

Regional Meeting 2009-4-04
April 4, 2009
Mansfield, Ohio

The meeting was held during the lunch break at the Mid-Ohio Cat Fanciers show in Mansfield, Ohio.

Jerry Hamza provided a Treasurer's report. The Regions funds are divided between a money market account, earning 1.25 %, and a checking account for the operating funds. It is the Regions policy not to publish the balance in the accounts.

Jerry also provided a financial report on the 2008 Annual (Louisville, KY). Thanks to Jo Ann Cummings fund raising efforts, the Region came out of the annual in excellent financial condition.

2015 Annual. The Region will again host the CFA Annual in 2015. The Region will negotiate all contracts related to this annual. Loretta indicated that she would like to form a committee to solicit bids from different cities so that we can select the most economical site. Individuals interested in serving on the committee should contact Loretta.

Bonding of Treasurers. Loretta reported that effective July 1, 2008 all club treasurers are bonded under the CFA's policy.

Great Lakes Feline Foundation. The Foundation is being divorced from the Region as a result of concerns of the CFA board, The Regional Director will not serve on the Board of the Foundation. The Foundation will still be controlled by Region 4 Clubs and the purposes of the Foundation remain unchanged.

New York and International Shows. CFA will not host a Madison Square Garden show in 2009. The Garden is being renovated. CFA and AKC will combine to host a meet the breeds day in New York.

CFA will hold the International Show in Atlanta, Georgia. The show will be under new management. Hopefully, CFA can break even or make a profit. The show will be a 2 day, 750 limit show. CFA is exploring options for scoring the show.

Regional Award Show. The Award Show will be held in Canton, Ohio during the 2nd weekend of June.

Hope Gonano reported that sponsorships are progressing nicely. She will have a list of cats and sponsors at the show on Sunday. All of the Rings are sponsored. However, we still need sponsorship of decorations.

Jerry Kithcart reported that Breed Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Best of Breed in Championship, and the Best of Breed in Kittens and Premiership. If sponsorship comes in we will explore awarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all categories in the future.

The Top 25 trophies will include the image (photo) of the cat. You will need to get photos for the Trophy, Award Booklet and Slide Show to Bob Mathas by May 22th.
DON'T 'WAIT!!!!!!!!!!

Wilma Van Scoyk will be consolidating and ordering the trophies and rosettes. If you will need a duplicate trophy and rosette, you will need to order the duplicate by May 22th.

Address Correction. Loretta plans to send out the award notification letters by email if possible. If the email address and the mailing address in the CFA White Pages is incorrect or out of date, please send the correct address(s) to Joel Chaney at Dewisplear@MSN.com or 3593 Medina Road #181, Medina, Ohio 44256-8182.

Loretta reminded that passports will be needed to return to the US from Canada. The State Department (Post Office) is issuing a less expensive Passport Card for Canada and Mexico. Information on the Passport Card is posted on the Regional Web Site.

National Scheduling. Several clubs in the Region are proposing an amendment to eliminate the National Scheduling Committee. The committee has rejected Region 4 request to replace the Mid Michigan shows and to reschedule other shows. Jerry Hamza volunteered to draft a proposal and will forward to the Region 4 Clubs. We want all Region 4 Clubs to sponsor the proposal if possible.

Next Meeting. The next Regional Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Regional Award Show. Loretta requested that everyone consider fund raising activities that we can discuss at the meeting.