

## TICA Northwest Region Meeting

Location: Hotel Blackfoot, Calgary, AB, Canada

Date: April 10, 2022

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 12:45pm by Regional Director (RD), Elaine Hawksworth-Weitz.
- 2) The RD will take minutes.
- 3) There were no items to add to open discussion.
- 4) Update on TFMS implementation – The RD updated the membership on the new TFMS operating system at the Executive Office.
  - a. It's time to renew TICA (and club) memberships. Deadline is May 1, 2022. Log on to your TFMS account. At the top of the page is a link button "Renew My Membership". For club dues, please contact the club's President or Treasurer.
  - b. Standing & Titles. We are waiting for the IT team to debug the new scoring system. It is now planned that titles and standings will be updated through October by next week, with the rest of the year's scoring soon to follow. People that have new titles will be notified via email of titles earned in order to pay for the new titles. People that have shown cats with a "pending" registration number should be proactive and send a letter to the TICA EO with the name of the cat, sire/dam, date when registration was submitted, and list the shows the cat was shown in. This is important to make sure all points are correctly counted.
  - c. Registrations. Litter and individual registrations with TICA registered sire/dam is now totally self-automated. There is still a large backlog of registrations where the sire and/or dam are not registered in TICA. Several staff at the office are working on this. At this point, the backlog is being 'whittled' down.
- 5) There are several regional activities and committees that need to be filled. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Regional Director or go to the regional website and fill out the volunteer form. Areas that need your help:
  - a. Deputy Directors
  - b. Regional Awards Committee
  - c. Education Committee
  - d. Breeders' Assistance
  - e. Marketing Committee
  - f. Membership Committee (Welcome and mentors)
  - g. Rescue Committee
- 6) Isolated Status -- The Board will be having a special meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday) to decide whether isolated status will remain in effect for the 2022-2023 show season or whether TICA will return to pre-pandemic status. It was suggested that since Alaska is an isolated area within the NW Region, it is possible to ask the Board to approve other areas in the NW Region as isolated. If anyone has any opinions, please send your comments to the RD.

- 7) The 2022 Regional awards show and banquet will be held July 30-31 in Olympia, WA at the Olympia Hotel at Capitol Lake. The RD hopes that one of the Canadian clubs will come forward and be willing to host the 2023 Regional awards show and banquet.
- 8) The RD announced that there is a vacancy in “webmaster” for the region’s website. For the time being, Betsy Tinney will be the webmaster. Anyone who would be willing to volunteer for the position should contact the RD.
- 9) Regional Award Sponsorships – Due to the lateness of official standings, and the short time frame in which to sponsor regional awards, we need to come up with an expedited process to make that happen. Betsy Tinney has done some research and tested a process. She has found a ‘free’ e-commerce plug-in that manages inventory for Word Press, It sets up a shopping cart that removes the item(s) paid for once the order has been paid. Ginger Stackpole moved to authorize \$300 from the unrestricted regional funds to pay for this program development. Karen Fletcher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10) Open Discussion:
  - A) Reviewed upcoming shows.
- 11) The next regional meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 29, 2022 at the SeaCats Issaquah, WA show.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

Prepared by:  
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