

MINUTES
REMC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2014, NAPA

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

Present

Diane Collings
Laurie Freeman
Loren Freeman
Karin Weseloh
Trinette Pierce
Margo Lauritsen
Don Meyers
Nancy Harvey
Patti Wilkinson
Toni Hyland
Susan Dahl
Alan Dahl
Bob Weseloh

Meeting called to order by Diane Collings at 3:23 pm

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes from May meeting were missing and not read.

Minutes from Board meeting September Board meeting were read.

Toni Hyland indicated the dates of the 2017 specialty were incorrect – the proposal will be from May 26, 2017 – June 4, 2017. The line-up for the 2017 of the Specialty would be:

- Friday: MCOA West Coast Regional Specialty (May 26, 2017)
- Saturday-Sunday: Sponsored entry with Hangtown Kennel Club (May 27-28)
- Monday: REMC Specialty (May 29)
- Tuesday-Sunday: (May 30-June 4)

MOTION #1: Motion to approve minutes of Board meeting, as amended, made by Toni Hyland, seconded by Nancy Harvey. Motion carried.

Membership:

There was discussion about who acts as the Membership Chair; the Corresponding Secretary is the Membership Chair.

New Member Application, Second Reading: Don and Kathy Lindfors.

Election of New Member: Barbara House. Vote to approve application for membership carried.

President's Report:

Diane Collings reported the ballots for the Specialty Judge are not here. It is her decision that ballots will be accepted until the day ballots are to be counted. Anyone who has not submitted their ballot is encouraged to submit their vote. Going forward we will need to strictly adhere to the published dates. Ballots will be counted during the Turkey Circuit, on Saturday in Turlock. Any individual who is voted in as a member before this date may vote for the Specialty Judge.

Our bid to sponsor the MCOA Specialty has been submitted. There will be more information as to where we stand on this proposal later in the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Patti Wilkinson reported the balance in the Small Business checking account is \$1,871.22; the balance in the Business Market Rate Savings account is \$7,873.49; for a total of \$9,745.21.

MOTION #2: Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by Trinetta Pierce, seconded by Nancy Harvey. Motion carried.

Report of Committees

Karin Weseloh reported there were concerns about the REMC Specialty in Vallejo. They have agreed to have the Mastiff's show at 8:00 am, so the REMC Specialty can then begin at 9:30 or 10:00. We will offer a 4-6 month puppy class and a BOB Owner Handler; we will use the same judge. Per MCOA rules, if a club offers a 4-6 month puppy class, they must also offer the BOB Owner Handler class. The Specialty judge will be John Wade.

She is working on a judge for the Sweepstakes.

Specialty assignments/volunteers: Margo Lauritsen – Trophies; Karin Weseloh - Specialty Committee; Bob Weseloh – Grounds; Trinetta Pierce – Raffle.

Rescue

Toni Hyland reported she just pulled in an 8 year old male. He needs to be neutered.

MOTION #3: Motion to approve up to \$500 for neutering and necessary laboratory tests made by Trinetta Pierce, seconded by Patti Wilkinson. Motion carried.

Toni reported that she has a person willing to adopt the dog, if it gets along with her beagle, she will take it.

Trinette and Toni reported they have had a number of people contact them to adopt a rescued mastiff. However they want a 2-3 year old mastiff, rather than the older dogs.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is comprised of 3 members, only 1 of whom is a Board member. Dianne has appointed Jann Lanz and Toni Hyland to the Committee. Trinette Pierce volunteered to be the member from the Board. Their job is to put together the slate of candidates for the ballot, by February 1. Additional candidates can be nominated from the floor during the February membership meeting. Individuals nominated from the floor must be present at the February meeting, or submit a letter accepting the nomination.

Unfinished Business

Dianne reported the Board has agreed to continue Supported Entries for: Richmond Kennel Club (Saturday), Mensona Kennel Club (Saturday) and Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club (Sunday).

Toni Hyland reported if we want to suggest judges for the 2016 Mensona Kennel Club, she can suggest them to the Club.

Patti Wilkinson reported that if REMC members volunteer with the Working Dog Club to do Temperament Testing, the REMC can get MCOA credit for the activity.

New Business

MCOA 2017: REMC submitted a bid from the Hotel which was due 10/30/14; we requested an extension to 11/15/14. Mr. Cuthbert requested a budget for the 2017 specialty, though it is too early to have a firm budget; past years' proposals did not have a budget attached. The hotel has offered 10 upgraded rooms at \$109/night. Mr. Cuthbert wants 10 rooms at half off. We can propose to the hotel for 5 rooms at \$109 and 5 at half off. The Hotel is already comping 5 executive suites, which consist of 2 bedrooms and a board room. The Board Rooms will be used for Hospitality, Storage and Meetings.

We are still waiting to hear back from the MCOA Board. REMC seems to be held to a higher standard than other Clubs. We need to be treated the same as other clubs (e.g. the budget). The 2017 MCOA specialty is scheduled to have Bill Hempill as the judge.

Nancy Harvey prepared draft Logo's for the 2017 MCOA and REMC Specialties.

Nancy Harvey will coordinate the REMC and National Specialties

Margo Lauritsen will coordinate the West Coast Regional Specialty and Supported Entry

Karin Weseloh will coordinate the Banquet

Dick Greaver and Bob Weseloh will coordinate the Grounds and RV parking.

Eric Lauritsen will coordinate ring set-up.

We will need a judge and hospitality room. Hospitality for the Regional Specialty will be just morning set-up.

MOTION #4: Motion to approve modification of REMC Logo for the 2017 Specialty, to add California Poppies, made by Nancy Harvey, seconded by Karin Weseloh. Motion carried.

There is a new Kennel Club of Sierra show, which will hold a show on Monday. There are no mastiffs entered. Thursday through Sunday is the Shasta and Butte County Kennel Club show. We will need their written permission to hold the Specialties. Since in general they do not have mastiffs in their shows, we don't anticipate problems in obtaining that approval.

Nancy Harvey asked the group to think about art and center pieces/table decorations we can use for the 2017 shows. We want to incorporate California Poppies in all such art and decorations.

In order to off-set expenses we will try to get non-member sponsors. We are estimating a cost of \$30,000 to co-host a dinner for the MCOA Specialty. A letter will be developed, which includes REMC non-profit status and solicits donations.

MOTION #5: Motion to adjourn made by Nancy Harvey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dahl,
Recording Secretary