

MINUTES
REMC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 18, 2014, VALLEJO

The meeting was called to order by Diane Collings, President.

Present

Diane Collings
Margo Lauritsen
Sharon Freeman
Loren Freeman
Laurie Freeman
Joanne Williams
Toni Hyland
Susan Dahl
Don Meyers
Alan Dahl
Shara Child
Eric Lauritsen

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were read.

MOTION #1: Motion to accept minutes as read was made by Toni Hyland, seconded by Joanne Williams.

Report of President

Diane Collings asked for a moment of silence in memory of Bill Newman, who passed away on Marcy 12. Dr. Newman had a passion for the breed, having been involved for 45 years. He was a true champion for the breed with AKC. He will be greatly missed.

Secretary's Report

Susan Dahl read Karin Weseloh's report. Karin had submitted the club's annual report to MCOA and AKC. Karin proposed REMC ask John Wade to be the judge for the Regional Specialty in 2015. We can then send a ballot out for the 2016 judges with plenty of time to avoid a time crunch. She reported the new AKC rules now require Regional Specialties offer an Owner Handler Best of Breed class beginning in 2015.

It was suggested REMC consider offering a 4-6 month puppy class. Dianne Collings reported the recent Dane Specialty offered the class and had 20 entries. We will look at this possibility for the next specialty; Sir Francis Drake is offering a puppy match on Saturday night.

Treasurer's Report

Susan Dahl read Patti Wilkinson's report from March. The balance in the Small Business Checking account is \$1,740.12; the balance in the Business Market Rate Savings account is \$8,205.54. Patti has not yet received the invoice for the insurance premium; it usually comes in May or June.

MOTION #2: Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by Toni Hyland, seconded by Sharon Freeman. Motion carried.

Report of Committees

REMC Specialty: None. There was a question about whether a ring steward has been identified.

Rescue: Loren Freeman reported that Trinette Pierce has two dogs that need to be rescued. She will evaluate them.

New Members

None. It was reported that Barbara House will be sending an application.

Unfinished Business

Trophies for Mensona and Richmond have been obtained.

It was suggested REMC look at hosting the MCOA Specialty in 2017 or 2018. We need to determine whether this is realistic.

REMC Basket for MCOA Specialty: Toni reported she had reached out had reached out to breweries for donations. She has received donations of specialty beer and a growler. REMC will send Thank You notes to the contributors after the Specialty. Loren has the crate and has donated a case of wine.

New Business

Dianne reported she had been contacted by AKC. REMC needs to provide a membership list to AKC, which was due April 1. The membership list must also be provided to the Secretary of MCOA. Susan Dahl will submit the list.

It was suggested REMC put a memorial page for Dr. Bill Newman on its website. Toni Hyland reported that if anyone wants to contribute to a memorial for Dr. Newman, collections are being accepted for a shelter in in Bedford that will probably be dedicated to him. Dr. Newman had purchased 30 acres of land that he donated for use by the New Bedford animal shelter. Donations should be made to the New Bedford Shelter.

MOTION #3: Motion to put the memorial to Dr. Newman on the REMC website made by Toni Hyland, seconded by Joanne Williams. Motion carried.

Toni Hyland reported that REMC may be receiving 2 pieces from Dr. Neman's mastiff treasures once his relatives complete the settlement of his estate.

Lauri Freeman asked whether REMC could make a nice background for pictures for the Regional Specialty. She volunteered to make the background

MOTION #4: Motion to adjourn made by Margo Lauritsen and seconded by Toni Hyland. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dahl
Recording Secretary