

October 1, 2005

Pia called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

Clubs present:

Merrimack

Ocean State

Maine

Baystate

Liberty

Interstate

Inner City

Southern New Hampshire

Empire

Frank handed over the reins to Pia as the new Regional Director. The election results:

Director: Pia Blackwell

Assistant Director: Ken Murphy

Secretary & Treasurer: Deb Braun

Breed Warden: John Henkel

Pia thanked Frank and Tony for their excellent work representing our Region. The new e-mail ballot vote was established by Frank. This was necessary as there is hardly ever a quorum at the Regional Meeting. This was explained as there was some confusion/concern about the elections of Officers this year via E-mail ballot.

Pia thanked everyone for electing her to the Directors position.

Next year for the Regional meeting...an agenda will be sent out via email to all clubs so that the clubs will know what the issues for discussion are prior to the meeting so that discussion can occur via email before voting.

Therefore, as NEW BUSINESS, all voting will be by email going forward.

Track Layers and Helpers were commended for an excellent job!

Discussion ensued regarding an enticement/financial assistance to the helpers & track layers. Should the club hosting the Regional trial put in a budget request to help offset the cost to these folks (gas, hotel, meals)? Concern was that we only had 4 helpers try out for this weekends trial. Why werent there more? It was suggested that the hosting club could voluntarily set out a boot for monetary collection that the helpers/track layers could split and they could individually decide to defer their share back to the region.

The 2006 Regional Confirmation trial will be hosted by the Interstate club. They are having a difficult time getting return calls from judges, Ken Murphy will help them out with the judges.

The 2006 Regional trial will be hosted by the Empire club - thank you Debbie! Pia will put out an email asking members when they would prefer the Regional trial to be held - Spring? Labor Day? Fall?

The question was asked, can the Region hold an FH championship (no schutzhund dogs)? Pia is going to get details on whether this is legitimate and if so, does it count towards the hosting clubs annual required club trial? How many dogs are required? The Maine club will host.

Pia recognized Debbie Zappia for her excellent second place finish in the WORLDS!!!!

There was no Treasurers Report, this will be sent out at a later date by Pia.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Knapp

Vice President and Treasurer, Maine Schutzhund Club