

Great Lakes Region
Information Meeting
Cleveland Ohio - October 12, 2008

Loretta Baugh held an information meeting during the lunch break at the Cleveland Persian Society show.

Updates on CFA approval of Show Applications.

Our region and Region 6 are being impacted by the CFA Scheduling Committee and by the veto of applications by Board Members.

- CFA rejected the Sternwheel Club's request for a change in show dates. John Colilla reported that the Sternwheel Club will hold a show in downtown Columbus on July 4th. Loretta requested exhibitors to support the show.
- The CFA board is developing guidelines for the 6x6 shows. In the meantime CFA approved a 6x6 show in Allen Park, Michigan on the 2nd weekend of April.
- The Buffalo/Dimes and Dollars show will be held the 2nd weekend of January in Toledo, Ohio. The Clubs should be commended for protecting this weekend from other associations

Regional exhibitors suggested writing letters to protest decisions of the National Scheduling Committee to the President and Secretary, and having club's propose resolutions to eliminate the veto power of the Board.

Financial Report

Loretta reported that the Region is in very sound financial position. The final results for the Annual are not available. Loretta wants to limit fund raising by the Region for at least the next year.

Loretta appointed Jerry Hamza as the Treasurer for the Region. Chris Simpson asked to be replaced for personal reasons. The Region's funds will be transferred to new bank accounts in New York State.

Region 4 Awards

The Region will be offering a new "Breed" award to the Top 3 in Championship for each breed. Sponsorship of the awards will be \$10 for one award or \$25 for all three. Jerry Hamza/Kithcart will be the coordinator.

The coordinator for the Kitten, Championship, Premiership, and Distinguished Merit Awards will be Hope Gonnano.

National Awards

CFA has established a committee to develop options for National/Regional Awards. One option being explored is to establish a point threshold (that would be adjusted annually) above which cats would qualify for the award. CFA would also recognize Best Kitten, Cat, Premier, Breed Winners.

Sponsorship

Royal Canin is limiting it's corporate sponsorship. Loretta suggested contacting State or Regional Royal Canin distributor's about sponsorship.

Advertising

Lori McLain recommended advertising shows in CATS US and using Banner ads in the CFA show schedule.

Local TV stations often have web sites advertising upcoming entertainment, and radio call in shows can also provide free advertising.

On-The-Road

Jerry Kithcart requested everyone to submit photos for the Road Show.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Educated Guess show in Lockport, NY on January 3rd.