

Regional Meeting called to order by Pia Blackwell at 3:15 PM, September 2, 2006.

Regional Officers Present: Pia Blackwell: Regional Director

Ken Murphy : Assistant Regional Director

Deb Braun : Regional Secretary/Treasurer

Clubs Present and Delegate: BayState Police & SchH Club, Donna Rink

Empire Working Dog Club, Jody Potter

Inner City SchH Club, Jocelyn

InterState SchH Club, Kathy Rogers

Liberty SchH Club, Diane

Maine SchH Club, Judy Knapp

Merrimack Valley Working Dog Club, Ken Murphy

Ocean State SchH Club, Matt Arpano

Southern NH Working Dog Club, Frank Phillips

Clubs Not Present: German Shepherd Working Dog of Western NY

Mid Island SchH Club

O.G. Boston SchH Club

O.G. WesConn SchH Club

SchH Club of Buffalo

Southern Tier SchH Club

Trajan SchH Club of Central NY

Tri-County SchH Verein of Western NY

We had a quorum present.

Regional Director, Pia Blackwell, welcomed 3 affiliated clubs, Hudson Valley, Orange County and Lighthouse. Pia gave a one-time trial waiver to Trajan SchH Club. They have not asked for one before. Pia also suspended O.G. WesConn for holding a WDA trial the same day they held a USA trial (7-10-06). The

club is suspended for one year, effective September 1, 2006. They will need to file for affiliated status to become a full member club again. They can apply for that after September 1, 2007..

Assistant Regional Director, Ken Murphy, spoke about the Regional trial and how well it was going and that his club will give back to the Region the \$250 start-up money.

Treasurers Report: Deb Braun See Attached.

No Breed Warden Report.

Pia then informed the members that the Regional Breed Warden. John Henkel may not be able hold office if he is not a member of a full-member club. Since O.G. WesConn was suspended September 1, 2006, Pia would check the status of John Henkels membership in the region pending the findings she would like to appoint someone to take Johns place for the remainder of his term. Pia suggested the runner-up in the last election, Kandy Jacapino. Kandy accepted.

Matt Arpano moved to hold a vote of no confidence in John Henkel. He asked if the members felt John was competent to hold this office. Kathy Rogers said that she felt that O.G. WesConn was run by John and he had to have known that holding WDA trial on the same day as a USA trial was against the by-laws of the USA and that the WDA sanctioned O.G. WesConn for holding a trial with only 2 dogs in the trial.

Pia made a statement that the suspension of Wesconn is a separate matter and a USA matter not a Regional matter. It should be kept separate from the motion on the floor .

Someone then wanted to know what the duties of the Regional Breed warden were. It was explained that he must be a member of a full member club, keeps track of the points for the Universal Seiger/Seigerin program, attends the national Seiger show, and promotes the GSD and its breeding.

Kathy Rogers of Interstate wanted the members in the Region to know about the difficulty she has had trying to get help from John in holding the Regional Conformation Show. Her club was having a hard time getting a judge for this event so they called John for help. They gave him a list of 12 judges they thought would work well for them. John said he would help them. Every time Kathy called, he said no problem, its under control. Then John informed InterState that he got Lothar Quoll, a judge not on their list. John said he was the only judge he could get. Kathy then heard from a number of people in the Region that they would not show under Lothar Quoll. John also said he would measure but it was pointed out to him that he should not because he had entries in the show. The entries closed and InterState only had 18 entries. John made arrangements for the judge to fly into NY and John would pick him up. The club wanted the judge to fly into Albany. InterState felt they were getting no support from the Regional Breed Warden who seemed to be doing things for himself.

Kathy Rogers then seconded the motion on the floor on the vote of no confidence.

The vote was 9 in favor of no confidence to 0 against.

The Regional Director then made a motion to appoint Kandy Jocapino to fill the position of Regional Breed Warden until the election of 2007. Sandy Bogus seconded.

The vote was 9 in favor and 0 against.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

O.G. Boston would like to see a standing rule that says the Regional events should not be held while there are international events being held. There was some discussion about this and it was decided that our window to hold trials in New England was small and we had to do it in the fall.

They also would like a standing rule that a member in the Region shall not use his or her position to sell products/dogs etc. This was agreed on.

Ken Murphy moved that there be no club conformation and breed survey shows during a two week window before and after the Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey. The thought is there will be more entries at the Regional Conformation show. Seconded by Tracy.

Vote: 9 in favor and 0 against.

It was discussed that the start up money of \$250, given to the club who hosts a regional event, be reimbursed to the Region after the event. No vote was taken.

Issues from the floor: At this time, Ken M. spoke with Kathy Rogers of InterState about having Merrimack hold the Regional Conformation and Breed Survey. Merrimack is already having a conformation show and has a judge and it would not be a problem for them to incorporate the Regional show. InterState stated they would take a huge loss on the judge and show if they held it. InterState will contact the 18 exhibitors already entered and recommend that they switch their entries to Merrimacks show, since InterState is canceling theirs. Pia will let the Region know of the change.

The by-laws will be voted on by e-ballot.

It was decided that Southern New Hampshire will host the 2007 Regional SchH III and FH Championship. Merrimack Valley will host the 2007 Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey. Pending full member status, Hudson Valley said they would host the 2008 Regional SchH III and FH Championship.

Pia made a motion to have the Region obtain a trophy for the FH champion. The cost is not to exceed \$100. Seconded by Donna Rink.

Vote: 9 in favor. 0 against.

Meeting adjourned at 5PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Deb Braun