointment of New Board Member to Replace Susan Egan's position. Beverly Cusac asked for suggestions. Motion was made by Laura Rader suggesting Connie Sovie.

Seconded by Gregg Lonas.

Discussion: Beverly Cusac approached Connie about the position. Connie Sovie expressed interest. All in favor. Unanimous vote. Beverly stated she would contact Connie and give her the same SENC Board orientation.

Director Insurance: Beverly Cusac emailed the board about the information found about the Directors Insurance. Currently we use Sportsman and we don't have all the Insurance that Colonial Newfoundland club does. Beverly asked Margaret to look further into this director insurance.

Float at the National Specialty: Beverly Cusac stated she will find out more about the specifics of the Float. Benita Edds stated that Sandy Lovett passed away a month ago and was not sure who was heading up the parade. Beverly would follow up on this.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

2020 Calendare of Events:

Regional Specialty July 25-26, 2020

Water Test October 2020

Elect/Re-elect Committee Chairs:

Education – Gregg Lonas

Working Dog – Benita Edds

Awards- Margaret Rancourt

Costitution – Dana Phillips

Membership – Beverly Cusac will continue until we find someone.

Nominating – Beverly will ask Connie Sovie for this position

Newsletter – Julie Fitser  
 Fundraising – Michael Keats  
 Communication – Julie Fitser  
 Facebook – Margaret Rancourt and Julie Fitser  
 Website - Laura Rader  
 2021 Regional Specialty – Julie Fitser

**DISCUSSION OF NEW SENC LOGO:**

(These rest of Secretary notes were taken by Julie Fitser, Laura Rader dropped off of call-phone issues).

Patti stated we need to take our time when deciding on a new logo, as it will be used for a long time. Beverly added that we, as board members, need to take a look at the existing logo, and decide what we would like to see incorporated into a new logo. Beverly suggested that the Board take a look at other regional clubs logos. Beverly stated that it had been suggested to have a “contest” for the new logo design.

**8. 2020 EVENT CALENDAR**

It was agreed that the next SENC Board teleconference be scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00PM (EST).

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Julie Fitser to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p m PM (EST). Seconded by Michael Keats. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Rader

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Beverly Cusac
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Julie Fitser
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Laura Rader
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Gregg Lonas
<b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>	Beverly Cusac (interim)
<b>PAST PRESIDENT:</b>	Patti Southerland
<b>WORKING DOG:</b>	Benita Edds
<b>NEWSLETTER:</b>	Julie Fitser
<b>WEBMASTER/PUBLICITY:</b>	Laura Rader
<b>REGIONAL SPECIALTY:</b>	Julie Fitser
<b>NOMINATING:</b>	Connie Sovie
<b>AWARDS:</b>	Margaret Rancourt
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b>	Julie Fitser
<b>FUNDRAISING:</b>	Michael Keats
<b>EDUCATION:</b>	Gregg Lonas
<b>CONSTITUTION/BY LAWS:</b>	Dana Phillips

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## FALL EDITION OF THE NEWFANGLED NEWS DEADLINE July 15th, 2020

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2. Submissions will be accepted from **SENC, Inc. members only**. Club members are welcome to send in submissions for dogs they co-own.
3. Newfangled News submittal **deadline is 12:00 midnight, on the edition deadline date. Articles, notices, brags, and other submissions not received by the deadline will not be accepted.** Under special circumstances the Editor, with Board approval, may extend the deadline for a specific issue. Membership will be notified in advance when such extensions are made. The newsletter is sent electronically only (emailed) and may be posted on the SENC, Inc. webbiest. No USPS, UPS, FEDEX, or other standard mail delivery services will be used to mail "hard copies" of the newsletter.
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5. Articles from other publications may be submitted to the newsletter editor, but must be accompanied by written permission from the author publication. Submissions will be printed at the discretion of the Editor.
6. Litter announcements are limited to 1/4 page (per litter) and will be accepted from SENC, Inc. members only. No ads will be accepted from companies or individuals selling animals, from nonmembers, or from members wishing to post on behalf of friends/nonmembers.
7. The **Birthdays List** is a list for club member's dogs and limited to the following information: Dog's call name, Dog's date of birth (including year), Owner's Last name, and Dog's age. It is the owner's responsibility to submit information to the newsletter editor for inclusion. Birthday announcements will be published in the issue for their specific season/quarter.
8. **Memorials** are for club member's and limited to **1 page (per dog)** with the following information: Dog's Registered Name, Dog's call name, Dog's date of birth, Dog's date of death, Owner's name, and one photo.
9. **Brags: limited to 1/2 page (per brag)** with the following information: Registered Name of the Dog, Call Name, Owner's Name(s), Date of Brag, one photo, and Brag. (For clarification, if one dog receives more than one title, then the club member may submit two separate brags for that dog).
10. Brags are to submitted in the following manner; either within the body of your email, or by an attachment (word document or pdf file).
11. Photos must be submitted in jpeg or tiff format and 300 dpi minimum. Do not submit them inside a word document, or other file, such as a pdf file. Photos must be sent as a separate file attachment. Each photo must be identified separately.
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