



## **Newfs In Action – AGM Documentation**

**Date of AGM: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

### **Notification Of Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of “Newfs In Action”. The meeting will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at “**15 Spicers Field, Oxshott, Surrey, KT22 0UT**”.

The meeting will commence at 10am.

Signed: Sue Scott

Secretary

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2016

NB – This is the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Newfs In Action



Annual General Meeting 2015

Agenda for AGM 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015 10:00

Venue: 15 Spicers Field, Oxshott, Surrey, KT22 0UT

Chairman to open the meeting
Notice of AGM - Secretary
Present
Apologies
Adoption of minutes for AGM 2014
Matters arising from AGM 2014
Presentation of Awards
Adoption of Officers Reports
Auditor for 2015/2016 Accounts
Charity Donation 2015/2016
Confirmation of paid up members as of 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016
Election of Officers
Full Membership Applications
Membership fees for 2017– Full & FONIA
Working fees 2016
100 Club continuation
Notice of Motion / s
AOB
Date of 2016 AGM (avoiding Mothers Day)
Close



## Chairman's Report

Sitting down to write this report has been a very sobering experience. To think that five years ago this club was formed with very little physical assets but huge human and dog assets with enthusiasm to provide a club for people to enjoy this amazing breed of dogs.

I keep reflecting on the presentation at our fun weekend where we looked back over the last five years and to say I am very proud of Newfs In Action is an understatement.

This past year has been "Full on" to say the least, as we have found numerous ways to celebrate our birthday, from mugs to events – I would like to thank everyone for their support. I would like to say a thank you to my wife at this point – her endless nagging to make sure that something was going on every month drove us to have so many birthday touch points.

Our fun weekend really was an event to remember. It was also remarkable in that we learnt so much from all our speakers – from a greater understanding of gastric torsion, to all of us being competent in canine resuscitation.

Our Charitable focus has continued as we have set up a partnership with Petsavers, we continue to work with the Hallow project and our Hever event where we focus on the work of The Royal Life Saving Society.

If all of what we achieve in our main club activities is not enough, we have three dogs going to Crufts this year – flying the flag for NIA and showing the world that you really can do it all.

We have had 100% success with members entering their dogs in draught tests and covered beginners to level 3 within this.



As a club we have also hosted two sets of draught tests, which has encouraged other people in the UK to work their dogs – what an accolade for us.

This year we also had the addition of The Newfs In Action star. When this was purchased, I was hoping that we were not going to add too many members to it, but sadly over the past few months we have had to say goodnight to three of the founder NIA Newfoundlands, and through the year other great members made their way to the star. It hurts all of us when we lose such great friends and ambassadors for our club, but they will always be remembered.

This was the first year that we also had to say final farewells to a human member and past member. Both Dee and John contributed to our club, and we will miss them dearly. We will also remember them with fond thoughts. We hope that the memories of NIA help comfort their families and friends.

To end on a much happier note, we have seen the arrival of the first NIA baby – Esmae Lee. A very special welcome to this lady. Charlie Howden joined the NIA team also this year – so new young blood is being fostered for our future.

So it just leaves me to thank everyone who is involved in NIA. To formally express our thanks to our supporters, such as Gatton, Dinton, Gareth Evans, Members of the RLSS Kent Branch, families and friends, and wish us a great 2016.

Philip Payne – Chairman



## **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2015/2016**

This was a very busy year for us and many thanks go to everyone for helping with the fundraising.

We enjoyed our annual trip to Beale Park for which we received £200 and Hever Castle paid us £50 for the weekend.

Bucket collections at 4 events raised £357. Guildford Christmas lights raised a total of £210 for the Halow Project.

Everyone enjoyed our fun packed birthday weekend which had a surplus of £110. This will be used to purchase a new events shelter.

The Hooli Fund was increased by £345 – thanks go to everyone for their generous donations.

The end balance includes £631 of advance payments and outstanding expenses. This results in an available balance of £2949 – a profit of £175 for the year.

