

**NEBCA Meeting – Cooperstown, NY
August 18, 2012**

Call to Order at 7:45pm by Carol Campion. There were 29 members in attendance.

The minutes from the last meeting as published on the website were approved.

Committee Reports:

Secretary's Report – given by Maria Mick

The current membership consists of 292 members and includes 62 Family memberships, 5 Life memberships, and 1 honorary membership. About 32% of the members opt to view the club newsletter electronically on the website.

Treasurer's Report – hand-outs provided by Ellen Black

The current balance in the treasury as of 8/11/12 is \$25,078.74. Thus far there has been \$1,490.00 donated through fund-raising efforts for the Fall Foliage Premiums.

Board of Directors Report – nothing new to report

Open Trial Committee Report – given by Barbara Leverett

The Fall Foliage (FF) Trial is set to take place at the Mount Saviour Monastery, Pine City, NY, between Corning and Elmira on a 100 acre field. There are already 83 entries to date. The two preliminary runs will be considered separate trials for USBCHA sanctioning. Only the top 15 scores held by NEBCA –qualified dogs will progress to the final double lift round. Due to the number of anticipated entries, it is probable that running will be held to a standard and running could potentially begin on the Friday of Columbus Day weekend.

Novice Trial Committee Report – given by Annie Palmer

The Novice Finals will take place at Sheepy Hollow Farm in Hop Bottom, PA. There are 44 entries to date.

Newsletter Editor's Report – given by Maria Mick for Jim Allen

Due to travel plans, the fall issue will be published in late August rather than early September and will have more of a magazine look with 20-24 pages on folded 11x17 paper. Jim reminds trial managers to promptly send trial results to him for publication. Also, any photographs submitted should be greater than 72 dots per inch resolution. Any articles should be submitted to Molly King who is assisting Jim with the newsletter.

Fund Raising Report – no report

Calendar Report – given by George Northrop

There are plenty of 2013 calendars for sale. Contact George if you're having an event you can sell some at.

Library Report – no report at this time.

Old Business - none

New Business

Cheryl Williams motioned that NEBCA make a donation of \$5000 to the 2013 USBCHA National Finals to be held in Virginia. Carol noted that such large funding requests must go through the Board of Directors. Dave Sharp, who is acting as treasurer for the 2013 finals said fundraising for the finals is currently on track and NEBCA money may not be needed. A straw poll was taken to assess club support for contributing to the USBCHA finals. There were 22 straw votes for and 1 opposed.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Minutes submitted by Maria Mick.