

AWDF Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 6, 2017

Meeting began @ 9:10 am cst

Attendance: (**= attended by phone)

AWDF Executive Board

President- Anne Camper

Vice President Frank Phillips

Secretary- Michelle Testa, Treasurer- Tracy Klopp**

Executive Directors at Large – Vadim Plotsker

Amanda Hoskinson (absent), Jason Bane (Absent),

Member Clubs and Delegates

United States Boxer Assoc. – Mark Chase**

United Doberman Club- Leslie Carpenter

United States Rottweiler Club – Brandon Wilson

United Schutzhund Club of America – Kjersti Daabakk

Working Riesenschнауzer Federation – Tim Nyx**

North America Working Bouvier Assoc. Margaret Titlebaum**

United States Mondioring Assoc.- Ann Putegnat**

America Working Malinois Assoc.- Christopher Smith**

Federation American Bulldog – Paige Schriver**

Working Pitbull Terrier Club of America – Aja Harris**

LV/DVG America – Annetta Cheek**

Working Dutch Shepherd Assoc.- Sami Hanna

American Herding Breed Association – Absent

Cane Corso Association- Annie Wildemoser**

President Report - Thanks everyone for attending the call.

Major accomplishment is the update and revision of the AWDF By-laws. These are not etched in stone, if any one has any ideas for revisions to please bring them forward.

2017 will have some issues we will still have to deal with and Items that people have interest in trying to make happen.

Vice President Report - No report at this time

Secretary Report – Annetta Cheek made a motion to accept meeting minutes from February conference call. Christopher Smith seconded the motion. There

was no opposition

Motion passed

The Secretary asked all club president to send an update on club contacts including club treasurers by the end of next week

Treasurer Report –

Tracy sent out the annual report via email. She reviewed the report with the meeting attendees.

The following clubs have not paid dues yet:

LV/DVG America, Federation American Bull Dogs, North American Working Bouvier Association, United States Mondio Ring Assoc., Working Pitbull Terrier Club of America

VP Frank Phillips states that the expense for his trip was under the allotted amount. Anne Camper and he both agreed the estimate for the budget was well calculated.

Old Business

Policy and procedures on sanctions: Motion to accept the policy made by Leslie Carpenter, Seconded by Michelle Testa

No opposition – **Motion passed**

Report from FCI Meeting – VP Frank Phillips

Frank submitted a report to the attendees present at the meeting. This report on the proposed rule changes will be posted on the Official AWDF Website.

Frank continued to give an overview of the meeting and the proposed rule changes. There will be some additional notes that he will put together to post along with the rule changes.

Elections - voting

Positons up for election

Vice President – Frank Phillips

Secretary – Michelle Testa

Director at Large - Ted Hartman

Motion made to accept Slate by acclimation by Annetta Cheek; Seconded by Leslie Carpenter - There was no opposition – **Motion passed**

Events committee – Deb Pensiero

Motion made by Michelle Testa to accept Deb Pensiero to the committee;

seconded by Frank Phillips. There was no opposition – **Motion passed**
She will be asked if she would like to chair this committee

New Business

FH Championship event -

We have no volunteers to host event.

One complaint is that the current contract is an issue – events committee may need to review

Anne Camper stated we need bids now- A post will be put on the website as soon as possible

Plan B was less than ideal this year. With the new rule changes the FH 1 & FH2 will be required before one can attempt the IPO – FH.

Precedent needs to be set that an FH2 is required to qualify for our IPO FH team.

There was discussion on hosting an FH2 Championship/ needing 1 judge to make it affordable.

Anne stated that we can put this out there to see if someone may be interested in hosting.

Anne stated the Executive board will get together and discuss a plan

Setting goals for 2017/2018

A discussion was had about the AWDF doing more. More turned into a lot of ideas but not a lot of people power to execute anything.

Anne asked everyone to get back to her in the near future with ideas of what they would like to see happen. If there is something that people would like to do we will need a recommendation on how to get it done.

Leslie Carpenter – asked where we are incorporated – There are changes to non-profit law

Articles of incorporation are in California this happened when Chantal Young was treasurer.

Leslie Carpenter – spoke about ideas for sponsorship for the federation.

Anne stated you need to cultivate relationships to raise money and sponsorships.

We need a person willing to work on it.

Frank Phillips would like to replace the AWD titles and bring back the old Schutzhund titles renaming them “American Schutzhund Title”. He would go through the old rule books to get this organized.

These titles would only be recognized by AWDF member clubs. These titles would not be interchangeable from AST 1 to IPO1 etc.

There was quite a lot of support by the meeting attendees.

The informal decision was made to allow Frank to put this together and present it at the next meeting.

AWDF Secretary asked that we take a close look at the event contract.

This year for some reason competitors were allowed to enter individually instead of through their member club. As the event trial secretary there were instances where competitors were entering under 1 club then making decisions to switch to another club under AWDF. She would like the entry process to go back a 1 check per club payment for entry to the championship. There was time wasted on membership verification as well. By going back to the 1 check per club for entry this would alleviate these 2 issues.

Leslie Carpenter asked about administrative rules regarding Championship events.

Anne Camper replied that there isn't any and that is one of the things she wants the events committee to work on.

The Secretary states that we have set precedent by using this process for many past events.

The Secretary also wants the group to consider removing or revamping the "Team Challenge"

Annetta Cheek would prefer to give this more thought to the Team Challenge the heritage is important.

There was discussion and Anne Camper stated that we need to look at this further and do what is best for the organization and our member clubs. She would like to put this on the "TO DO " list for this year.

The Secretary would like to propose that we work on making sure that Frank Phillips attends the second meeting for FCI.

Anne Camper asked if there is anything else that needs to be discussed. She thanks the group for attending the call.

Anne Putnaget stated that Mondioring club received their 5 year variance for dogs without registration to compete.

Michelle Testa made the motion the adjourn

Leslie Carpenter seconded the motion

meeting adjourned 10:48 am cst.