Thank you to everyone for their continued help and support

Angie Mercer

Treasurer



<b>NEWS IN ACTION STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS @ 29 FEBRUARY 2016</b>			
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>Balance b/fwd @ 28/02/2015</b>			<b>2748.55</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Membership fees 2015/16	15.00		
Membership fees 2016/17	220.00		
Uniform	722.25		
Merchandise	454.00		
Beale Park	200.00		
Hever Castle	50.00		
Buckets	98.95		
100 Club 2015/16	384.00		
100 Club 2016/17	468.00		
Beale BBQ	76.00		
Fun Day	788.50		
Xmas meal	50.00		
Carting tests	42.00		
Hooli Fund	253.00		
Transfer from Hooli Fund	25.00		
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>3846.70</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Insurance - public liability	192.60		
Insurance - boat	227.71		
Membership 2015/16	15.00		
Uniform	659.69		
Merchandise	389.82		
100 Club	76.00		
Beale BBQ	76.00		
Fun Day	687.36		
Xmas meal	50.00		
Donation - Pet Savers	200.00		
Donation - Stan Morris	25.00		
Rosettes/awards	62.25		
Petrol	25.00		
Transfer to Hooli Fund	370.00		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<b>3056.43</b>
<b>Balance @ 29/02/2016</b>			<b>3538.82</b>



<b>WORKING FUND / PETTY CASH</b>			
<b>Balance b/fwd @ 28/02/2015</b>			<b>25.25</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Training fees		135.00	
Buckets		258.75	
Fun w/e		12.00	
Hooli Fund			
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>405.75</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Petrol		62.80	
Fun w/e		282.00	
Gifts / awards		29.88	
Misc		15.00	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<b>389.68</b>
<b>Balance @ 29/02/2016 held in cash</b>			<b>41.32</b>

### **N.I.A. Schedule of Assets @ 29/02/16**

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|---|----|
| 1. Quicksilver 4.3hd inflatable rib                 | PP |
| 2. Yamaha 2 stroke 30hp outboard                    | PP |
| 3. 2 x 25 litre fuel cans with hoses                | PP |
| 4. Spare prop                                       | PP |
| 5. Battery plus box, bilge pump, A frame and lights | PP |
| 6. 2 x Paddles                                      | PP |
| 7. Assortment of straps                             | PP |
| 8. 1 x Large bag                                    | PP |
| 9. Selection of ropes                               | PP |
| 10. Fire extinguisher                               | PP |
| 11. Flare box                                       | PP |



12. Selection of rope training aids and paddle	PP
13. 12 Volt charger	PP
14. 12 Volt air pump	PP
15. Hand air pump	PP
16. First aid kit	PP
17. Box of bits e.g. glue, patches, bilge pump switch etc	PP
18. 1 x Dog cutout stand	RS
19. Display board	RS
20. 2 x A frame noticeboards	RS
21. Bulldog wheel clamp	PP
22. Outboard motor lock	PP
23. Chain padlock	PP
24. Outboard engine maintenance troubleshooting book	PP
25. Pogo printer & paper	PP
26. 2 x bench seats for Quicksilver boat	PP
27. Dog stretcher	PP
28. Events shelter	PP
29. Boat trailer spare wheel	PP
30. 5 x red collecting buckets & 4 x white lids	PP (2+2) RS (3+2)
31. Carting log with traces	PP
32. 10 x orange plastic stakes	PP
33. MrSite website software & manual	MC
34. Spinal board	PP
35. 2 x lifering	PP
36. 2 x horseshoe	PP
37. Boat tarpaulin cover	PP
38. 5 x agility poles	PP
39. 2 x hula hoops	PP
40. Life jacket	PP
41. Trailer board	PP
42. 2 x Thank You mugs	PP





**N.I.A. Annual Awards @ 29/02/16**

1. Dog of the Year Trophy
2. Tasha Trophy & book
3. David Rowe Memorial Shield
4. Member of the Year Trophy
5. The Newfie Factor Trophy
6. The Carting Cup
7. Junior Handler Trophy
8. Rainbow Bridge book
9. Boat Jumpers Display Award
10. Carting Demonstration Award



## Secretary's Report

Well what a fun filled and enjoyable 2015 we had for NIA's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday year. We have come a long way since NIA was formed and as always the dogs are the stars of the events we attended, just as they should be. Well done Phil & Cheryl for organising such special years for us to all enjoy.

