

NEBCA Membership Meeting
Cummington, MA
May 26, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:10PM.
33 members present

I. Minutes from the Annual Meeting were approved.

II. Executive Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's Report (Martha Walke) There are currently 214 members, down from 239 at this time last year. Since the Annual Meeting, there have been 19 renewals and 6 new members.
- B. Treasurer's Report (Denise Leonard) - See attachment

III. Board of Directors Report (Barbara Leverett)

- A. The BOD are working on an informational policy and using a 2006 document (developed by Warren and Maria Mick) as a matrix for discussion. The report will be distributed at the Leatherstocking membership meeting.
- B. The issue of advertising was discussed along the lines of who decides and how.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Open Trials Committee (Sallie Butler) The Fall Foliage will take place at Caora Farm in Millerton, NY, over Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 5-8). Depending on the number of entries, the trial will begin on Friday, Oct. 5, with two open trials finishing on Sunday, Oct. 7. The top 15 NEBCA scoring dogs will compete in the Double Lift on Monday, Oct. 8.
- B. Novice Trials Committee (Barbara Eriksson) So far this year the committee has received notification of three new trial dogs. The committee would like to remind everyone that if they acquire a new dog they need to submit this form before they can run the dog in a trial.
The Novice Finals will take place Sept. 15-16 at Bud and Mary Ames' beautiful Cascade Farm in Bath, NH.
- C. Learning Trials Committee (Rose Redick) There was a whistle challenge at the Cummington trial ably judged by Jim Murphy. They have received only one request, from Ginny Prince, for funds to help with prizes at a learning trial.

V. Select Committee Reports

- A. Merchandise Committee (Joanne Krause) The committee would like input from the handlers as to what items they would like to see next year. If you are able to take merchandise to trials, please contact Joanne Krause or Kim Lippolis.
Please be aware of your dogs when near the merchandise tables. We cannot have all the merchandise on the tables and if a garment gets soiled you will have just bought it. There will be a sign to remind folk of this.
The committee thanks everyone for their support.
- B. Calendar Committee (Kate Collins & George Northrop) They have printed 300 of the 2019 calendars. The 2018 calendars are now \$5.00.
- C. Library (Martha Walke) All items donated to the library and all new items have

been added to the library's listing on the website. They are noted with an asterisk. The complete list of the library's holdings will be in the Summer Newsletter.

- D. Newsletter Report (Sallie Butler) The Spring 2018 issue was printed on an alternative stock in order to minimize the wrinkling of the cover page when folded for mailing. The stock is thinner but maintains enough opacity to prevent any bleed through of photos printed on the reverse. The wrinkling seems diminished. One consequence is lower postage costs. The Newsletter remains 20 pages in length. The Summer issue will include a simple listing of upcoming trials. Molly King has retired as copy editor. We thank her for her contributions. We greatly appreciate suggestions, articles, poems, photos and drawings. Please keep sending your ideas and materials!

VI. Unfinished Business

- A. Data Base Update (Maria Amodei) Not able to input scores yet but the old data has been inputted and the new data has been reconfigured. Work continues!

VII. New Business

- A. Joanne Krause reported that Sallie Butler has contributed leashes made by her father and Joanne has been passing them out at trials, mostly to children. Sallie also has donated some jewelry and it was suggested that if you would like a piece you should donate an amount for one. Putting on a silent auction was also discussed.
- B. Mary Ann Duffy suggested that NEBCA purchase a first aid kit with a defibrillator to be available at trials. The cost for one of these kits is around \$2000.00. The BOD will take this under consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, NEBCA Sec't.