

January 17, 2011 Conference Call Minutes

Meeting began 8:10pm CST

Attendance:

Pres.: Al Govednik Vice Pres.: Lyle Roetemeyer Secretary: Michelle Testa

Executive Delegates: Vera Reeves, Dyan Harper

Member Clubs & Delegate attendance

United States Boxer Association - Mark Chase

United Doberman Club - May Jacobson Wendy Schmidt

United States Rottweiler Club Dan Williams

United Schutzhund Clubs of America – Johannes Grewe

Working Riesenschnauzer Federation - Tim Nyx, Vera Reeves

North American Working Bouvier – Cory Hart

United States Mondioring Association - Augusta Farley,

American Working Malinois Association - Anne Camper, Christopher Smith

Federation American Bulldog - Rhonda Moses , Parker Barnette

Working Pit Bull Terrier Club of America - Ron Marshall,

N A Working Airedale Terrier Association - Marcia Govednik

Authentic Hovawarts of North America Barbara Baker

DVG America - Carole Patterson

The Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano Ish Moore

Working Dutch Shepherd Association (guest status) - Cheryl W.

North American Ring Association Dave Kroyer

Absent from the call:

Treasurer: Sean O'Kane

Exec. Director at Large Glenn Stephenson

Working Black Russian Terrier Club of America

President Report:

Review of the Judges meeting in Europe

The process for the implementation of the new FCI Rules may be ready for 2012 and should be distributed soon

There will be changes made in the tracking phase in regards to how track layers will be laying tracks. The new implementation will be for tracklayers to "walk normal" when putting tracks down for events.

There will be changes in the obedience phase; most notably is the focus on the harmony between the dog and handler and attention will be paid to whether the dog loses confidence in the routine. The dog should be happy in its work.

President Al Govednik continued stating that Judges are to judge with compassion and use a common sense approach when judging trials.

He hopes that videos will be available for review by judges and dog handlers and urges everyone to view these videos if and when they become available.

FCI Working Commission President Frans Jansen spoke about the RH program.

President Govednik has spoken to Bill Dodson in regards to the RH program here in America.

He concluded that another judges meeting will be held in April; the date has not been set as of yet.

Vice President Report:

Nothing to report

Treasurer Report – Sean sent an email stating he was called into work unexpectedly and was unable to attend the teleconference.

Secretary's Report

November 5th 2011 teleconference minutes

Carole Patterson made the motion to accept the November minutes into record. Anne Camper seconded the motion.

No one opposed. November 15th 2011 minutes were accepted into the record.

Old Business

AWDF 2011 Championship update

John Witanen gave an update of the event. Andre Aportela will be the FH tracking coordinator.

Website is constantly being updated. He is still working on tracklayers and/or more volunteers for the stadium.

Al G. asks that the member clubs contact John with volunteers.

Clubs need to have their cut-off deadlines in to the Secretary by January 24th 2011.

Entry closing for ALL Clubs to have entries with full payment in to the Secretary for the AWDF Championship is March 11, 2011.

John asks again that all AWDF member clubs should have the event linked their official sites.

Hallmark K9 is donating equipment and tracking articles to the event.

Dave Kroyer from NARA stated an interest in putting together a demo or trial for next year. Al responded by asking Dave to email him when he is ready to move forward on it.

Judges program

No report

Al G. would really like to move forward on a judge's college for the AWDF member clubs. He feels it is very doable and is open for suggestions.

Committee to develop event communications for competitors

No report.

Update on the RH program with Bill Dotson

FCI Working Commission President Frans Jansen spoke about the RH program at the FCI meeting.

President Govednik has spoken to Bill Dodson in regards to the RH program here in America.

More information will be forthcoming.

New Business

Clarifying the process for securing an International judges

There have been a number of situations where international judges have been here in America judging events without proper release paperwork from their kennel clubs.

If a club has a question on the credentials of a judge Al states they should contact the AWDF Secretary and request clarification.

The AWDF Secretary will write a letter requesting information regarding any judge in question.

Dan Williams feels it important to know which judge the AWDF may be having problems with and what happens if a club can't get a specific judge?

Michelle suggested that in these cases that the USRC clubs contact their executive board and that executive board contacts Lyle or the AWDF to clarify the judge's availability.

The FCI also posts a judges list on their website if there is any question on availability of any judge in the FCI.

Once the FCI Meeting minutes are posted a link will be on the FCI site and available to everyone for clarification.

Dan Williams of USRC suggested that a process be developed similar to a judge or event authorization form.

FCI judge requests are to go through the AWDF, SV judges through USCA; Lyle Roetemeyer and LV/DVG judges go through Chief of Judges Hartmut Beckmann.

May Jacobson asked about Conformation judges, It was mentioned that this process should be for IPO sport but it would be good idea to drop a note to the secretary to make the AWDF aware of the request.

Carole Patterson asked if LV/DVG America needs to let AWDF know when a breed club requests a judge from LV/DVG America. Al G. seemed to feel that it wouldn't be a bad idea to do so.

Carole states going forward LV/DVG will send an email to AWDF.

Al thanks everyone for taking the time to be on the call

Meeting closed 9:15pm CST