

## **NORTHWEST LOWLINE ASSOCIATION**

Board Meeting via teleconference

October 25, 2011

### **PRESENT**

Alan Bradshaw

Alice Bradshaw

Shelley Dodd

Jacqui Duran

Beverly Shirts

Susan Hagle

Meeting called to order 7:02 Pacific time

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Annual meeting September 11, 2011 Meeting notes**

Minutes were recorded and submitted to the board by Shelley Dodd. Sue moved to approve the September 11 minutes, Jacqui seconded, no dissenting votes. Minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's report** Alice reported that the NWLA has a little under \$5,000 in checking.

### **Old BUSINESS**

No old business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Elections**

Six board positions are up for re-election at the end of this year.

Alan has assumed the duties of Chairman in Jim Eldridge's place to finish the two-year term as chairman, so his Vice-chairman position is open. However, according to the NWLA Bylaws Article IV, Section E, the Vice chairman position is to be filled by the Directors for the remainder of the term. So it appears that unless Alan's original two-year term as Vice-chairman is due to end this year, the board should appoint an interim Vice-chairman for the remainder of his term.

*"Vacancy and Absence:*

*1. In the event the office of Chairman becomes vacant, the Vice Chairman shall succeed to the office of Chairman for the unexpired portion of the term. A vacancy in the office of Vice Chairman, Secretary and/or Treasurer shall be filled by the Directors for the remainder of the term. "*

Alice has served as interim Treasurer to serve out the three-year term and that position is up for re-election.

The four Standing Committee Chair positions have one-year terms.

According to the Bylaws, the Director positions should be filled at the annual meeting but because the annual meeting had low attendance, it was the decision of the board to call for nominations by notifying all of the membership by email and hold a mail vote election this fall.

*“Article IV, section C. Nomination and Election:*

*1. A Director shall be nominated and elected by the Association’s membership at its annual meeting and shall serve until successor Directors are duly elected. The Secretary of the Association shall promptly report the election of such Directors to the membership.”*

As stated in Article VII, section D, the Directors have the power to use a mail vote instead.

*“Mail Vote:*

*1. By unanimous consent, the Directors may direct the voting membership to take any action without convening a meeting. The consent to the action taken must be in writing (includes email), must set forth the action so taken and must be executed by each voting member of the Association according to these bylaws.*

*2. The context of the action and votes on it shall be recorded by the Secretary.”*

We decided to notify the membership of the upcoming elections and call for nominations the first of November with nominations to close on November 15, ballots to be sent to the membership by November 20 and votes to be post-marked by December 15.

We need notify the membership and ask for nominations. Those nominated will need to be active members in good standing, according to the NWLA Bylaws, Article II, section 3,

*“Only active members in good standing shall be eligible to seek or hold office or other elective or appointive positions in this Association, or vote or otherwise participate in the selection of the Association officials or the establishment of the Association policies.”*

We’ll announce the election results after the next board meeting.

### **Dues**

We need to remind the membership that dues are due January 1. Shelley will note this in the newsletter and on the website.

### **Promoting the breed**

Our budget is healthy enough that we should utilize more of our funds to promote the breed and help our membership.

Consider putting together a sale in 2012.

### **Next meeting**

Our next meeting is January 10.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

7:43 Pacific time

Susan Hagle, Interim Secretary