

REMC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 21, 2016

Vallejo, CA

Members Present:

Toni Hyland
Joanne Williams
Susan Dahl
Alan Dahl
Mary Greaver
Jann Lanz
Diane Collings
Don Meyers
Patti Wilkinson
Dick Greaver
Barbara House

Meeting was called to order at 12:45 pm by Toni Hyland.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes were published online. Amendments were made

MOTION #1: Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Dick Greaver, seconded by Patti Wilkinson. Motion carried, with one abstention.

President's Report

Dianne is preparing Hearing and Witness forms for use at the 2017 Specialty. There did not appear to be a consistent, formal process for documenting complaints and investigations at this year's specialty. She suggested having the forms printed on NCR paper, with one copy being given to AKC and one copy for the Club.

REMC will need to form a Disciplinary Committee to hear any complaints. The members will need to take the Disciplinary Committee training.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

Patti Wilkinson reported the balance of the checking account is \$3,036.61, the savings account is \$11,229.14. Some receipts for the Specialty have been paid.

Five current members have not yet paid their dues. Two of those members likely will not renew their membership. Toni and Patti will contact two other members who likely wish to renew their membership.

MOTION #2: Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Mary Greaver, seconded by Barbara House. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Specialty

Karin reported the 2016 . Regional Specialty will be September 17. Karin will be responsible for trophies, Bob for grounds, Toni for hospitality and Trinette for the Raffle. We will need a ring steward; Diane will ask her mother.

Constitution and Bylaws Sub-committee

Karin reported they have not started a review of the Bylaws. They are waiting to see what MCOA does for their Bylaws revisions.

New Members

None

Unfinished Business

Supported entries: Sir Francis Drake, Mensona. Karin reported the supported entry for Richmond Kennel Club is pending. There were some issues with Richmond coordinator had issues with NorCal Working Dog Club that may impact whether REMC does a supported entry. The Working Dog Club had to find a new venue to do Temperament Testing, RKC wanted to charge \$750. Working Dog Club will move the testing to another show.

Temperament testing Start Friday with MCOA Western Regional show then Saturday and Sunday with Hangtown KC. MBF will be the Superintendent for Friday through Sunday. Trophies are done for the MCOA Western Regional show. Saturday and Sunday at Hangtown will be supported entries; trophies are not yet done. For the specialty, MCOA does medallions. Nancy and Toni will do small, medium and large gift basket.

2017 Specialty

Toni has heard from Hangtown and Kennel Club of the Sierras. We may go to a 4 day show. West Coast Regional Specialty on Friday. If go 4 days, we'll do the supported entries on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. West Coast Regional Specialty on Friday, Hangtown Saturday and Sunday, KC of the Sierras will not offer Mastiff entries on Monday, REMC Specialty Monday, and Tuesday starts MCOA.

There are still hotel rooms available. At last count 46 of 110 have been filled. There may be more; if people book the hotel rooms through the internet servers (e.g. Expedia, etc) the rooms are not credited to REMC. Toni is working with the hotel to be able to count these rooms.

Dianne reported Dr. Kingley will come Saturday to do echocardiograms. People will need to pre-register for the test; the cost is \$20 per test. He will also make a presentation after the testing to give an overview of what he is seeing in mastiffs.

We also want to offer CERF testing. Patti will call Dr. Lara Lynton to see if she may be available. DNA testing – will check with Davis or a Vet Tec to pull blood. Jann will contact OFA to see if they will offer a discount for DM testing.

Toni reported the trophies are done for Friday and 2 supported entries. If we're doing a supported entry on Friday, she will arrange the trophies. Nancy is ordering the tiles that will be used for trophies.

There will be a Fiesta Night in the Generals Room. Scott and Toni will do the food, they are planning a Taco Bar with perhaps a Margarita Punch or Sangria Punch. One punch will be non-alcoholic.

Dick and Bob will coordinate the welcome party.

All judges are confirmed. Lara Cox will do Obedience, Gwen Verdon for Sweeps.

Medallions: Toni talked to a man in Florida who can do pewter medallions for half the price of those from AKC vendor. She talked to Karen Park about offering one medallion to each dog entered rather than a medallion for each entry of the same dog.

The Website is being pieced together. Jann is coordinating its development. Send Jann as much information as possible once details are confirmed.

Tournament: discussed separating Tournament into two groups. This year there was some interference with the 1st round judging. There will be no announcement of who the final round judges will be

Bring top 5 from Breeders Cup as well as top 5 from the Tournament of Champions back in that night. Make it special.

There will probably not be a parade of title holders. People did not seem to want to participate, only wanted to get the ribbons. Will put the information into Constant Contact so attendees will know.

Barbara House got the vendor contracts from past years from Karen. There is no protocol or set fee for vendors. Trying to get vendors to come for 1-2 days; it is difficult unless it's a large show.

Toni reported she's put in a demand for payment to the Red Lion hotel for cancelling the signed contract. The cancellations clause in the contract is mutual.

Excursions: Dianne is looking for venues for a field trip Thursday night. Perhaps a trip to Thunder Valley Casino. Thursday should not be a busy night for them; perhaps they would provide a bus. The Chamber of Commerce offers a Wine Tour. The County Fair is going on during that time. Old Town tour may be another option.

Thursday morning will be a Breakfast meeting for members.

Nancy, Toni and Karin have put together a tentative schedule. Obedience would be Tuesday and Wednesday in the morning. Patti can put together TDT, TT and CGC testing; it would also be good if another club can also get credit for coordinating the testing.

New Business

Consider bringing back the idea of a stockade and Gold Rush saloon, for fund raising.

Space is limited for the raffle. There will be no large baskets or displays.

The Hotel is creating a special drink; the cost will be \$2.50 and includes the glass. Money raised will go to MCOA rescue and health.

MOTION #3 Motion to adjourn made by Dick Geaver. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dahl, Recording Secretary