

New England Regional Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2012
Old Orchard Beach, ME

Club present:

Ocean State	Merrimack Valley
Quinebaug	Outkast
Maine	Southern NH
Inner City	Liberty
Baystate	Niagara Frontier

RD Yelle called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was presented (see attached). No dues have been received for this year yet. Debbie from the USCA office held off cutting the check as some clubs were late paying their dues, and then was out sick for several weeks. Quinebaug donated their start-up funds for the regional show to Merrimack Valley. Most of the rest of the year's expenses were associated with the new regional website.

Breed Warden report

Two shows were held in the past year, a club show and the regional show. Both were hosted by Quinebaug. The club show had the first long coat breed survey in the region. The regional show had a large entry of 40 dogs.

Old Business

The minutes from both 2010 and 2011 needed to be approved. Merrimack Valley motioned to approve, Baystate seconded. Motion passed.

New rules for the regional universal sieger competition were presented (see attached). They model the ones now used for the USCA universal sieger and the WUSV universal sieger competitions. Merrimack Valley motioned to approve, Liberty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

2013 regional IPO championship host – no other clubs volunteered so Merrimack Valley offered to host again. Inner City seconded the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

2013 regional show host – Baystate nominated Quinebaug to host again. Outkast seconded the motion. Quinebaug accepted the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

2013 regional helper seminar – Liberty nominated to host. Inner City seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2013 regional training weekend – Inner City and Baystate nominated to split the weekend. Quinebaug seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2014 regional IPO championship – Niagara Frontier nominated to host. Quinebaug seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ken Payne from Buffalo asked for a discussion on the higher trial fees charged for non-USCA members to enter USCA events. Right now clubs must pay to the USCA office \$4 for each trial entry by a USCA member and \$10 for an entry by a non-USCA member. For the clubs near Canada this could push away potential trial entrants that are GSSCC members. RD Yelle stated there is no rule that clubs have to charge trial entrants the higher fee, the club can choose to absorb the extra costs themselves to attract foreign entrants. No change on this issue can come at the regional level though – it needs to be brought before the national executive board.

Ken Murphy from Merrimack Valley brought up that the club is looking to host a national championship in 2014. In order to hold a successful event at that level there needs to be support from the other clubs in the region and asked if they would be willing to commit to helping out. He also wanted to get an idea of whether the preference would be to host one of the spring events or the nationals in the fall.

RD Yelle asked that all clubs make sure they keep the club contact info current with both the regional secretary and the USCA office so it can be updated on the websites. He also reminded everyone that the delegate letters for the national general board meeting were due by October 1. If there were clubs that were not able to send their own delegate, there are other members from the region attending that could vote for them. Lastly he wanted to congratulate the three new clubs that successfully held their affiliation trials this year – Northeast K9, Tristate and Concord River.

Inner City motioned to adjourn. Baystate seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:57.