

# NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

OCTOBER

2014

THE NOMAD FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE

MONDAY NOVEMBER 10, FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 PM,

AT THE RICHMOND FREE LIBRARY\*

Below is the proposed meeting agenda—please contact Lisa Marcus if you would like to add an item to the agenda. The proxy form is at right

## AGENDA

Approve minutes from Spring Meeting

Treasurer's Report and 2015 Budget

Committee Reports:

Trials – USDAA, NADAC

Seminar

Practice

Equipment

Membership

Charitable contributions

We will be remembering our agility partners who have passed away. Our annual charitable donation of \$300—to whichever organization is nominated and selected (see page 3 for charitable giving form)—will be in memory of our dogs that passed away in the previous year. Please send the names and dates (and a photo if possible) of the dogs who have passed this year so we can remember them at the meeting: Kelley Trombley: [kelly@therunningdog.net](mailto:kelly@therunningdog.net)

Weekend workshops

Old business: discussion on how hour-tracking has worked & whether we want to continue

New business: may include motions that arise from committee reports

Election to fill three vacancies on the Steering Committee:

Kelley Trombley - 1 yr. member-at-large

Jen Hammond - 2 yr. member-at-large

Marty Abair - 2 yr. member-at-large

Awards

*Sarah Albert*

*NOMAD secretary*

\* Directions: take exit 11 and then Rt. 2 to the village of Richmond. Turn right at the light onto Bridge St. and cross RR tracks. Library is on the left, just past the cemetery.

## Proxy Voting Form

The Steering Committee encourages everyone to attend the 2014 Fall Meeting on Monday November 10th at 6:30 p.m., at the Richmond Library. Directions on page at bottom left. We will be voting on election of Steering Committee members as well as reviewing committee activities and next year's budget.

If you are unable to be present and want your vote counted, please complete the proxy form below. If you attend the Fall Meeting, we will simply discard your proxy and you may vote at the meeting.

Although there are generally two ways to designate a proxy vote (by voting on a proxy form or by designating someone to act as your proxy), we are asking everyone to vote by using the proxy form below. You may vote by sending to the Secretary, Sarah Albert, [sarah@vtlink.net](mailto:sarah@vtlink.net), indicating your vote on the items listed on the Proxy. If you don't have email, you can fill in the proxy form and mail it to her at: Sarah Albert, 900 Gonyeau Rd, Plainfield VT 05667

I \_\_\_\_\_ (insert your name) am unable to attend the NOMAD 2014 Fall

Meeting and wish to submit my proxy vote for those items on the published agenda that require a vote. These are:

**Committee reports and their budget requests, vote to:**

Accept Reject

**Overall budget, vote to**

Accept Reject

**Election of three Members-at -Large:**

Kelley Trombley (one year term to expire 2015)

Jen Hammond (two year term to expire 2016)

Marty Abair (two year term to expire 2016)

Accept Reject

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature and date**

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**Please print your name**

## NOMAD STEERING COMMITTEE

at Marty Abair's office, Essex Junction, September 15, 2014, 6:30 pm

**Present:** Lisa Marcus, Linda Ladd, Roberta Dumas, Marty Abair, Judy Frey, Sarah Albert

**Nominating committee:** Marty's term is up and she's willing to be reelected. Jen had assumed the last year of Joanne's term on the SC, so we need to ask her if she's willing to continue in a 2-year term. Roberta has reached her 6-year limit on the SC. Sarah & Judy agreed to join Roberta on the nominating committee. We need to have a slate ready 6 weeks before the fall meeting. In the future we need to stagger the election of president/vice president so that both don't fall in same year.

### **Tentative Fall meeting date:**

Depending on when slate is confirmed, Roberta will contact the Richmond library. Since it's so close to renewal time we might be able to set up committee memberships at the meeting. Linda would like to have budget reports by the weekend of Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>; we will ask that committee reports be sent to Sarah by the same date.

**Budgets:** We had several requests for money to subsidize seminars/workshops this past year beyond what was requested in their budget at the last fall meeting. Lisa would prefer to see committees build a budget that includes subsidies and think carefully about what they'll need. Linda will send a memo to committee chairs asking for this. Linda suggested that budget requests show what a workshop would cost with or without subsidy. Equipment went over budget this year and Roberta asked how to budget for unknown contingencies. It was suggested that an amount for equipment maintenance be submitted equivalent to an average of the past three years' expenditure plus 5%. Barn heaters were discussed at spring meeting but no amount was approved; they can be bought once approved for 2015 as a prepaid expense. Linda needs to know how teachers will be paid for weekend workshops since she can't always be present to write checks; once the paperwork with the bank is complete, other SC officers will be signatories on our account and make it unnecessary for Linda to travel to the workshop.

