

## TICA Northwest Region Meeting

Location: Ferndale Events Center, Ferndale, WA

Date: February 9, 2020

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 8:20am by Regional Director (RD), Elaine Hawksworth-Weitz.
- 2) The RD asked if there were any items to add to the open discussion period. There were no items to add to open discussion.
- 3) The RD thanked:
  - a. Ellen Crockett for her 15 years of service to the region as RD.
  - b. Laura Holland for her 5 years as Regional Treasurer.
  - c. Lucy Robinson for her many years as Webmaster.
  - d. Cornelia Schofield for her many years as Master of Ceremonies at the Regional Award banquets.
- 4) The RD requested that everyone read the minutes of the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting held in Portland, Oregon. The regional goals, committees and appointments were recapped in the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as follows:
  - a. Better communication. The formal communication channel will be through [ticanorthwest@groups.io](mailto:ticanorthwest@groups.io), coupled with the regional website (thanks to Lucy's help), with a secondary mode via the TicaNorthWest FaceBook group. Other means of communication will be through regular scheduled meetings and the quarterly newsletter.
  - b. Involvement. TICA members who reside in the NW region are encouraged to participate as actively as they can.
  - c. Membership retention and growth. As of 12/31/19 we have 620 NW members, but only 176 are on the [ticanorthwest@groups.io](mailto:ticanorthwest@groups.io) .
  - d. Support the JE program and JE's.
  - e. Provide continuing education for breeders, exhibitors, and judges.
  - f. Committees & Regional Appointments.
    - i. The Advisory Board has been activated which is comprised of the 14 club presidents.
    - ii. Karen Fletcher has been appointed Regional Treasurer. As an experienced accountant, we are lucky to have her volunteer for this position.
    - iii. Jan Dell will continue compiling our show reports.
    - iv. Sauncha Romey is the Junior Exhibitor Liaison. She will be helped by Kay Hanvey.
    - v. Awards Review Committee – Shelly Mitchell, Jan Horlick, and Tracy Hisel will review our regional awards and make suggestions for changes.
    - vi. Awards Banquet – Jim Thompson will once again handle the powerpoint presentation. Send candid photos and cat pictures to him.
    - vii. Education – Alex Marinets and Kay Hanvey have volunteered to work on continuing education.
    - viii. Marketing – Elizabeth Thompson has volunteered for the marketing committee. She could sure use some more help.
- 5) The 2020 Regional Awards Show and Banquet will be hosted by Cat Fanciers of BC on August 15-16, 2020. The show will be at the George Preston Arena with the banquet at Newlands Golf Course.

- 6) The RD asked if there were any questions regarding the TICA winter board meeting. No questions were raised.
- 7) Open Discussion:
- A) The issue of the regional awards was reviewed. The RD reviewed the costs versus income/donations that were received for the 2019 Regional awards.

	Income	Expenses
TICA contribution	1,718.00	
Regional awards sponsorships	2,709.00	
Awards – Fat Pets		4,368.70
Reg'l Rosettes – Hubers		1,367.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$4,427.00</b>	<b>\$5,735.70</b>
Paid from Regional Funds		\$1,308.70

The RD asked for input as to how we could keep the cost down and still provide nice awards for our regional awards. Many suggested that we do away with the plaques. An option would be for people being able to 'opt out' of plaques and/or rosettes. The RD called a meeting at 1:00pm today in the lunchroom to continue this discussion. Anyone is welcome to attend.

B) Upcoming shows:

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| a. March 7-8   | Hillbilly Cat Club            | Edmonton, AB   |
| b. April 18-19 | Calgary Cat Association       | Calgary, AB  |
| c. April 24-26 | SeaCats                       | Issaquah, WA   |
| d. Jun 13-14   | Commencement Cat Club         | Chehalis, WA   |
| e. Jun 27-28   | Garden City Cat Club          | Sidney, BC – Book your hotel rooms now!  |
| f. Aug 1-2     | The Maine Event               | Olympia, WA  |
| g. Aug 15-16   | Cat Fanciers of BC (REGIONAL) | Langley, BC – Get your cats' photos done now! Send them to Jim Thompson (he needs horizontal shots; Website needs vertical one). |
| h. Aug 22-23   | Edmonton Cat Fanciers         | Edmonton, AB   |
| i. Sep 26-27   | Heartland Cat Fanciers        | Edmonton, AB   |

C) Annual 2023 – The RD announced that SeaCats has announced their intent to host the 2023 TICA Annual. The question was raised whether it was appropriate to have another club (or group of clubs) submit a proposal. The RD stated that it was always advisable for the TICA Board to have multiple hosting bids, which was supported by Past TICA President, Fate Mays, who was auditing the meeting.

- 8) Next regional meeting will be Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at lunchtime at the Hillbilly Cat Club Show Hall, Edmonton, AB

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50am.

Prepared by:  
 Elaine Hawksworth-Weitz  
 TICA Northwest Regional Director