

NORTH CENTRAL REGION NEWS

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**2004 Annual
August 17-22
Hosted by the
Cat Club of the
Yellowstone,
Billings, Montana.**
Support your Annual.

Purchase chances on the
\$1,000 CASH prize.
Contact Bob Fawcett at:
Bobkatz77@wtp.net

ACFA will hold it's open
membership meeting on
Friday, August 20 as well
as the InterAmerican
Awards and Jr. ACFA
Awards.

GOT ANY BYLAW CHANGES?

Any additions or corrections
to the bylaws should be
sent to Central Office by
April 31, 2004.

CHARTERS DUE

Clubs, remember your
charters are due to Central
Office March 31st. A copy
should be sent to Jim
Nelson.

JR. ACFA

Need more information?
Contact Camille Rogers at:
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NEED COUNCIL MEMBERS

I'm trying to form a
Regional Council with one
member from each club.
Please send me the name
of your representative as
soon as possible.

ACFA Semi-Annual Board Meeting

Note from Jim: This was my first Board meeting as your Regional Director. I took notes and was very quiet. I wanted to get my feet wet before I jumped right in. I enjoyed being part of the ACFA Board of Directors. Every issue is discussed thoroughly. I assure you I will be making comments at the next meeting.

The ACFA Board met February 20-22 in Orlando, Florida. Here are some highlights of that meeting, which focuses on judges and judging issues.

The BOD established a flat fee of \$30 for licensed HHP judges doing stand alone shows. HHP judges who fill in to judge HHPs for championship judges in an emergency will be paid whatever that championship judge would have been paid for that class up to a maximum of \$30.

The BOD made it a policy that Trainee Judges may not act in any official show capacity for a show at which they have a training assignment. This includes such jobs as Entry Clerk and Show Manager.

The BOD approved the JEC's request to raise the fee paid to judges by 5 cents per cat, effective May 1, 2004, and by an additional 5 cents per cat effective May 1, 2005. This means that next show season the minimum fee for a Specialty Judge will be \$90 and the minimum fee for an AB Judge will be \$105. The following show season that will go up to \$95 and \$110. All Board members who are judges abstained from this vote. It was noted that while all expenses and fees have been raised many times in recent years, judges fees have not been raised in 15 years.

Norma Anderson was appointed to fill the vacant position of Cattery of Distinction Administrator.

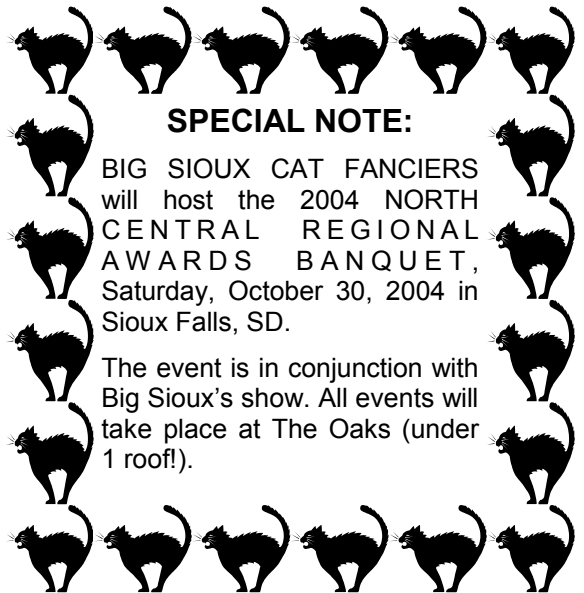
The International Division Committee, consisting of Joyce Irwin, Chair, and Carol and Steve Lawson, was present and presented a very positive report. ACFA continues to have good relations in many overseas countries. Our friendships in Australia and New Zealand continue to be strong. Our partner club in Beijing just held their 3rd show, which was judged by Barb Belanger and Dolores Kennedy. We have a new ACFA club in Japan. It is possible that an ACFA club will be formed in the Netherlands. And plans were announced for the 2nd ACFA World Show to be held in Budapest, Hungary in 2005. ACFA thanks Joyce and Carol and Steve for their hard work in these areas and for the high quality of their representation of ACFA in the world cat fancy.

The BOD confirmed that there is no blackout of show dates on the cruise weekends. It was decided that no show license will be issued prior to December 1 for a club desiring to have a show on a cruise weekend.

