

MINUTES

REMC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 7, 2015, Napa, CA

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

Present

Karin Weseloh
Bob Weseloh
Alan Dahl
Barbara House
Patti Wilkinson
Jann Lanz
Margo Lauretson
Susan Dahl

Patti Wilkinson called the meeting to order.

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes from the September meeting were distributed to members via email. Printed copies were available if the members wished to review them.

MOTION #1: Motion to approve minutes of the September meeting was made by Karin Weseloh, seconded by Alan Dahl. Motion carried.

President's Report:

There was no report of the President.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Karin Weseloh reported she had been approached by the Harvest Moon Classic asking whether REMC would consider doing a Supported Entry on Thursday; it could be either designated or concurrent specialty. Given that REMC will be sponsoring the MCOA National Mastiff Specialty in 2017, the group decided not to add another specialty or supported entry at this time.

Karin reported REMC had received a request from the California Federation of Dog Clubs requesting funds from REMC to support CFDC's legislative efforts.

MOTION #2: Motion to not join the CFDC made by Bob Weseloh, seconded by Alan Dahl. Motion carried.

Karin reported REMC received a Thank You card from the woman who judged the REMC sweeps.

MOTION #3: Motion to approve the Corresponding Secretary's report made by Patti Wilkinson, seconded by Jann Lanz. Motion carried.

(NOTE: Margo Lauritsen arrived and assumed the role of Chair of the meeting.)

Treasurer's Report

Patti Wilkinson reported REMC received a check of approximately \$6,000 from Maddie's Fund for rescue. The balance in the Market Rate Savings Account is \$13, 416.80. The balance in the Small Business checking account is \$569.33. Most of the bills from the Specialty have been paid.

The membership discussed the cost of offering the Specialty. The first year in Vallejo we lost money; it was not well advertised. It is more expensive to hold the Specialty in Vallejo. They charge for the use of the patio and table and chairs. In addition the show secretary we used this year is more expensive, but also provided better services.

The membership asked for an accounting of costs and income from this year's specialty. They discussed ways to reduce costs for the regional specialty. We need to find ways to raise money for the National Specialty. Ideas included a chili cook-off, establishing a Friends of REMC classification. The club will need to find ways of fund raising as we get closer to 2017.

Patti Wilkinson asked that the club identify someone to perform an independent audit or review of the club finances. There has been no audit/review for a number of years. She would like to have it done in 2016.

MOTION #4: Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by Karin Weseloh, seconded by Nancy. Motion Harvey. Motion carried.

Report of Committees

2016 REMC Specialty: Karin Weseloh reported that she had asked a couple who do not show mastiffs to count the ballots she had received. Karin and Susan Dahl supervised the count and assured the count equaled the number of ballots received. Sylvia Hammarstrom was the judge with the highest number of votes. Karin will contact Ms. Hammarstrom to ask her to judge the Specialty.

Karin reported the ballot is ready to go for 2016. She will send it out the ballot as soon as the judge for the 2016 Specialty is finalized.

Karin asked for suggestions for the Sweeps judges. Margo suggested Travis Miller. Karin will collect all suggestions and present them to the Board for a vote.

Assignments for 2016 REMC Specialty:

- Trophies: need someone to coordinate, Margo has resigned from this volunteer position
- Grounds: Bob and Dick
- Hospitality: Karin will ask Toni
- Steward: Karin will ask Andi

- Raffle: Trinette
- Ribbons: Susan

Rescue

No Report. Patti said REMC has received lots of requests from people for help. Sampson who was being fostered by Barbara House has been placed in Grass Valley.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Committee consists of Toni Hyland, Jann Lanz, Karin Weseloh, and Patti Wilkinson.

New Business

Election of Officers

Jann Lanz and Karin Weseloh were appointed to the Nominating Committee. (NOTE: after the meeting Sandra Espig agreed to be the third member of the Committee.)

Practice Ring

The membership discussed that AKC now allows clubs to establish a Practice Ring. The club would need to have members staff the ring to give advice, as necessary, to individuals using the ring. There is no need to staff the ring full time; the club can ask for donations for use of the ring. This may be a fund-raising opportunity if we can find a club that will allow REMC to set up a ring.

New Members:

There were no new applications received.

Lifetime Membership

Margo asked whether Andi Williams had received the notification of her election to Lifetime Member status. Karin believes Trinette delivered the award.

Next Meeting: February.

MOTION #5: Motion to adjourn made by Patti Wilkinson

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dahl,
Recording Secretary