



# *The Ridgeline*

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## **Presidents Message**

Summer's come to a close which means it's Regional Specialty and lure coursing season! Come join us down the cape for 3 days of supported shows and our Regional Specialty **September 13-16th**. We will have a pot luck after judging, puppy and veterans sweeps and a raffle and silent auction with some really cool RR items in the offing. Heard they are also doing dock diving demo's all weekend with opportunities to try it out. Details and directions can be found on the NERRC website.

October brings lots of lure coursing opportunities. Our trial will be the last weekend in October in Lakeville, MA, an AKC all breed lure coursing test and trial. GONE is also doing an AKC trial in early October and an ASFA trial in early November, details can be found at their website <http://gزهoundsfnewengland.org/>

We can use help at both of these events so if you can please reach out to a board member and one of us will head you in the right direction. Hope to see you all this fall!

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## Meeting Minutes

New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Ladies Dog Club Show, Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds, Wrentham, MA  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

NERRC Vice President Barbara Ferguson convened the meeting at 9:24am.  
The Secretary took attendance via roll call:

Bonnie Johnson   Absent  
Barbara Ferguson   Present  
Alan Fraser   Present  
Linda Hothan   Present  
Helen McCune   Absent  
Nikki Newton   Present  
Meghan Terwilliger   Present

Quorum present     Guest: Jeff Trombetta

### Minutes:

- Minutes of the last Board meeting, March 11, 2018, were approved by the Board via email vote (5 yes, no nos, no abstains). Two (2) members did not vote.
- Barbara Ferguson moved to waive the reading of the March 11, 2018 minutes; Nikki Newton seconded; approved unanimously.

### Secretary's Report   Linda Hothan

Mail received since the March meeting was passed around for the Board members to review:

- letter from Venerini Academy thanking us for the Peter Brosnan memorial donation (\$100)
- ribbon catalog; the new color is Irish Gold

- correspondence from Karen Reuter/AKC approving us for lure coursing June 23+24 in Sunderland, MA; Judges Panel was also approved.

Since the March meeting, the Board made a motion to make a \$100 donation to Etosha in honor of Joyce Meyers; 4 members voted yes; there were no nos and no abstains; 3 members did not vote.

Linda Hothan led a discussion on voting and procedures.

- She read from Robert’s Rules: “The chair should not call for abstentions in taking a vote, since the number of members who respond to such a call is meaningless. To “abstain” means not to vote at all, and a member who makes no response if “abstentions” are called for abstains just as much as one who responds to that effect.” RONR (11<sup>th</sup> ed.), p. 45, ll.14-19
- Abstentions are usually used when a member has a conflict of interest. A member who does not vote, essentially abstains. Pursuant to NERRC ByLaws, the Board only has 7 days to vote on an email motion; in the future, any member who does not vote within the 7 days will be counted as an abstention by the Secretary.
- For clarity and to ensure proper procedures are followed, the Secretary will structure each email motion calling first for a second to the motion, and then a call for votes once the motion is complete and correctly structured. Members were encouraged to vote on motions.

Missing NERRC files: No change since the March meeting.

Membership applications: as published in *The Ridgeline*:

Gregg Dionne and Barbara Glynn Pepperell, MA Engineer Family/Household Sponsor: Bonnie Johnson	Levi M. Kline Beverly, MA Fulfillment Manager, Publishing Single Voting Sponsor: Bonnie Johnson	Rebecca and Marie Fitzpatrick Attleboro, MA Scientist Family/Household Sponsor: Bonnie Johnson
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The Ridgeline was distributed to NERRC membership on/about May 29, 2018; allowing for a 30-day review, and in the absence of objections, NERRC’s Board of Directors will vote on these 5 applicants for membership in NERRC after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Treasurer’s Report** Alan Fraser

For the March-May 2018 period:

- Check was sent to the Potting Shed for the Regional Specialty Trophies

The Director Insurance is up for renewal. Cost is \$829, which exceeds the \$500 cap and therefore requires a Board vote. Nikki Newton moved, Meghan Terwilliger seconded to approve paying \$829 for Director's Insurance; approved unanimously.

There was some discussion about what to print in the minutes (eg, should the amount on our treasury be made public?) Consensus was that the Treasurer would continue to provide the figures to the Board, but they would not be printed in *The Ridgeline* because it is publicly available. If a member wants the information, the member can contact the Secretary.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Supported Shows** Barbara Ferguson

It was reported that for the September cluster shows (9/13-16) the Judges are all set:

Thursday 9/13	Cape Cod KC Supported Show	Judge: James Reynolds
Friday 9/14	South Shore KC Supported Show	Judge: Alfred Ferruggiaro
Saturday 9/15	South Shore KC Regional Specialty	Judge/Sweeps: Concetta Jez Judge/Regular: Barbara Pepper
Sunday 9/16	Cape Cod KC Supported Show	Louis Kruger

We are all set for trophies for the next 2 years. There was discussion about the need to advertise. We need help in getting raffle items; items can be put together, as in a basket of gifts. The Board also discussed purchasing a table (no decision reached).

### **Lure Coursing** Nikki Newton

There is a Park in Rhode Island that would be appropriate, but NERRC must go to their Board Meeting to request permission for the event. AKC requires that if a club holds a CAT (Coursing Ability Test) then the club must hold a full test. The Treasurer received an insurance waiver. Alan Fraser noted that NERRC may have to buy 300 feet of snow fence.

### **MASS Fed** Jean Gamble

In Jean's absence, Linda Hothan passed around the report.

### **Rescue** Cheryl Fraser

In Cheryl's absence, Linda Hothan read the written report Cheryl submitted.

**Ways and Means** Rachel Reams

In Rachel's absence, there was some discussion about purchasing more slip leads and collars. A motion will be placed before the Board.