Our membership stands at 8 Full, 1 Honouree & 3 FONIA households, slightly down on FONIA from last year but at the time of writing this there are 2 FONIA memberships in the pipeline.

As previously stated the dogs have been the star attraction putting on some exceptional displays in the water and on land. None of which can be done without the dedication of training with their handlers.

Our insurances are due for renewal shortly with public liability due in March 2016 and the small craft insurance due in April 2016. At the date of writing this report I have not received the renewals through so am not able to give figures at this time.

Finally on a personal note I would like to thank each and every one of you for helping get us Scott's through one of the most painful years we have had. Having lost Gracie after having her for a few short weeks, Bumble 2 weeks later and Harry in December it has truly been tough and we couldn't have done it without you. So thank you to our very special friends, we will be eternally grateful.

Sue Scott

Secretary



### Event Officer's Report

Well another year has passed and although very sad for some members who have lost loved ones, we have again been well received when we have attended.

This has been another very enjoyable year for events which again we have been well organised for. We have been invited back again this year to Beale Park in June 2016 & Paws In The Park in August at Hever Castle.

We hope that other events will come along with dates and we will look to see if we can make some new ones as well as re-attending some of the others we have visited in the past. Thank you all once again for making these events a success, as without you and of course the stars of the show your dog's we could not do this.

I hope that our 2016 year will be a fantastic year and prove to be another success for the group which goes from strength to strength.

Thank you all once again for your support.

Robin Scott:

Events co-ordinator



## Website Officer's Report

Well here we are our 5th anniversary time goes so quick.

Not done a lot to the web site with Carol being ill but lucky that not a lot happening.

The site is up to date with most things now done.

My thanks to the members that sent in write ups this year.

We will have some dogs and write ups to add with the new boy that Phil and Cheryl have now got and the new FONIA members.

All it does now is to wish you all the best for the coming year.

Michael Coupe Website officer



## Notice Of Motions – Number 1

### Proposal

To adopt a new annual trophy to record and honour all Newfoundland dogs who contribute their first carting demonstration at our displays. This is being proposed following club friends Greg and Julie Roffe donating a trophy at our 5<sup>th</sup> birthday Beale Park. The Awards committee felt that this would be appropriate given the great work that Gregg and Julie have undertaken internationally in carting demonstrations and would align to the boat jumpers award.

Proposed: Angie Mercer

Seconded: Sue Scott

Details:

To add the following award to the awards booklet.

The Carting Demonstration Award

Criteria

A club member (Newfoundland dog) either Full or FONIA, shall be awarded their name on the annual trophy. A dogs name will appear once with the year that they first contributed to a carting display / demonstration.

It must be a proper training cart / Novelty cart / wooden wagon.

At the annual awards time a form will be completed by owners and submitted to the awards committee for verification for their dog to be recognised on this award. The award will be given for photographs etc but not kept annually – it will be brought to events such as Beale



/ Fun weekends etc. and filled with treats for dogs where appropriate, and will be at the agm.

The awards committee will then arrange for the names to be displayed and the trophy will be brought to the agm for view and photographs etc.

Should an owner not submit the relevant form the awards committee may still award the plaque. However they are under no obligation to remember every dogs achievements and it is for owners to submit the form for inclusion and verification.

The form will be as follows:

Newfs In Action –

The Carting demonstration award

Name of Dog:.....

Name of owner:.....

Display / Displays where carting was contributed:.....

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Signed:.....Date.....



