

Regional General Membership Meeting

Saturday, September 25, 2009

Meeting Begins 3:30 pm

1. Welcome

Regional Director Pia Blackwell welcomed everyone and thanked the club delegates for attending. She introduced Tracy Stowers as acting secretary for the meeting.

2. Role Call

Stowers called the role. The following clubs were represented by delegates:

Interstate

Liberty

Niagra

Bay State

Inner City

Merrimack

Southern New Hampshire

Outkast

Quinebuag

There were enough clubs represented to constitute a quorum.

3. Old Business

At this time Blackwell congratulated the New England representatives that were competing at the World Championship level for the last four years.

Fundraising was brought up last year but no action was taken so there was no report.

4. New Business

Blackwell sent flowers, from the region, for Mark Prybylski although there was not enough time get a vote on this.

MOTION: To reimburse Pia Blackwell for the cost of sending flowers for Mark Prybylski, estimated at \$50.00.

ACTION: The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Voting for Regional Officers

Blackwell announced that all Regional Office positions were open.

Regional Director

MOTION: Pia Blackwell was nominated for Regional Director.

RESPONSE: Blackwell accepted the nomination.

ACTION: The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Assistant Regional Director

Sandra Bogus, expressed that Ken Murphy was unavailable and not able to run for reelection. Blackwell thanked Murphy for his years of service.

MOTION: Don Yelle was nominated for Assistant Regional Director.

RESPONSE: Yelle accepted the nomination.

ACTION: The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Regional Secretary and Treasurer

Blackwell informed the members that Deb Braun was not seeking reelection and thanked her for her years of service.

Blackwell informed the membership that Maggie Sousie was willing to run for this office. Frank Phillips brought up the point that due to a past motion only established members with a minimum of five years membership and good standing are eligible for holding a regional office and therefore Sousie was not eligible.

MOTION: Claudia Romard was nominated for Regional Secretary and Treasurer.

RESPONSE: Romard declines the nomination.

MOTION: Karen Pelligrino was nominated for Regional Secretary and Treasurer.

RESPONSE: Pelligrino accepted the nomination.

ACTION: The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Regional Training Director

MOTION: Claudia Romard was nominated for Regional Training Director.

RESPONSE: Romard accepted the nomination.

ACTION: The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Regional Breed Warden

Blackwell informed the membership that Sabrina Hatfield is seeking office.

MOTION: Kandi Jacapino was nominated for Regional Breed Warden.

RESPONSE: Jacapino accepted the nomination.

ACTION: The motion was seconded

ACTION: By role call vote Jacapino was voted into office unanimously.

Regional Cup

Blackwell stated that the Regional Championship Cup has been in the region for 18 years and was showing wear. Blackwell thanked Chris Gaumont for taking the time and donating the money to refurbish the Cup. She also stated that anyone found abusing or damaging the Cup would be responsible for paying for any repairs or cleaning necessary.

Training Weekend

Blackwell announced that a training weekend was being organized and hosted by Southern New Hampshire and Outkast Schutzhund Clubs. She went on to say that she would like to see other clubs take advantage and have similar events in the region. Open training weekends were a good way to share training ideas and techniques and such opportunities will only make the region stronger.

Regional Conformation show

Bogus reminded everyone of the Regional Conformation Show being held in three weeks by Merrimack Valley and looked forward to seeing everyone there.

Blackwell thanked Liberty Schutzhund Club for hosting this year's Regional Championship and Merrimack Valley for hosting this year's Regional Conformation Show.

Blackwell suggested to the membership that the Regional Universal Seiger guidelines needed to be updated so all dogs can compete more evenly. Jacapino and Claudia Romard offered to work on reformulating the system, with the result that it will be fairer and will attract more declarations. Blackwell stated she will form a committee to come up with new rules and regulations for the Regional Universal Seiger.

5. 2010 Events

Blackwell reminded the membership that the 2010 Regional Championship will be hosted by Niagra Schutzhund Club. Tony Copani informed the membership that the championship will be held in a stadium and to train for that.

Quinebuag declared their interest in holding the 2010 Regional Conformation Show.

MOTION: Quinebuag Shutzhund Club to hold the 2010 Regional Conformation Show.

ACTION: The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There were no clubs interested in holding a Regional event in 2011 at this time.

6. Treasury Report

Black explained that she was unable to open the treasury report on her computer and that she will email the report to the clubs. She believed that there was approximately \$1,200.00 in the bank account.

7. Adjourn

MOTION: Motion to adjourn.

ACTION: The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.