

Great Lakes Region Meeting
January 21, 2012
Parma, Ohio (in conjunction with Cleveland Persian Society)

Reminder: CFA Club dues must be in the Central Office by February 1st in order of the Clubs to vote in the CFA election for officers and regional directors.

2012 Regional Awards Show and Banquet

Rich Mastin prepared a financial report for the 2011 award show and banquet which were passed out during the meeting. (Contact Rick with questions at rmastin1@rochester.rr.com) We will be talking with the Canton Civic Center, caterer, decorator, audio visual, and florist to minimize expenses for 2012.

Joel Chaney indicated that we would cut back on the decorations to reduce cost. The Trolley Service (to and from the civic center) was discussed and individuals indicated that they would be agreeable to paying a small fee for the Trolley.

We may need to reduce advertising and increase the cost of the Banquet and Award Sponsorship to reduce the overall cost of the show and banquet. We plan to produce the Award Book in Black and White instead of Color.

Loretta has communicated with Pat Zollman to try to find alternative locations for the Regional. Pat should be getting the details back to us within a week or two. Loretta has also contacted Roemann asking about corporate sponsorship for the show and banquet.

Joel Chaney contacted the McKinley Grand Hotel about holding the banquet in their Ballroom in 2013. They have provided some preliminary estimates on cost. It looks like we could significantly reduce the cost of the Banquet. We would eliminate the civic center rental of the banquet room, and reduce or eliminate the cost of the trolley, the caterer, and the audio visual (the banquet room has a 20x20 screen and equipment).

Award Show Flyer and Judges

Nancy Mikita reported that the award show flyer is in draft form and awaiting revisions and approvals, the show is scheduled with regional scheduler, and a request has been made to list it on the GLR web site. The judges for the award show are under contract. The judges are Loretta Baugh, Gene Darrah, Diana Doernberg, Chuck Gradowski, Rick Hoskinson, Anette Wilson All Breed - Sharon Powell and Anne Mathis are double specialty.

Show Secretary is Nancy Mikita.

Show Managers are Rich Mastin and Seth Baugh.

Entry Clerk is Nancy Grandison.

On the Road Again. Ron Dylewski and Bob Mathas

GLR Website and Awards show booklet – Bob Mathas

Ron and Bob need your candid photos. Ron (dylewski@gmail.com) wants to share some files with you using Dropbox. Message from Ron:

Respond to this message and do whatever it tells you to do. After that, you'll be able to drop photos into the Region 4 folder. If you run into any problems, let me know, but it has been working for Bob Mathas..."

View "REGION 4 2011 PHOTOS"

2015 CFA Annual

Loretta, Jerry, & Rich made a site visit to the Hotel for the 2015 Annual. As a result there were major changes negotiated. The original banquet hall was not adequate and the hotel is switching us to the prime banquet hall. The final contract was signed this past week.

Rosina McGlynn is the Chairperson for the annual. The Annual will be held the 1st weekend in July. It falls on the 4th of July which is just after the PanAm Games. Hotel rates will be in effect from the Monday before till the Monday after the Annual. Passports/pass port cards will be needed.

We need to start planning for fundraising events to cover the cost of the annual. So far this year, only one club (Hallmark) has donated funds from a 50-50 raffle back to the Region. Jim and Rosina will be contacting a group of people to work on fundraising.

There may have been more information but some was lost in translation.

2011/2012 National Cat Show

Jerry Hamza was present and reported that the show was a success. It demonstrated to potential Corporate Sponsors that CFA can put on this type of event. Profits will be returned to the Regions in the near future.

The 2012 National Show will be held in Columbus Convention Center on the 3rd weekend of November. The Show Manager is Tom Baugh. Tom, Jerry Hamza, and Rick Mastin made a visit to the site this past week. The format, dates/times for accepting entries, judges selection are to be determined and reported at the February Board Meeting. Jerry plans to have a Count-down clock for show entries on the CFA Web site.

Sandy Douglass indicated that the Clubs in the Columbus area have met and request that the National show use their local groups to organize the manpower needed to put on the show.

Show Scheduling

A reminder that Clubs should contact Sandy Douglass as soon as CFA approves their show applications. The show information needs to go to Sandy before Bob Mathas will post the information on the Region 4 website.

Spirit Awards

It is time to nominate individuals for the Spirit of the Great Lakes award. Megan Hiemstra is the chair for the Spirit Award. Clubs should send a short write up for their nomination.

Future meetings. Loretta plans to hold more Regional Meetings in the coming months.

Respectively submitted,
Joel Chaney