

New England Regional Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2014
Lancaster, NY

Clubs present:

Baystate	Northeast K9
Empire	Ocean State
Inner City	Quinebaug
Liberty	Buffalo
Merrimack Valley	Southern NH
Niagara Frontier	

RD Yelle called the meeting to order at 5:27 pm.

Minutes

Northeast K9 motioned to accept the minutes from last year's meeting. Southern NH seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

2015 regional IPO championship – Southern NH already chosen to host. The club has put in to hold it at the Budweiser plant in Merrimack, NH again.

2015 regional show – Buffalo was chosen to host. Empire said they'll host in 2016.

2015 regional helper seminar – Quinebaug was selected to host.

2015 regional training weekend – Liberty and Northeast K9 will co-host the weekend.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was presented (see attached). The only income for the year was the regional club dues. Besides the replacement regional champion cup and the regional website, the region sponsored two trophies at the Nationals.

Don brought up the fact that the regional bank account is growing steadily and would like to see it used on something to benefit the region. An idea was raised to have it fund a regional training seminar. It was decided that if any club was interesting in organizing a seminar to send a proposal to Don in an email and then the region would vote on it by e-ballot.

Pia suggested that if any member in the regional made the world team the region should make a donation to them for their expenses. It was explained that this wasn't necessary anymore, that the amount contributed to world team members by USCA had increased significantly over the past few years.

Another tier had to be added to the regional cup. Don found a cabinet maker that did it for free. He suggested a free catalog ad as thanks.

Another idea was floated to up the amount given to the clubs hosting the regional events. USCA is looking to budget \$1000 for each regional's show. They're also looking to put \$1500 in the budget for each region's GEC events.

Don wanted to recognize James Honda's generous donation that allowed all competitors to eat for free all weekend during the regionals.

Niagara Frontier motioned to adjourn. Liberty seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:47.