In Loving Memory of Gracie Scott



Gracie Scott – what can I say!

A very sad call came through giving details of a dog who had been dumped with her male owner at work. He could not look after her, and was not allowed to take her into his place of work!

The next day Gracie was safe in the great care of Rob and Sue.

It was apparent that she needed some love and care. She came with a thick heavy choke chain, and knots that any boy scout would have been proud to make!

Gracie did not complain about anything. She was groomed carefully (where we all found half of her ear was missing), she bathed and make smell beautiful and her new life began.



She joined the Scott household of well cared for totally loved Newfoundlands. Bumble and Harry took her under their paws, and all was well.

A few weeks later it became clear that poor Gracie wasn't well, and eating became something that she didn't care for. She had every item possible on her menu but alas this was her way of saying "I'm not well".

In her few weeks though she enjoyed lovely walks, swimming with NIA, love and care of a warm home and she really was a content lady.

Her time with Rob and Sue, and NIA was short.....but this is certainly a case where quality time was far better than quantity. This little lady arrived from hell and left earth in heaven.

She is well and truly sadly missed. Before she went she earned the title "An ambassador for the Newfoundland Breed and for NIA".

She will be smiling at the NIA star.





In Loving Memory of Bumble Scott



Bumble Scott – just like her name she was kind gentle and a proper little lady.

She came with the background that she was due to be put to sleep the next day! Rob and Sue stepped in, and Bumble came to live in the Scott household.

She fitted in immediately, like she had always been there.

It is fair to say that Bumble was a bit of a pickle. She taught Rob and Sue that treats should be delivered very regularly! She insisted on having digestive biscuits with Harry each morning when Rob had a cup of coffee!

Bumble was an integral part of NIA. She did not like water work – but she did love a boat ride!



She loved meeting the crowds, and enjoyed being one of the old ladies. As time moved on, Bumble couldn't move very well.....unless there was a rustle of a crisp packet or biscuit packet and then she could sprint like a pup!

Bumble suffered gastric torsion, but her owners and indeed our patron never gave up on her – quite the opposite she had the very best care in the world and she recovered very well.

Bumble arrived virtually on top of one of the club events, and she soon settled into “event life” – once she realised that events meant treats she was happy to be at them!

Bumble was very keen on camping life, where she would sit by the table and listen for all the right noises – her legs may have ached and lots of things aged but her hearing was always spot on.

This little lady had a wonderful few years with Rob Sue and all the Newfs. She is missed by us all xxxx



In Loving Memory of Harry Scott



Harry was 3 years old when he arrived in the Scott's household. He immediately captured Robin's heart, found his new BFF and they were inseparable from that day. Harry refused to go anywhere without Robin. Sue tried to take him for walks but Harry would stop at the garden gate, say "thanks, but no thanks" and wander back indoors to find his dad. There are many photos of Robin and Harry sitting together like an old married couple – no conversation needed they were just content with each other's company.

Harry was a large and very handsome dog but was also a gentle giant. He was very popular at events due to his exceptional temperament and calmness as well as his good looks.

Over the years Harry welcomed a bevy of beauties in to his home – some stayed longer than others but Harry was a true gentleman and accepted them all.



Harry was a natural worker and enjoyed both the water and carting and was a valued member of the display team. At the water he would never take his eyes off Robin ensuring that he was safe at all times.

One thing Harry didn't like much was grooming. One sight of the brushes and he would dash off to hide in the shrubbery. I think it all started one year at Beale Park when someone offered to trim Harry's ears – Sue was at home looking after Ebony. Robin was so delighted (not) with the result that he hid Monty and declined for him to undergo the same treatment! I think the air was a bit blue when they got home – the hair grew again thankfully!