SPECIAL NOTE:

BIG SIOUX CAT FANCIERS
will host the 2004 NORTH
CENTRAL REGIONAL
AWARDS BANQUET,
Saturday, October 30, 2004 in
Sioux Falls, SD.

The event is in conjunction with
Big Sioux's show. All events will
take place at The Oaks (under
1 roof!).



BREED NEWS & APPOINTMENTS:

- Jurisprudence Committee: Jim Vande Sande - NC
- HHP Committee: Norma Anderson and James Williams
- Bombay/Burmese Breed Committee: Dolores Kennedy, Maureen Krzeszewski, Jenny Nelson, and Camille Rogers
- Havana Brown Breed Committee: Velta Dickson
- Norwegian Forest Cat Committee: Pete Meisinger
- Russian Blue Breed Committee: Alan Harding and Jill Hoffman
- Scottish Fold Breed Committee: David Reevers
- Siberian Breed Committee: Lynda Nelson

A number of people applied to these committees but could not be appointed because of qualification problems involving years as an ACFA member or in breeding or exhibiting.

Committees to which more than one person was appointed will be issued a ballot by Central Office to vote for a Chair, as per the Bylaws.

The recent runoff election for Himalayan Breed Chair had ended in another tie. The Bylaws provide that in that case the Board makes the decision. By a 6/5 vote the Board appointed Don Finger as Himalayan Breed Chair.

Several representatives from the American Bobtail Breed Committee, human and feline, made a presentation to the Board requesting advancement from Experimental Status. The Board advanced American Bobtail Longhair and American Bobtail Shorthair to Probationary Status.

NORTH CENTRAL WEBSITE

We are putting together a WEB site to keep our members up to date of "what's going on" in our region.

It will be attached to the ACFA Web site at: www.acfacat.com under "REGIONAL

Maybe a new show????

A little birdie told me that Janesville Allbreed Cat Club has applied for a show date for next season. If you have other club/show news, please email me at: Yeahimmy@aol.com or call me at 953-936-7670.

JUDGES NEWS

Championship Judges - All judges were relicensed.

Advanced to All Breed (pending completion of the test) were: Doug Blackmore, Jerry Braun, LeAnn Harner, Jim Mendenhall, and Kazuko Yamamoto.

Advanced to Training Judge: Barbara Belanger, Dorie Eckert, and Dan Lalley

Advanced to Breed Training Judge: Maureen Krzeszewski - Bombay and Tim Murphy - Persian.

Advanced to Specialty from Trainee (pending completion of the test): Pat Steckman.

Clubs please note that judges who must take tests for advancement may not accept assignments at the new level until May 1.

The ACFA Board moved to dissolve our judging reciprocity agreement with CFF effective May 1, 2004 (except existing contracts

Accepted and licensed as an International Division Guest Judge: Daphne Butter - England. Many of you may have met Daphne at the 2000 Annual.

Applicants accepted into the Judging Program: Phil Albert, Nancy Poulos, Sandy Pringle.

HHP Judges - All HHP judges were relicensed.

Trainees advanced to HHP Judge: Heather MacDougall and Sarah Walker.

Accepted into the HHP Judging Program as Trainees: Norma Anderson and Lil Borg.

Support your North Central ACFA Cat Shows

April 3-4 Minn-Kota Feline Club, West Fargo, ND

April 24-25 Gopher State Cat Club, Farmington, MN

May 15-16 Cat Tales Cat Fanciers Inc., Maple Grove, MN

July 17-18 Madison Cat Club, Middleton, WI

August 7-8 Coulee Region Cat Club, Onalaska, MN

September 11-12 Fox River Valley Cat Club, Neenah, WI

October 2-3 Cat N Around Cat Club, Des Moines, IA

October 16-17 Friendly Kat Fanciers of Iowa, Cedar Rapids, IA

October 30-31 Big Sioux Cat Fanciers, Sioux Falls, SD

November 13 Genesis Allbreed Cat Club, Crown Point, IN

November 27-28 Le Dairy-Aire Cat Fanciers, Oak Creek, WI

December 4-5 Illinois & Iowa Cat Fanciers, Davenport, IA

May 17—Judging Seminar—Maple Grove, MN
All exhibitors, breeders and judges are welcome!