

LRCPV Specialty Show Wrap Up Meeting - 5/15/2009

- ☑ Have a different color for the armbands for sweepstakes.
- ☑ Start Bred-by Exhibitor Bitches in Ring 1 at 8:00 a.m. Then start Sweepstakes with puppy dogs at 8:30.
- ☑ Do not list a time for Best of Breed in the Judging Program.
- ☑ Have a separate table for distributing armband numbers, at least during the first hour.
- ☑ Have a Public Address system for announcements, including calling dogs into the ring. Also have a bull horn available. We can rent the bullhorn from Taylor Rental on Union Street in Westfield. Annmarie Wilson may have access to a PA system. We should ask Westfield Fairgrounds if we can use theirs.
- ☑ For clean-ups, have poop-bags on a pole scattered around, rather than the scoopers.
- ☑ Put wooden ring gates and stanchions across the back chain link in the obedience ring as this is more familiar than the chain link for dogs on the “go out” command in utility.
- ☑ In obedience (not rally) do all the Shetland sheepdog classes first, finishing their trial before starting any of our obedience classes. This will be easier for the judge.
- ☑ Should we split our classes by color into black and any other color? (I’ve sent an email to clarify with AKC if this can be done for some classes and not for others.)
- ☑ Post signs “NO DOGS IN RINGS PRIOR TO JUDGING”. Vista Print and GotPrint.com were mentioned as places to get these done inexpensively.
- ☑ Put baskets on each ring table for the judges with the following type items: hard candy, tissues, paper towels, poop bags, hand wipes and other judge’s amenities.
- ☑ The trailer was a mess. Sandy Masek and Tina Stone have volunteered to spend a day cleaning it up.
- ☑ Put the street number and zip code of Westfield Fairground on all show paperwork, so people can Mapquest or use their navigation systems.
- ☑ Next year’s speaker: Exercise Induced Collapse (EIN)? Do blood draws or cheek swabs for this test at the show?
- ☑ 2010 Judges: (? after name means not confirmed.) Donna Blews Pappas and Lynda Moore?. Obedience judges Tibby Chase? and Sue King? Conformation Judges Barbara Gilchrist and Beth Sweigart. Sweeps judges Laura Witts and Jen Leitao.
- ☑ 2011 conformation judges are Margaret Brown and Sue Willumsen. Lois will contact Mrs. Brown to see if she has a friend she’d suggest as a sweepstakes judge and traveling companion. **(NOTE: AKC HAS NOT APPROVED 10/11 JUDGES)**
- ☑ Due to multiple complaints, we will no longer support the Econolodge by featuring it in the Premium List. MB-F put a reservation code in the premium list; Ann Huntington will find out what that meant. Apparently the Holiday Inn Express has decided to allow dogs in the lot, just not in rooms.
- ☑ Prepare a printed itinerary for the judges, including who is driving them, what time everything will occur, etc.
- ☑ Order more catalogs as we sold out. Ask for 150 rather than 125.
- ☑ Switch the judge’s dinner back to Westwood, due to the slow service at School Street Bistro.
- ☑ Judi Dorsett will be in charge of driving judges. Annmarie Wilson will make sure the judges are entertained on Friday night.
- ☑ Friday buffet – focus on finger foods and hors d’oeuvres, avoid dips. Again present the buffet in the pavilion after winner’s dog, announcing ½ hour before starting judging for Best of Breed.
- ☑ Continue giving logo bags stuffed with local items as judge’s gifts. Again place hospitality baskets in the hotel rooms of the judges.
- ☑ Keep entry fees the same (\$27/22) and only give discounted prices for the same classes as this year.

☒ A change in trophies was discussed due to the cost of the Majilly, though everyone that visits the trophy tent comments on how nice the Majilly is. Annmarie Wilson and Judi Dorsett head the new Trophy Committee and will make decisions for next year. The consensus was to keep the Majilly for all the major prizes, but consider alternatives for first in each class.

☒ There was some trouble with exhibitors parking in the area that is usually reserved for exhibitors in RVs. An area will be marked with signs: For RVs and Paid Parking only, \$40 per 2 nights. If people want to use that space without staying in RVs, they would need to pay the \$40 in advance.

☒ As was discussed for previous shows, consider blocking access to the chain link obedience fence with post and tape, so people aren't leaning on it or distracting the dogs in the ring.

☒ MB-F offers us a Nutro contract to help allay costs of arm bands, etc. Check to see if contracts with another dog food company might be more lucrative.