**ByLaws** Anita Craven

In Anita's absence, Alan Fraser distributed suggested changes he had drafted. Consensus of the Board was to postpone discussion of the suggested changes until a special meeting can be held, and to afford Anita time to review the draft. It was noted that special meetings are topic restricted to the published purpose in the agenda.

**Social Media** Meghan Terwilliger

Nothing to report.

**Website** Cheryl Fraser and Meghan Terwilliger

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

- Consensus of the Board was to allow the NERRC website to be available to non-members; our Treasury information will not be printed on it or in *The Ridgeline*.
- Annual Summer Meeting - Helen and Amy are looking into reserving an old fenced-in baseball field in Randolph, MA for our August 5<sup>th</sup> event and meeting.
- Alan Fraser noted that pursuant to NERRC ByLaws a nominating committee must be in place before August 1<sup>st</sup>. There are 4 positions up for election: President, Treasurer, and 2 Directors.
- Linda Hothan, as Secretary, notifies the Hamilton's about new members so a membership packet can be sent out. It is not clear how the Hamilton's are notified of a member's passing or illness. Linda will contact Trish and Jack about Membership Care.
- It is important that all committee chairs forward written reports to the President and Secretary prior to a Board Meeting. This helps frame the agenda, and keeps the Board informed.
- Diana Barrie no longer has internet; delete her email address: jabaliup@together.net
- A member was concerned about privacy; BOD consensus was that general membership emails would go out as BCC so email addresses would not be seen.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49am.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda*

Linda G. Hothan  
NERRC Secretary

## Cranberry Cluster -- NERRC Sponsored Regional Show

Please bring your favorite dish to share and join us for NERRC's 4th Annual Regional Specialty Saturday, September 15th! We will be offering a potluck luncheon after judging and holding our yearly raffle to benefit Ridgeback Rescue, Inc.

Some example of raffle items:



Thursday, September 13, Supported by Nikki Newman

Judge James Reynolds

Entries: 20 total 7-9 (1-3)0

8:30 in Ring 1

Friday, September 14, Supported by Helen McCune

Judge Alfred J. Ferruggiaro

Entries: Friday - 27 total 7-12 (3-5) 0

8:30 in Ring 1

Saturday, September 15, NERRC Regional Specialty

Sweeps Judge Concetta Jez

Judge Barbara Pepper

Entries: 45 total 11 - 17 (5-8) 4 Puppy Sweeps 9 & Vet. Sweeps 6

8:30 in Ring 1

Sunday, September 16, Supported by Sheila McNamara & Barbara Ferguson

Judge Louis Kruger (from South Africa)

Entries: Sunday - 34 total 7 - 15 (5-6) 1

8:30 in Ring 1

**New to this event is Dock Diving Competition all 4 days!**

North America Diving Dogs will be holding an All-Breed Dock Diving Event

Dock diving is a fast-growing sport that is fun for dogs of all breeds and sizes. Titles are eligible for the AKC Title Recognition Program. Join the fun and excitement at this cluster and compete with your dogs for your titles or take the opportunity to try out the sport assisted by our experienced trainers.

The event will run:

Thursday, September 13th – Sunday, September 16th

Information and Pre-registration will be online at:

<http://northamericadivingdogs.com/events/>

Best Puppy Thursday & Friday

AKC National Owner-Handler Series Saturday and Sunday

Wicket & Scales Demonstration - Saturday and Sunday.

New Exhibitor Briefing - Saturday

Onsite Collection, Freezing, Storage, Evaluation, DNA - Saturday

Eye Clinic Sunday - 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Also offered;

Ø Ridgeback Preferred Parking

Ø RV parking with both electric and water hookup.

Ø 4 days of Obedience Trials judged INDOORS.

Ø 4 days of Rally Trials judged INDOORS.

Ø Real bathrooms ; )

Ø Great vendors

Ø and much, much more

## Lure Coursing



June 23-24, NERRC hosted a successful weekend of Coursing Ability Tests. The event was held in Sunderland, MA, thanks so much to Cheryl Cote for finding the field and coordinating all the details with the farmer. We had 4 tests over 2 days with a total of 123 entries over the weekend. In spite of some warm temperatures everyone had a good time and we had many participants thanking us for a great event and asking about future events so they can participate. Ways and means made some sales of existing merchandise as well as some of the new coursing slip leads. The event made a profit of approximately \$1000 (Alan will have a more accurate number), and we are starting to build a good reputation of having well run and enjoyable events. Thanks to Meghan Terwilliger and Cheryl Cote for being Field Chairs and all the other work they put into the event, Jeff Trombetta, Cheryl, and Meghan for putting up and taking down the temporary fence, Rachael Reams for setting up and selling ways and means merchandise, Jay and Denise Gentile for running the lure, setting up the field and judging, Jeff Hubbard for letting us use his field, and Heather Ferguson (she is not a club member and came to run her non Ridgeback and graciously gave us her time and talent) for being huntmaster for the entire weekend.

Respectfully submitted by Nikki Newton

## 2018 Calendar of Events

October 27-28 Lure Coursing -- Lakeville, MA

November 18 Holiday Party -- Location TBD

### First Reads

Leisha Morneau and Jordan Hitchcock  
Colebrook, CT 06021  
Sponsor: Bonnie Johnson  
Family voting

James Campbell  
Hingham, MA 02043  
Sponsor: Barbara Ferguson  
Associate

Deborah Cabral  
Raynham, MA 02767  
Sponsor: Meghan Terwilliger  
Associate

Nathan ("Nate") King, husband of Rachel Reams  
Brockton, MA 02301  
Sponsor: Meghan Terwilliger  
Change in membership from SV to Family Voting

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