

NORTH CENTRAL REGION NEWS

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The members of Minn-kota Feline Club wish to thank the following donors and sponsors from the North Central Region:

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Thanks also to photographer Dave Hull, and Glen & Jo Newton for doing the PowerPoint presentation.

And a very special thank you to all who entered cats, attended the meetings and programs, brought a cat for the seminar, bought raffle tickets, or otherwise support the 2006 Annual.

A Note From Your Regional Director

By Jim Nelson, Regional Director

Members,

All went well at the Annual. Carol Barbee's on-line report on what was presented to the Board is printed below.

Again I want to congratulate all the InterAmerican winners. North Central Region is one of the strongest regions. We are the largest in membership and one of the smallest in area. Members of North Central received more than half of the InterAmerican awards. Great Cats and Great Exhibitors!

Congratulations to Revival Animal Health! They were honored with ACFA's Humanitarian Award for their assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters. While \$2,000 was received in donations from ACFA members and others, Revival supplied over \$6,000 in products to Katrina victims.

Our clubs are working together to keep having shows. Helpers are always needed. Join a club, and keep the Team ACFA going strong. We look forward to a great Show Season. Keep up with your support!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL

Carol Barbee, ACFA President

The Annual Board meeting was another success. A lot of work was done and a lot of fun was had. There will be a full report later. To let you know a few things briefly...

Pixiebobs were advanced to Probationary status. This means they can now be shown in the NBC class, effective immediately.

We have approved a Judge Reciprocity Agreement with the Canadian Cat Association. CCA approved the agreement at their Board meeting last week. There will need to be a Show Rule change to allow ACFA clubs to use Reciprocity Judges. If that is ratified by the membership on the fall ballot, clubs will be able to use CCA judges beginning with the 2007 show season. ACFA AB judges will be able to judge for CCA as soon as CCA is ready. There will be no applications needed. All judges who have been AB for at least one year are eligible to accept assignments in the other association.

There are a few Show Rule, Bylaw and Registration Rule changes which the Board felt were an emergency and will therefore be on the fall ballot for membership ratification.

The following proposed Breed Standard changes were approved to be sent to the Breed Sections for ratification as they were submitted:

- American Bobtail
- ASH
- Bengal
- ESH
- Maine Coon
- Persian
- Ragamuffin
- Ragdoll
- Russian Blue
- Selkirk Rex
- Siberian
- Singapura
- Tonkinese

Highlights from the Annual, continued

The following breed standard changes were approved *in part* to send to the Breed Sections for ratification:

- Birman
- Longhair Exotic
- Snowshoe

The Board has proposed a revision in the Registration Rules which will allow established breeds which have been showing with Championship status in at least two other major associations to move to ACFA Championship status in a somewhat faster way. This will be on the fall ballot.

The Board has proposed a solution to the age old problem of cats which look like red tabbies but can't be registered in ACFA as red tabbies because they have two solid parents. This solution, which will be explained in detail later, will allow you to register a genetic solid red as such but show it as a red tabby.

We also accepted the resignation of the current Jurisprudence Committee Chair and appointed JoAnn Genovese as the new Chair and accepted the resignation of the current Bulletin Editor and appointed Carine Risberg as the new Editor.

The entire Board joins me in thanking Minn-kota Feline Club for the hard work they did to put on this Annual. It couldn't have been more perfect.

ACFA's Travel Club

The ACFA Travel Club is for anyone else who wants to Cruise or travel anywhere in the world at different times of the year. A portion of the proceeds of the trip, when booked through the club, goes to ACFA. There were two bookings this past year from one family. This raise commissions of \$358.51 for ACFA. He encouraged other ACFA membership to use the club to have fun and have the proceeds go to ACFA.

A total donation of \$1003.72 came from the Cruise, the donation and the Travel Club. Future plans for the Travel Club include the supreme cat show in England and the show in Australia. They also want to do a big cat safari.

If you've ever thought about cruising, join ACFA's 12th ANNUAL CRUISE to the Eastern Caribbean's most Popular Islands on June 3-10 for 8 moonlit nights & 7 golden days. Prices start at \$749. There's limited availability.

Reserve your tropical vacation today! Contact Steve or Carol Lawson ~ Starmands Travel; 415 St Armands Circle, Sarasota FL 34236 Email: info@starmandstravel.com Ph: 941-388-4421 Fax: 941-388-1011

If you're interested in participating in the travel club, contact Steve or Carol Lawson for details.

The 2007 Annual will be hosted by the Southeast Region in Orlando, Florida August 14-17

JUDGE ADVANCEMENT NEWS

During the Annual, the following changes were made:

- Advanced Carolyn Prucha to HHP Judge
- Accepted Murlene Priest into the HHP Judges Program for training
- Advanced Doug Blackmore to AB Training Judge
- Advanced Pat Steckman to Mechanics Training Judge
- Accepted Carolyn Prucha into the Championship Judging Program for training

Congratulations!

Central Office File Server

Wayne Henneke reported the file server in Central Office is a bit unreliable. A hard drive was purchased to do backups., but we really need to raise funds for the file server. ACFA cannot afford to lose our records of registrations. He asked for individual or club donations. He is trying to raise \$2000 for this purpose. A question was asked about adding an on-line database. It was noted that such a project would require more costs.

Support your North Central ACFA Cat Shows & Activities

- September 9-10 Fox River Valley Cat Club, Neenah, WI
- October 7-8 NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL AWARDS BANQUET Cat N Around Cat Club, Des Moines, IA
- October 21-22 Friendly Kat Fanciers of Iowa, Cedar Rapids, IA
- November 4 Janesville Allbreed Cat Club, Janesville, WI
- November 11 Genesis Cat Club, Crown Point, IN
- November 25-26 Le Dairy-Aire Cat Fanciers & Central Wisconsin Cat Club, Wausau, WI
- December 9 TIMACS, Crown Point, IN
- February 3-4 Rock Valley Cat Club, Rockford, IL
- March 17-18 Central Wisconsin Cat Club, Wausau, WI
- April 28-29 Gopher State Cat Club, Farmington, MN
- May 19-20 Cat Tales Cat Fanciers, Maple Grove, MN
- June 2-3 Illinois & Iowa Cat Fanciers, Davenport, IA
- July 14-15 Madison Cat Club, Stoughton, WI
- August 4-5 Coulee Region Cat Club, Onalaska, WI