

**2027 NCA National Specialty
Executive Committee Meeting Summary – 9/24/25**

Iron Dog Presentation: Kathy Mitchell and Laura Gallagher joined the call to discuss ideas for an Iron Dog competition. The committee advised them to move forward with more detailed research on costs and feasibility. The event name would be changed to Iron Newf. MLZ will draft a response email to Kathy & Laura.

Budget: MLZ shared a year over year budget template to start building profit and loss predictions. MLZ to share the full year over year spreadsheet from Mary Price with granular data.

Steering Survey: Opportunity to submit questions for the upcoming Strategic Planning Survey, everyone should bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Volunteers: Discussed volunteer commitments added to spreadsheet over the last month. Ring Favors, Ring Decorations, Closing Ceremonies, VIP Packages and on-sites sales positions filled.

Obedience /Rally judges: Lori confirmed availability with 2 Judges, she will follow up with Cindy Goodwin to finalize contract details.

Conformation Judges: Approved Judges list balloting is closed. When list is received from Robin we will distribute to Regional Club membership to ask for their suggestions from the list followed by discussion and short-listing at October Meeting.

Fundraising: Next ramp-up artwork is launched, link was sent out to Executive Committee. Discussed possible on-site engraving, discount for multiple event entries, sponsorship for ring decorations. Shauna to follow-up with Sheri re: 25 Regional and Purina Sponsorship details.

Education: MLZ shared a discussion with Sue Raney about looking at a panel discussion format for the Working Dog Forum. Marliese Moody – AKC RHP possibly investigate a hand-on seminar for conformation handling.

Next Meeting 10/23 7 PM

