

2027 NCA National Specialty
Executive Committee Meeting Summary – 9/22/26

Photography Contract – Jessica Stover is no longer available after checking the AKC calendar. Cathy followed up on about 8 recommended photographers, most unavailable. Lexi D. Photography confirmed (available because her usual national was rescheduled). Pam will sign the contract for NCA as a member of the Executive Committee and NCA Board. Cathy to resend the contract to Pam, then forward the signed copy to Lexi D.



Inventory of Items brought out from 2026 – 2026 items were unloaded into a barn stall at Pam's, mixed in with non-NCA items. Pam is moving items into an enclosed trailer to keep them clean; first priority is pulling the white regional specialty flags. Remaining uniform trophies (about a third, labeled by Kathy) will stay with Pam rather than be shipped to Shauna. Items found include a photography backdrop frame, unidentified frames/cases, 36 gallons of shampoo with dispensers (info for Renee) and a bin that may be donated brown bag items from Kirsten. Inventory and labeling will be an ongoing project.

Best of Breed Trophy – Pam still needs to locate the perpetual trophy. The 2025 winner may not have been engraved; Pam to check and have 2026 (and 2025 if needed) added.

Registration Badge Holders – Pam gave Amy the count of clear badge holders on hand. Pam to get bids on zippered cloth holders (fit phone, credit card, room key – preferred by many members) vs. clear plastic so the committee can compare cost for budgeting.

Budget – Current checking balance \$17,433.68. Merchandise ~\$2,480, Regional trophies \$1,470, National trophies \$5,200, Galabid \$7,108. Small differences from order reports pending the Stripe fee report; Pam meeting with Dan to reconcile. No payments made yet. Check from Iron Newf still pending.

Living Legends Program – NCA Board formed a subcommittee (Leah, Jo, Kat, Donna) to address Living Legends, rescue and related items. No decisions reported back yet.

Annual Meeting Notice – Steve Britton is asking for a reconvene time for the Tuesday evening session of the annual meeting for the save-the-date in 4th quarter NewfTide (due October 1). Committee position: time to be announced at a later date when more specifics are in place. Save the Date announcement can include "reconvene the evening on May 18th."

AKC Event Application – Donna confirmed everything is on track. Shauna to forward the applications to Cathy so she can confirm entry fees for the premium list.

Grounds – Eric sent an email update on grounds work. Don Sharkey will be on site for 9 days to assist with grounds which will be very helpful.

Show Site/Hotel – Shauna completed the site visit with Kathy Wortham (Top 20 location), Amy Canzano and Kim White (registration) and Deb Kern (golf carts). Hotel reservation forms sent to Spec. Show Committee, NCA Board and Executive Committee; committee chairs next. Only one Spec. Show Committee form returned so far. Rooms also needed for ring steward and photographer; will spreadsheet the most cost-effective approach.

Catering/Tuesday Dinner – Caterer tasting held – off-site caterer fee is \$300, pasta dinner about \$19 per person; Top 20 likely using this option. Tuesday dinner will be buffet-style catering by food truck caterers set up on the deck outside the room by Mallards – to be called “catering,” not “food trucks.” A Mexican food truck tasting also went well. Jo to contact Shauna for caterer recommendations and make a final choice this month.

Live Streaming – NCA Board approved a live streaming subscription; leaning toward YouTube. Chuck Holtzen and her husband will live stream with two cameras to cover more events/times.

Merchandise – Top 20/10 merchandise set up in the Printify store and going live soon. One more ramp-up shirt in October; National merchandise to launch November 1 to capture holiday shopping.

CHIC Showcase – Showcase chair joined the H&L meeting; several H&L members are working with her.

Trophies – Regional: 13 conformation, 2 obedience, 3 rally sponsored. National: 30 conformation, 1 obedience, 1 juniors sponsored – conformation is ahead of previous years. Obedience and rally trophies needed for both shows. Lori will run a reminder in her club newsletter and promoted at recent water tests. Personal outreach encouraged, including asking last year's winners to pay it forward (worked well in 2026).

Fundraising/Galabid – Three items open. Ad package benefiting Top 20 – 30 tickets sold. Grooming space raffle – 171 tickets (over \$1,700). Marc Saunders offered an additional table, arm and Vari Kennel; donated items must be new – Pam to confirm. Donation procurement form (with nonprofit information) available for donations valued over \$250; Renee can send one to Kari Brekke for the K-9 III dryer.

Bigfoot Challenge – still going strong – 340+ pictures submitted, 65 stickers and 12 tab leashes sent out.

National Insider – Intersex judge bio well received; a judge bio will run each month (John Dewing, Denise Castonguay, then Julie Seifert and Greg, can do Obed and rally judges as well). Moved to the new Constant Contact account; about 950 recipients.

Premium List – Cathy received the first draft from Lorraine, but it was missing previously requested changes; they will reconnect. Cathy needs chief steward name, phone and email, plus each member's preferred phone/email for the premium; she will email the list of needs. Goal to circulate a draft to the committee within a couple of weeks.

Safety/EMT – No on-site EMT required, but a safety plan is needed. An individual EMT can't be listed unless affiliated with an agency. Hoodland Fire Department is close by. Shauna to check with Laura Thost and send safety information to Cathy.

Vendor Policy – Phil Schlegel drafted an NCA vendor policy (with Mark, Leah and Pam); submitted to the Board and referred to the Specialty Show Committee. If approved it may apply to 2027: vendors sharing a space must each register and carry their own insurance (example: \$350 space plus \$50 per sharing vendor), and electricity is included in all vendor fees (10x10 space, table, two chairs, electricity).

Next Meeting Thursday 10/22 7 PM – Cathy unable to attend; send any items needing review to group ahead of time.