### **Practice guideline approval:**

Bylaws require 2/3 membership approval of practice guidelines. Kit tried to get

approval via email last year, but we failed to get enough responses. Lisa will send an email to membership with the practice guidelines and give each SC member a list of members to contact for a yes or no response

**Work hours:** Judy thinks we should be more flexible about what can be counted as hours, such as time commuting to a meeting.

**Finance:** our accounting software is changing format; support will end for the 2014 version in 2015. Starting next year we'll need to pay a monthly or yearly subscription fee for the software. It's not easy to avoid this, since several software companies are taking this route.

**CPE trial:** Marty hasn't had luck finding a suitable trial weekend; it's unknown whether Kim I. will use her regular CPE dates this year. We're not allowed to hold a trial within 100 miles of another CPE trial, but we don't want to compete with the NH trials around Manchester either.

**Future meetings:** By law, the steering committee is supposed to meet four times a year; we can meet just ahead of Fall meeting on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to review the budget for 2015.

### **Fall meeting agenda:**

Approve minutes from Spring meeting  
Treasurer's report & budget for 2015  
Committee reports  
Weekend workshops

Charitable contributions: In the past we donated \$300 to a charity in memory of dogs that died that year. No one has done this since Cynthia left; Roberta will ask Kelley if she's interested.

Old business (have a discussion about how hour-tracking has worked for club, whether they want to continue)

New business (may include motions that arise from committee reports)

Election to fill three Member-at-Large vacancies on steering committee

Awards: Lisa will ask Lynne if she's willing to continue doing them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Albert, Secretary

### **New Canine Member**

NOMAD has a new dog member! Please welcome **Melissa Carter's** young Sheltie boy "Rally". He is a year old and has completed Good Manners, Pre-Agility and Agility 1 classes.

### **NOMAD's Steering Committee**

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

**President:** Lisa Marcus, lisamarcus@comcast.net

**Vice-President:** Judy Frey, rjfrey2@yahoo.com

**Treasurer:** Linda Ladd, vladds@comcast.net

**Secretary:** Sarah Albert, sarah@vtlink.net

#### **Members at Large**

Jen Hammond, hammondjal@gmavt.net

Marty Abair, corgitown@yahoo.com

Roberta Dumas, ilvcallie@comcast.net

<http://nomadagility.com>

## BRAGS

**8/30-31, ARFF Trial, USDAA Westford, MA,**

### **Trudy and Dash**

P1 Jumpers 20" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q  
P1 Pairs 20" - \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd & Q  
P1 Snooker 20" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q and Title  
P2 Standard 20" \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd & Q

**9/7/14 Nadac NAE Dummerston**

### **Don and Maggie 12" vet handler**

Chances \_\_\_\_\_ Q  
**NATCH title**

**September 14, Agility Dogs of the Adirondacks, CPE, Lewis, NY**

### **Judy Kessler and Monte**

Fullhouse L-5, Enthusiast 20" \_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
Colors L-5, Enthusiast 20" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
Snooker L-5, Enthusiast 20" \_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

### **Judy Kessler and Minna**

Colors L-2, Specialist, 12" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
*(not bad for a 12 1/2 y.o. with only three toes on one foot)*



**On September 12, 2014 Eve earned her USDAA ADCH-Silver and Lifetime Achievement Award-Silver, the first Cavalier to earn either of these titles.**



*Monte*

## Agility Seminar with Tara Baggerman

Nomad is pleased to bring Tara Baggerman to **Wildwood on Saturday, November 15th.**

Two sessions are offered; Prenovice 9:00 am to 12:30 pm; Novice 1:15 pm to 1:45 pm.

Both sessions have filled with 5 confirmed teams each. Registration is officially open until October 15th; so if you are interested in being on a wait list, send in registration (see last month newsletter for details) before October 15.

As always, all Nomad members are welcome to audit for free.

Set up will start at 8:30. Please do not arrive prior to 8:30.

Bring your own snacks and water.

## Wildwood Barn Use and Etiquette

*Lynne von Trapp, Barn Liaison*

I've talked with Steph about barn use and etiquette and want to pass on our thoughts. Following these simple guidelines will help things go smoothly at Wildwood this season and shows respect for Steph's routine, her boarders' privileges, and other NOMADers. We are fortunate to be able to use the Wildwood arena, which is as clean and dust-free as a dirt and sand arena gets. John and Steph water it and drag it on a regular basis to keep it in good condition.

- Do not arrive before NOMAD's time starts at the barn.
- Leave promptly when our time is over.
- Walk dogs on the south side of the barn — the long side with the downhill slope.
- Be sure to pick up after your dogs. Carry in, carry out.
- It's OK to put dog poop in the porta potty, but no poop bags go there.
- Dogs must be leashed unless they are inside and on course.
- If your dog's leash is not being held, be sure to crate or tie your dog. Please follow this rule even if your dog has a stellar stay. It sets a good example.
- The heated tack room can be used to crate dogs.