

REGIONAL SECRETARY REPORT

September 18,2004

Meeting Brought Order at 6:15 PM.

New England Region held it's annual meeting in conjunction with the Regional SchH III Championships. Tony Copani's club, Tri-County Schutzhund Verein of New Western New York in Buffalo, hosted these.

Secretary's Report:

Regional Director: Dave Wood, not here

Assistant Regional Director: Frank Phillips, here

Regional Breed Warden: Pia Blackwell, here

Clubs Present:

Bay State (Seekonk , MA)

Empire (Middletown, NY)

Empire State (Honeoye, NY)

German Shepherd Working dog of Western NY (Lockport, NY)

Inner City (Woonsocket, RI)

Interstate (Schnedtady, NY)

Liberty (Troy, NY)

SchH Club of Buffalo (Akron, NY)

Southern NH (Bedford, NH)

Southern Tier (Freiville, NY)

Trajan (Greene, NY)

Tri-County (Akron, NY)

Not Present:

Granite State (Henniker, NH)

Maine SchH Club (Portland, ME)

Merrimack Valley(Groton, MA)

Mid Island (Hauppauge, NY)

Ocean State (Fall River, MA)

O.G. Boston (Shelburne, VT)

O.G. Wess-Conn (New Milford, CT)

Frank Phillips ran the meeting.

Treasurer submitted the following:

Some people were unaware of the situation of Dawn-Marie Hernandez leaving and taking all the Region's money and leaving people unreimbursed for expenses related to Club activities. There was some discussion about what information was still available as far as bank statements or any paper work. This was talked about during this report as it explained why the bank account was so low. It was also discussed how to try to get the money back. It was asked if any legal paperwork had been filed. It has not. Lisa Quinn offered to help the treasurer pursue some possible avenues of recovery. When the new

treasurer took the job last winter, she insisted that Dave Wood have 2 names put on the bank account. So the RD and Treasurer names are on it and will continue that way.

Pia Blackwell suggested we put into our by-laws a statement that a person can't hold the RD, ARD or Sec/Treas jobs with having been well established in the Region for 5 years.

The balance in the checking account as of Septmeber 15, 2004 was \$647.35.

(We have had annual dues sent to us from USA from 12 clubs. Dues are paid directly to USA and they then disburse them to us on the clubs' annual renewal date.)

We had a set up fee to open the new account at Fleet. Tracy Stowers set up the Web site. The initial set-up was \$23.95 and costs us \$8.95 a month. I sent \$250 to Granite State for the Region's part of their trophy fund for the Confirmation show in June. I sent Tri-County \$250 towards their trophy fund for the Regional Sch III Championships. Tracy Stowers gave \$20 for deposit for web page ads.

Frank informed us that Granite State had been suspended and dropped back to affiliated status.

We then discussed who was hosting the 2 Regional events in 2005.

Interstate is hosting the Regional Conformation show.

Inner City is hosting the SchH III Championships.

In 2006, Tri-County said they would host the Sch III championships again. And providing that Kevin Lanouette's forming club meets all the requirements and becomes a full member club and does their confirmation affiliated trial, he said his club would host the 2006 Conformation Championship.

Breed Warden, Pia Balckwell said Merrimack Valley and Interstate have held their affiliated confirmation shows and passed. They are now eligible to host confirmation shows. Pia is seeing more dogs from this region high in the lineups at the confirmation shows. And she's seeing more breeders entering their working line dogs in these shows. Pia said we need more clubs to host breed survey and confirmation shows. She is willing to help as much as possible. There is a packet available to those clubs wanted to do it.

Pia and Frank will be working on writing the by-laws this winter. They were among the papers Dawn-Marie has/had. There are two boxes in Dave Wood's possession that has some info to help them rewrite the by-laws.

Ron Fox wanted to make sure we got into the minutes that Tri-County did an awesome job on these Regionals.

Web Site Report from Tracy Stowers.

She said there have been over 5,000 hits on the web site since she set it up. The web site has paid for itself with ads. She presented a summary of which pages got how many hits. Also she started a yahoo group for Regional members to use for sending information and letting us know that she has made changes to the web site. Please sign up for this list.

Tony Copani wanted to thank Debbie Zappia for hosting a seminar on Friday, all his club members, the Frenchie demo and everybody who helped.

Adjourned at 6:45PM September 18,2004

Respectfully Submitted By Secretary/Treasurer Deborah Braun