

### **2014 show committee meeting Monday night (Feb 3).**

Attending: Carol Armbrust, Joe Attaway, Jim Deppen, Rachel Hosking, Lena Moles, Carlo Pietroniro, Peggy Wolfe; absent Aaron Lozano

A brief update on where we're at in our current plans.

### **NATIONAL SPECIALTY WEEKEND**

Time / Date of our National Specialty events:

Friday - Sunday Sept 19-21 with the Gateway Cluster in Grey Summit, MO

Friday, September 19 - Regional Specialty with Sweepstakes (Designated Specialty with Rolla KC

Saturday, September 20, National Specialty with Sweepstakes (Designated Specialty with Spirit of the Heartland KC

Sunday, Sept 21, Supported Entry with Jefferson County KC

Carlo (our club President) summarized to the committee that the board had already decided to keep the National Specialty as a Designated Specialty at the Saturday show, and declined to change its mind to move it to Thursday as a stand-alone show despite recommendations.

### **JUDGES SELECTION FOR THE WEEKEND**

In terms of naming a National Specialty Judge, the board has assembled a "short list" of names (submitted by Board Members, by the Judges Ed committee and some other club members) and will be voting to prioritize that list starting today (Monday, Feb 3) with the goal to be able to contact and contract with a judge for the National so we can get a specific name for the National Specialty by or before Friday of this week (Feb 7).

*(note: it appears that given the lateness of this selection process, the board will be choosing an American judge for 2014 but that since 2015 will have a longer lead-time for selection, the board will be selecting a foreign judge for 2015.)*

The board will also be working through the list of AKC judges already engaged by the Cluster shows, to report any clear preferences for a Friday Specialty judge or the Sunday Supported Entry Judge.

They will also provide the selected names for the Sweepstakes judges for both Friday and Saturday at that time.

### **TROPHIES FOR THE WEEKEND**

Rachel reported for Aaron who was unavoidably absent tonight.

Aaron will be in charge of trophies this year under the guidance of Rachel who will act as his back-up.

Classes will remain the same although we will not have a 2nd Regional on Friday nor will we have the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy event (since we are doing all shows as part

of the all-breed clubs it would have to be up to the all-breed club to have a 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy event for all breeds. We can't have one just for the mastino.) Prices for trophies will remain the same.

Solicitation for trophy donations will start immediately. Rachel will give Aaron the letter that was used last year to send to the previous donors to give them "first dibs" on the same trophies. She anticipated that Aaron would be able to send that out right away.

Once all previous donors have been given the chance to re-up their first choices, an email will go to the entire club membership. And after that, to the breed community in general.

### **ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS**

We need more people to work with the club and the committee? Anyone know any names of anyone who might like to start getting involved by working with the committee? Some names were mentioned of people who helped in the past. Several of them have said they will help again this year, but they're not especially interested in coming to committee planning meetings....but they'll still be there to be active helpers over the actual weekend.

Committee members asked to be on the lookout for more likely people!

### **2015 -- SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS**

The club sent out a request to all club members asking for Proposals to host the 2015 to be submitted. The request was sent out January 26 with the Jan / Feb Mastino Monitor. A form was included for filling out along with an explanation and outline of what a proposal should consist of.

Members were asked to have all proposals returned to the board by February 26 (approx 30 days).

Note that a proposal was submitted by Troy Stroud in Michigan earlier (for Michigan in late Nov) and that Bill Goetz in NC says he is researching doing a proposal too (for NC in mid-Fall.) but this has not yet been received.

No other proposals have yet been received. Carlo asked committee members to start thinking of ideas in case no suitable proposals are received. It is important for the club to begin planning out further, especially so that judges selection can be a process with wider input from more members and so that prestigious judges, who are often engaged more than 18 months out, can be contracted with.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, February 13 8pm EST (7pm CST)

### **TOPICS:**

**The Dinner** (schedule, menu, plans) -- Lena in charge

**The Auction and other Fundraisers** - Carol Armbrust in charge

Others?