

MINUTES OF REGIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2010

ATTENDEES:

Carol Babel	Joann Lamb	Bob Zinck
Norma Roy	N. Jill Archibald	Maggie Freeland
Diane Castor	John Beckett	Mary Venable
Sharon Roy	Sig Hauck	Carol Krzanowski
Jeri Zottoli	Patty Brown	Marilyn Knopp
Cheryl Lorditch	Hal Casey	Karen Bishop
Barbara Bosco	Vinnie Catoggio	Ermgard Sillins
Jane Barletta	Isabelle Marchand	Lynn Search
Jerry Hamza	Lorraine Rivard	Chris Parisi
Lauren Castle Flynn	Pierre Rivard	Mel List
Judy Thomas	Debra Fagerstrom	Sue Robbins
Diane Coppola	Isabelle C. Ruysers	Helene Schneider-
Carol List	Elizabeth Blanc	Hester
Barb Bennett	Robert Barrett	Betty Powell
Donna Minardi	Carole Pietrowski	Paul & Carla Bewley
Charmayne Phillips	Barbara Baird	Geri Fellerman
Terrie Smith	Diane Bove	John Gardiner
Brenda Flahault	Dave Frischenmeyer	

Meeting called to order 8:30 a.m. by Regional Director John Gardiner (hereinafter "RD").

RD indicated that he had assembled a "Kitchen Cabinet" committee which would be composed of people he felt had experience in the cat fancy and lacked personal "agenda" who would be available to obtain answers to questions that may arise among the members of the region from time to time. This committee consists of: Sharon Roy, Sig Hauck, Geri Fellerman, Julie Keyer, Diane Castor and Jeri Zottoli.

Discussion was held regarding various means of communication to be used. These will include but not be limited to informal Yahooogroup polls and frequent meetings.

RD asked that we support our region's shows as much as possible and said that he, himself, will attend out-of-region shows only if there are no other shows available in the NAR that weekend.

He also pledged to be fair in show scheduling and will do everything possible to resurrect "paper" clubs and return them to show-producing status.

It was reported that the CFA Board had removed all guidelines regarding 6x6 and 10-ring shows. Clubs may now decide by themselves whether they wish to employ such formats. Suggestion was made for two clubs, one with a stronger treasury, wishing to work together to have the stronger club do a 6 ring Saturday, with the other club doing a 4 ring Sunday in the same facility thereby permitting more clubs to be involved in show production

Julie Keyer has a calendar of traditional show dates and will refine same shortly. A suggestion was made for something to be put out in writing so that clubs know exactly what is available.

NBF brought up the problem that they have to keep moving their date vis-à-vis MTB and/or a MSG show. President Hamza said that he would assist in this situation and let the club know at the earliest possible time what future plans are.

Helene Schneider-Hester indicated the problem that Empire is having finding a show venue in NY. President Hamza suggested that a subscription to Billboard Entertainment Guide which lists available halls throughout the country be obtained.

Treasurer (Sig Hauck) presented his report and indicated that there is now more than \$28,000 in the treasury pending the deposit of checks and prior to an audit. He reported that bills have been paid to date.

RMS to approve the Treasurer's report – vote in favor unanimous.

Discussion held regarding the 2010 Annual to be held in Quincy, MA. The Annual Committee will consist of Terrie Smith, Lauren Castle-Flynn and Sharon Roy. All are invited to e-mail John and/or the Committee members with suggestions.

The question of fund raising was then discussed. Carol Schwartz has been named fund raising chair. She is planning future raffles of various electronic devices – stay tuned for more.

Sig Hauck suggested a fund raiser \$1,000 club where region members would think up their own ways to go out and raise money for the region.

RD reported that Ginger Meeker, Region 2 Director, has challenged him to a competition to see who can raise the most money. There will be a rotating trophy as well as a free dinner for the winner paid for by the loser each year.

Another joint fund raiser will be a calendar featuring the top three in each category (plus agility) for each of the two regions. It is hoped that the calendar will kick off at MTB in October.

There will be a regional fund raiser show on the free weekend in November – Terrie Smith will be show manager for day one and John Gardiner for day two.

With regard to the Regional show and banquet, it has been decided that the Regional Banquet Committee will be in charge of the banquet, leaving the host club to run the show.

The following will be heaving up various regional committees:

Fund raising – Carol Schwartz

Agility – Jill Archibald

Ambassador – Geri Fellerman

Junior Showmanship – (Helene Schneider-Hester volunteered for this)

Newbie –

Legislative – (Jane Barletta volunteered for this)

Also, RD is the new chair of the Mentoring Committee and asked for local volunteers – Judy Thomas has volunteered for the LI area.

There will be more committees that will require someone to head them – stay tuned.

A regional newsletter is in the works.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Fellerman

Regional Secretary