

Region IV Information Meeting  
Medina, Ohio  
August 24, 2008

Loretta opened the meeting by thanking everyone for supporting the 2 shows that were held in Allen Park and Brockport last weekend. Both shows were successful.

The Buffalo Cat Fanciers show on November 29 and 30 will move from Hamburg, NY to Depew, NY. The Depew show hall will cost about 25% of the Hamburg site. If your club is looking for an alternative show site, you may want to contact Jerry Hamza. Jerry has a book of venues with pricing information. Also, the Dimes and Dollars show is being moved to the Maumee, OH show site and will be held on the traditional Maumee weekend. in January 2009. Moving the Dimes and Dollars show will help support our interest in Northern Ohio and Southern Michigan.

The Great Lakes Region is in a very sound financial condition. While, we haven't received the official accounting from the CFA Central Office, the Annual was extremely successful. The region will hold off additional fund raising, such as the 50/50 raffle, for a few years.

Loretta suggested that the Region present breed awards to the best, second, and third best of breed. She presented a lovely medallion that could be used for the award. There was consensus of those present that the region present the medallion as breed awards. We will develop a sponsorship program for the awards.

Loretta requested input from Regional Exhibitors on the direction that CFA should take. What mix of shows (big, small, back to back, etc), frequency of show, all breed versus specialty that exhibitors are most interested in. The National Scheduling Committee is impacting the Regions ability to schedule shows. The CFA does not have a 500 mile limit for competing shows. However, the committee is enforcing even stricter rules that impact us. For example, the committee reject Sternwheel Cat Fanciers request to move their show date from July 4, 2009 until July 11<sup>th</sup>. Sternwheel can not compete for spectators with Red, White, and Boom in downtown Columbus. Also, for it will be difficult to receive approval to move the Mid Michigan Show out of Michigan. Until new clubs are formed and able to hold shows, the Region will have fewer shows. Finally, the North Coast Cat Fanciers request to reschedule the Loraine show was turned down and the club decided to cancel their show. The Membership present requested that Loretta appeal the decisions to the CFA Board.

Regional Award Show: Ron Pastor is the Show Manager. The show will be held in Canton, Ohio. We are reassessing airline costs for out-of-region judges and may need to limit eligible judges based on airfare costs. A Ballot for award show judges will be mailed to Club Secretaries and posted on the web site this week.

On the Road: Jerry Kithcart requested everyone to send in your candid photos for the on-the-road show. He hasn't receive photos asks that you not wait until March to start sending the photos. That great photo in your camera needs to get to Jerry in order to get in the show.