

AWDF Teleconference August 11, 2008 Minutes Official

Meeting began 8:10 CST

Attendance:

Pres. Al Govednik, Vice Pres. Lyle Roetemeyer,
Treasurer Sean O'Kane **absent**, Secretary Michelle Testa,
Executive Dirs. Vera Reeves, Glenn Stephenson, Gary Patterson

Clubs with Delegate Representation:

United States Boxer Assoc., United Doberman Club, United States Rottweiler Club
United Schutzhund Clubs of America, Working Riesenschnauzer Federation
North American Working Bouvier, United States Mondioring Assoc. LV/DVG America
American Working Malinois Assoc., Federation American Bulldog
Working Pit Bull Terrier Club of America, Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano

Clubs absent:

N A Working Airedale Terrier Assoc. & Authentic Hovawarts of North America

Total present on the call **18**

Delegates present **11**

President report

Al began the meeting talking about the solid FCI team that had been selected and thanking these teams for making the trip to represent America. He asks that we all do what we can to support them as well. He wanted to make note that as Team Captain he will be in charge of paperwork & hotel and extends out a huge thanks to Dean Calderon for his assistance with technical support for the team in securing practice fields for them abroad.

Bill Campbell will again sponsor the FCI team uniforms. Thank you K9 Concepts!
Again the AWDF is reaching out for sponsorship for the AWDF FCI team and has set up a website to represent the competitors and submit donations. Thank you goes to Karla Calderon for putting this team site together.

Al continues say it has been a quiet summer overall. He will be having some meetings while at the FCI event and asked the delegates if they had any questions they felt should be asked during these meetings to please forward them to him will have a full report upon his return

Al requested that the next conference call be scheduled for September 22nd and to please mark it on your calendars

Vice President Report

Lyle's report was geared to the topic of the AWDF score book and it was suggested to post pone it until later in the meeting.

Treasures Report

In Sean's absence Al G. states that all delegates have received the budget and asks if there are any questions.

2009 AWDF Championship updates (email from Sean O’Kane liaison for the hosting club)

James Honda of Free dog! Schutzhund Club in New Jersey will be hosting the event
The Championship website will be up in about 2 weeks

Dates: May 23-25, 2009

Location: Lehigh Valley PA

Phili and Newark airports are 30 minutes from the host hotel and tracking

The written report received from Sean continued to include that the complete venue will be secured by contract by October.

He wrote that he will have made further progress by the next conference call.

Al continued on in regards to the judges for the event. He stated that he is working on securing judges from the FCI working commission and the AZG.

Phase positions for which these judges will be assigned have not been decided.

Secretary Report

Michelle sent out a draft of the minutes from the May teleconference call to all delegates for review.

May Jacobson (UDC) motioned to accept the minutes

Vera R (WRSF). 2nd

None opposed, Minutes were accepted.

Update on WRSF member complaint closure

Vera R. states that a WRSF member has received a 6 month suspension from all member privileges including competing at Schnauzerfest 2008. She also wanted to make note that this is the very first time ever that a member has been sanctioned and the WRSF board did not take this situation and process lightly.

Al G. mentions that all AWDF member clubs need to stay abreast of each others info in these types of processes.

FCI –IRO program update – Vera Reeves

Vera began with a suggestion of the formation of a committee to research outside interest from the S&R organizations

One important introduction would be to bring in people & judges from the European programs for demonstrations and seminars to be held possibly at an AWDF Championship.

Al asked for names and contact info

Lyle R. mentioned Stephanie Dunion as a contact and interested person to assist in development

Anne Camper (AWMA) has a contact person with the Canadian IRO and will send that info to Al and the AWDF Secretary

Michelle T. also stated that she had sent along a link about a seminar being given in Oregon by a number of S& R groups including the American Rescue Dog Assoc & FEMA

Ron Marshal mentioned it is important to get the American national club support for development

Vera reiterated that this European sport program is a sport program first

Registry list updates

Michelle T (Secretary) has finalized the information submitted by the delegates.

The current list of accepted registries is posted in the file section of the AWDF yahoo list and was sent to the delegates via email. She has asked that everyone please review it and if something is amiss or needs to be added to please let her know.

AWDF Scorebook clarifications

Lyle Roetemeyer began speaking on the difficulty of transition.

There was much discussion on the concept omitting the multiple score book situation.

The goal of the AWDF has always been to unify the member clubs and one of the first transitions would be to have a single score book for all the member clubs under the Federation.

There was much discussion on how to validate / certify and document the books from club to club including members who belong to multiple clubs under the federation and which club they were to actually obtain their AWDF score book from. Who was to verify/ stamp and certify it.

LV/DVG America because they are a branch club from Germany and all their paperwork including score books come for the head office in Germany, LV/DVG America members are required to have DVG scorebooks. Carole P. has informed their membership of the requirement to obtain an AWDF book.

May J (UDC) brought up the WDS program and its score books. This brought the response that the WDS program has yet to be recognized.

Lyle then asked that the score book discussion be tabled.

Michelle T. offered to put together an outline for suggested processes to be used in order to better understand the pros and cons for delegate consideration

Lyle made the motion to have the score book clarification be tabled until Michelle can develop an outline to be considered.

Ann P (USMA) seconded the motion

Score book discussion tabled.

New Business

Club insurance- Anne Camper

At the annual meeting the idea was discussed as to the opportunity to obtain club insurance as a Federation to help alleviate costs to the member clubs

Could the possibility be investigated for an AWDF group rate?

Carole P (LV/DVG Amer.) gave to contact names from Sportsman. Al G also gave a suggestion on the insurance company his club uses.

Al G stated that he, Anne C and Sean will get together and work on the process.

FCI Team Update - Augusta, Glenn & Angeli

Augusta has sent in the entries and has sent a packet to the Secretary of all the paperwork pertaining to the entry process.

Sean will give monies to Al to pay fees when they arrive in Europe

The AWDF is still looking for sponsorship and funding assistance. Glenn S mentioned the process the AWMA uses to secure positions with deposits along with declaration submissions financial funding and reimbursement. He said he and Augusta were in favor of adopting this for the AWDF but Angeli was against it.

FCI team fundraising

Gary Patterson to be in contact with James Honda to discuss the process of reserve funding.

Events committee – Bill Bimrose

Bill states he has had little response / interest for participation on the events committee
Bill asks the delegates to push for more volunteers from their memberships.

Website updates

Michelle has been working closely with Judy our webmaster to organize, trim and tighten up the site. The current C&B/L is now on the site as well as all forms, rules and regulations are now in one section to be easily accessed from the “about AWDF” link.
She also wanted to thank the all the clubs who have graciously participated in sending in photos and asks that if a club hasn’t sent anything to please do so as soon as possible.

BSL committee – no representative present

Member club news and updates

Ann P. (USMA) wanted to let everyone know that they are hosting 3 teams at the level 3 to their Mondioring international championship in October in Italy

President Al Govednik closed by letting delegates know he is always available if needed.

Carole P (LV/DVG Amer.) made the motion to close the meeting

May J (UDC) seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned