

MINUTES

REMC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 15, 2015, San Jose, CA

The meeting was called to order by Diane Collings, President, at 8:31 am.

Present

Diane Collings
Alan Dahl
Margo Lauritsen
Karin Weseloh
Bob Weseloh
Don Meyers
Mary Greaver, Guest
Dick Greaver, Guest
Barbara House
Lauren Freeman
Lorie Freeman
Sharon Freeman
Susan Dahl

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes from November 2014 meeting were read.

MOTION #1: Motion to approve minutes of the November meeting was made by Barbara House, seconded by Bob Weseloh. Motion carried.

Minutes of the May 2014 meetings were read.

MOTION #2: Motion to approve minutes of the November meeting was made by Karin Weseloh, seconded by Margo Lauritsen. Motion carried.

President's Report:

Diane Collings reported MCOA has accepted REMC's bid to host the 2017 National Specialty. Dianne and Margo Lauritsen made an onsite visit to evaluate the hotel. There is lots of room on the grounds; we will have the entire Ballroom for the event. The crating area will be outside, and is under cover. There is a wonderful spot for pictures – under a gazebo with the lake as the backdrop.

Recording Secretary's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Collings read Patti Wilkinson's report: the balance in the Small Business checking account is \$956.77; the balance in the Business Market Rate Savings account is \$7,415.05; for a total of \$8,371.82.

MOTION #3: Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by Margo Lauritsen, seconded by Karin Weseloh. Motion carried.

MCOA Specialty

We will need to work on beefing up the REMC general funds in order to fund expenses associated with sponsoring the specialty. Dianne asked members to think about fundraising activities we can offer. MCOA may refund some of the costs (e.g. ribbons), but REMC will need to front the costs and be reimbursed later.

Dianne Collings distributed a "Specialty To Do" List. As we move forward, we will need to establish committees or lead individuals to complete or coordinate each of the items and activities.

Report of Committees

REMC Specialty: Karin Weseloh reported the REMC Specialty will be in September. The Sweeps judge is Donna Clark. She has received volunteers for: Ribbons - Susan Dahl; Trophies – Margo Lauritsen; Hospitality – Toni Hyland; Raffle – Trinetta Pierce.

Ballots for judges for the 2016 Specialty were counted, and resulted in a tie between Bill Shelton and Judith Daniels. To break the tie, she suggested drawing a name. If that person is not available, the next person would be contacted. Bill Shelton's name was drawn. Karin will contact him to determine his availability.

Karin reported we have hired a new Show Secretary, Debbie Best. She is very experienced and has been Show Secretary for other specialty club events.

2017 MCOA Specialty: This will be the 70th National MCOA Specialty. We will want to make it a memorable event. We will offer Sweepstakes with the Regional Specialty on Friday, May 26. We will need to identify judges for Friday's show. It was recommended we look at the slate of judges for the Hangtown show and invite one of those judges; we can reduce our expenses in doing so.

We will need a volunteer to set up the plates for the hospitality room. We will offer a Continental Breakfast every morning, Monday through Sunday.

Specialty assignments/volunteers: Dianne Collings and Toni Hyland – Show Co-Chairs; Margo Lauritsen – Trophies for Friday - Sunday; Nancy Harvey –REMC Specialty Trophies (Monday); Nancy Harvey and Karin Weseloh - banquet; Bob Weseloh and Dick Greaver – grounds and RV parking; Eric Lauritsen – Ring; Jerry Harvey – Catalog Sales. We will need more volunteers for Event Committee, Bench Committee, Vendors, fund raisers, raffle.

Banquet will cost \$50-\$60 per person; there is a \$375 per day fee for the ballroom.

Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee proposed a slate of: President – Dianne Collings, Vice President – Margo Lauritsen, Treasurer – Patti Wilkinson; Recording Secretary – Susan Dahl; Corresponding Secretary – Karin Weseloh; Board Members: Toni Hyland and Trinetta Pierce.

Dianne Collings opened the floor for additional nominations. No additional nominations were made.

New Members:

The applications of Dick and Mary Greaver received their second reading.

New Business

Margo Lauritsen asked whether REMC could offer at least 1 day as a supported entry at the Del Valle show. Dianne reported REMC would need to petition MCOA to offer a supported entry. This item was tabled until the next meeting, as many of the members had left the meeting.

MCOA Basket Raffle: Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be March 21 in Vallejo, after the Mastiffs show.

MOTION #4: Motion to adjourn made by Margo Lauritsen, seconded by Alan Dahl.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dahl,
Recording Secretary