

New England Regional Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2015  
Merrimack, NH

Clubs present:

Empire	Northeast K9
Inner City	Ocean State
Liberty	Pine Barrens
Maine	Quinebaug
Merrimack Valley	SouthCoast
Niagara Frontier	Southern NH

RD Yelle called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

**Minutes**

Inner City motioned to accept the minutes from last year's meeting. Merrimack Valley seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's report**

The treasurer's report was presented. The only income for the year was the regional club dues. Due to the timing of the checks being issued two years worth of regional start up funds were issued in one year. Other expenses were for the regional website and sponsorship of national event trophies (Working Dog championship and Sieger Show). The regional director also approved \$200 for the regional secretary for travel expenses to go to Buffalo for the regional meeting.

**New Business**

RD Yelle mentioned that in the current year national budget \$1000 was allocated for each region to go toward expenses of hosting the regional championship. The host club will have to submit receipts to receive this money.

Don reviewed the rules for using Friday for a trial. The club must have 32 phases on Saturday or have a dog going for BH as well as IPO1 to use Friday. The trial on Friday can't start before noon unless held in conjunction with a conformation show.

Ivana encouraged everyone to support the regional show in Buffalo. There are 3 dogs declared for universal sieger, two of which are breeder handled, owned and trained.

Don reported that at the sieger show there was a complaint about the lack of shows being held across the country. National membership has been stagnant, this may be an avenue to increase membership.

The region has gained 2 new clubs and 3 have disbanded. Pine Barrens joined the region from the Northeast and SouthCoast is newly formed. Baystate, Free Dog and Southern Tier are no more.

Don gave special thanks to James Honda for donating \$1500 toward the regional events in the past year.

Don also gave thanks to Buffalo for hosting the regional show, Quinebaug for hosting the regional helper seminar and Liberty and Northeast K9 for hosting the regional training weekend.

There is discussion at the national level of USCA that regional bylaws can't be called regional bylaws. There can still be enforceable regional rules, they just can't be called bylaws. Inner City motioned to change our regional bylaws to regional rules, Northeast K9 seconded. Motion passed.

Don asked for a few volunteers to go through the previous years' minutes and update the regional rules for anything that has been changed at the meetings through the years. Maggie Every from SouthCoast, Vadim Plotsker from Southern NH and Rob Kallin from Merrimack Valley all volunteered for the task.

### **Elections**

Liberty nominated Don Yelle for regional director. No other nominations. Don remains regional director.

Liberty nominated Alex Jacopino for assistant regional director. Southern NH nominated Vadim Plotsker. Vadim was elected by an 8-4 vote.

SouthCoast nominated Maggie Every for regional secretary. Merrimack Valley nominated Kristen Boentgen. Maggie is the new regional secretary by a 7-5 vote.

Quinebaug nominated Frank Philips for regional training director. No other nominations. Frank remains regional training director.

Ivana Karlsen was nominated for breed warden by Northeast K9. No other nominations. Ivana remains regional breed warden.

2016 regional IPO championship – Merrimack Valley was chosen to host.

2017 regional IPO championship – Inner City was chosen to host.

2018 regional IPO championship – Northeast K9 was chosen to host.

2016 regional show – Empire previously chosen to host.

2017 regional show – Merrimack Valley was chosen to host.

Don mentioned the national organization is pressing to have the national Sieger Show held in New England. He is looking into having his club host in 2017. He is currently looking into having it at the Crown Plaza hotel in Warwick, RI.

2016 regional helper seminar – Liberty was selected to host.

2016 regional training weekend – Inner City selected to host.

2017 regional training weekend – Merrimack Valley and Southern NH will co-host.

The regional bank account is still growing. Don recommended increasing the amount given to clubs for hosting regional events for this year and next year. He suggested increasing from \$250 to \$500 the amount given to the clubs hosting the regional IPO championship and region show, and giving \$250 to the clubs hosting the regional helper seminar and regional training weekend. Quinebaug made a motion to pass, Inner City seconded. Motion passed 11-1.

Ken Murphy spoke about the need to encourage the youth in our organization. Without a younger generation to pass the torch to the sport dies.

Scott Carlson mentioned Inner City is looking to host a protection day as a fundraiser for K9s for Kate.

Ken said that Merrimack Valley is looking to host a regional AWD championship again.

Inner City motioned to adjourn. Liberty seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:05.