Harry enjoyed his denta-stix and would happily lie in the garden munching away while his owners hoovered the house – much easier without a hearth rug in the way. On Harry's last day this routine was followed as normal – except Harry had other ideas. He did a very strange and unusual thing – he went digging in the garden and buried it. Sue managed to take a photo of him with a very muddy nose. They didn't know that this would be the last photo of him. Maybe Harry knew and left them with a memory that raised a smile. As for the Denta-stix, maybe it will be found one day and bring back sweet memories of their handsome Harry.



In Loving Memory of Tilly Payne



Tilly was 3 years old when she came to her forever home. Her owners claim that she arrived as a friend for Sampson after they had lost Harvey but probably was there to ease her owners' pain too.

Tilly greeted everyone with a wagging tail and a big smile, her temperament was impeccable and her markings were a reflection of her character. Her owners claim that she 'never put a paw wrong' but could be mischievous. Tilly had them wrapped around her paws and she was treated as a real Lady, almost like Royalty. How many Newfs have their own bedroom, a wardrobe of collars, leads and bibs to choose from and can even command breakfast in bed when they fancy a lie in? The words 'Tilly wants it' or 'Tilly needs it' were commonplace in the Payne house.



Tilly loved swimming and was in many displays over the years with the wrist tow as one of her specialties. In her later years, Gatton was her favourite place as the van was parked next to the lake and only a short walk on wobbly legs was needed. While waiting for a swim she would supervise the refreshment station, especially if there were cakes. On one of her last visits she decided that she wanted a swim – now! No waiting for a life jacket or using the ramp – off she went. Tilly could be very stubborn and do things her way!

Tilly did well at carting and obedience but it was not with the enthusiasm she had for water work and only when she felt like it.

Tilly was the matriarch of her house and NIA and all the dogs respected her. Tilly liked her peace and quiet and was not impressed when youngsters playing disturbed her. She would give one big woof to tell them off. If that didn't work she would stomp up to them (her stomp was very impressive) and woof right in their faces. Silence followed! Tilly would also show her displeasure if they dared to touch her paws!

In December 2015 Tilly celebrated her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday – instead of one party she had 12 days of birthdays. Tilly also invited Nala and Zoe to stay for Nala's birthday – more cake! Just before Christmas, Tilly went to Rainbow Bridge – peacefully and quietly in her sleep and maintaining her reputation as a Lady to the end.



In loving memory of Rufus Coupe



Rufus Coupe a legend.

Rufus was a HUGE big boned, big heart Newfoundland – you could never forget him once you had met him.

Rufus loved water.....he would do anything to get to the water and even in his last year if there was water he was going in.



His second love was food – any food.....he loved sharing sausage sandwiches, cake, oh and dog treats were acceptable if human food wasn't around.

He had a lustrous coat, and a magnificent head. His eyes were so soulful, telling you a hundred stories in just one look. He loved his massages and he had everyone around him on a piece of string. (He had Cheryl wrapped around his paw.....If Rufus came to visit whatever Rufus wanted he could have)

He adored Carol and Michael.....he would follow his owners anywhere and everywhere. His holidays to Cornwall were his favourite outings.

Rufus also had an eye for the ladies.....he would look for Tilly tot and loved spending time with her.

Rufus accepted all the dogs that joined the Coupe household – all knew he was in charge, and a simple glare of the eyes was enough to say “Pack it in”

Rufus loved fuss cuddles and attention – his face if people didn't stop to talk to him was simply priceless.

He was a founder NIA dog, and always one who got talked about at events.

Rufus will be greatly missed by his owners and all of NIA.....such a fabulous legend – one of a kind. xxxx





### 2014 News In Action Award Winners

Dog of the year	Zoe Whittaker
Tasha Trophy	Baloo Lee
The Carting Cup	Zoe Whittaker
The David Rowe Memorial	Tilly Payne
Member of the year	Philip Payne
The Newfie Factor	Not awarded
The FONIA Award	Charley Richardson
Junior Handler	Abigail



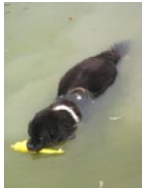


2015 Memories



Our NIA Fun weekend was an enormous success!







Thank you One and All