

## Region 10 news

I would first like to say a big thanks to Deb Hawkins & her crew for putting on a great show in Stillwater, OK. We are hosting the 2012 national show in Ft. Wayne, IN, so Deb has given me many helpful suggestions.

First I would like to welcome all the new members of region 10 & invite them to contact me with any questions or concerns. Irininger@netzero.net. Our membership is up to 115 now, with growing numbers every month.

Our plans are moving along quickly for getting the 2012 National show under way. We will start the event on Thursday night, with a meet & greet, featuring dexter burgers & dogs on the grill, please bring your favorite beverage, & lawnchairs to sit around the community bon fire to socialize. Smore fixins will be available for the young at heart that evening too. I hosted a brief meeting, & walkthrough June 25th at the fairgrounds, for region 10 members & then visited our host hotel hospitality room. This was 1 year from our show, & the weather was mid-high 70's nice breeze, clear skies, BUT the hotel was packed. So my suggestion is to book early, before other functions have occupied the hotel. We will have a hospitality room for members to join in more socializing & snacking when barn chores are done for the evening. You can check out the hotel @ <http://www.donhallsguesthouse.com> while you are there, check out the hospitality room, it enters the courtyard & poolside with exterior door. We also will be featuring Nancy Edge from New Zealand, an international cattle judge, for our shows. She will also be doing a seminar for us. I promise to have more unique things scheduled for our event. A possible zoo field trip might also be planned for the young at heart, during an afternoon. A work in progress. The Ft. Wayne kids zoo is also a member of ADCA & were present at our preview of the fairgrounds. They also have donated 500.00 for our discretion of distribution, so some of monies will go toward the meet & greet. They also have been more than helpful in other areas too. I have sent another news letter to members, listing different committees to get involved with. Please members get involved, with your help, we can make this an AGM to remember. Even if you cannot attend the show, many things are needed in preparation prior to AGM. If anyone has any suggestions what they would like to see, or how, it is not too late to lend your opinions. We still have time for flexibility.

I would like members to think about running for director elections coming this fall. You can check the website out for further details on what a director is & duties. With coordinating this AGM, I am sorry I really don't have time to do both jobs, plus my own & the farm chores. I really want to focus on coordinating our AGM. We will be having an election meeting this fall, with an AGM meeting following. If this something you can make it to, please do. Meet other dexter breeders, & get involved. A great start to friendships.