

Meeting Called to order at 4:40PM, September 29,2007.

Clubs present: Empire-Debbie Zappia
Hudson Valley- MaryAnn McCormack
InterState- Muffi Waldman
Liberty- Diane Delpazzio
Merrimack Valley- Don Yelle
Maine- Judy Knapp
Southern N.H.- Frank Phillips
Ocean State- Ron Fox
Bay State- Donna Rink
Inner City- Scott Carlson
Outkast- Becky Graham

Pia Blackwell welcomes everyone. She congratulates all who went to the Nationals especially Claudia Romard who placed 2nd and Ronny Burma with a 3rd place finish. This national had the most entries representing the New England Region and at the Board meeting. Pia also congratulated 4 individuals who participated in world championship throughout the year: FH-Anthony Braccio and Drago, FCI- Kevin Lanouette and Gizmo
WUSV- Ronny Burma and Issa vom haus Safko
Ring Sport- Daniela Bedenice and _____, the only GSD.

Nominations for Regional Officers: No nominees by e-mail or from the floor. Current positions holders will remain in office.

Ken Murphy spoke regarding the NE Region hosting a USA national event in 2008. The USA office has pointed out we have not hosted one since the 2001 Nationals in MA. The HOT tournament is taken, The Nationals- a lot of dogs and the logistics. The North Americans would have fewer dogs but would have the need for space for 7-10 FHs. The Nationals are in November. NAs in May. Consensus is to take the NAs. Merrimack said they could get a stadium (St. Anselm) and enough tracking fields for 50 dogs. Other clubs would have to step up and help. He would like to see 2 clubs for each job. When Inner City took the Nationals, they formed a committee to allocate jobs.
All clubs will need to help. Maybe we could hold the FH Championship separate from the NAs. Maine has plenty of tracking space. Right? Maine and Deb Braun will check into tracking fields for 10 dogs. Ken M. will check in with the Maine club and put together a report.

Deb Braun gave Treasurer's Report. Merrimack said they will return the Region's contribution for the Regional Conformation show. SNH will also return the Region's contribution to the SchH III show.

Kandy Jocapino gave the Breed Warden's Report. Reported nothing new.

Unfinished Business

The By-laws. No quorum-no vote.

The Secretary will send a draft copy of the by-laws via snail mail to each club contact. Any suggested changes should be sent to Deb Braun. Voting will be done via snail mail on a sheet enclosed with the draft.

Pia wanted to address the low funds in the Regional treasury. The region reimburses each club \$250 for hosting the Regional SchH 3/FH Championship and the Regional Conformation show. Pia would like to vote to not reimburse or reduce the amount. She'd like to bring it down to \$150. There was discussion about small clubs not being able to afford start up costs. We left it that we would leave it up to the individual clubs whether to give back the money.

New Business

Welcome to 2 new clubs in the Region: Hudson Valley and Outkast.
Tony Capaino thanks SNH for the show and Ken for the tracking.

Scott Carlson asks if we cannot schedule club trials on top of each other. Pia points out that our area has a limited time to plan trials. None can be held on weekends that have national events on them. Then we lose July and August. That leaves an 8-week window to schedule trials.
General consensus about trial scheduling- check the web site.

2008 Regional Events: Regional SchH III/ FH Championship will be hosted by Hudson Valley.

2008 Regional Conformation Show will be hosted by Bay State.

2009 Regional Conformation show and SchH III/FH had no takers to host.

Adjourned 520PM.

Respectfully Submitted By: Deb Braun