

February 18, 2008 Teleconference minutes

Meeting began @ 8:10pm CST

Attendance: **President:** Al Govednik, **Vice President:** Lyle Roetemeyer
Secretary: Michelle Testa, **Treasurer:** Sean O’Kane (late 9pm)
Executive Delegates: Vera Reeves, Gary Patterson, Glenn Stephenson (**absent**)
Clubs Present: 11
Clubs Absent: UDC, USRC
Total Delegates present: 14

Presidents Report

Al G. stated he has been working diligently for the last 2 weeks on sponsors for our Championship. The championships really could use more sponsor financing. He has been trying to get in contact with Bill Cambell in regards to assisting the Mondio Club with uniforms. He has given Augusta Bill’s contact information
Al G. stated that Sean would be late for the TC and that we move forward with other business until he signed on for the call

Vice President’s Report:

Lyle R as well has been focusing on attaining more sponsorship. He has people interested but has no commitments yet. He is finding it difficult to obtain sponsors for this Championship.

Secretary’s Report

Michelle asked if there were any questions or problems with the Feb 4th minutes. No one had any problem with what was posted.
Lyle R (VP) motioned to accept the minutes in to record
Ann P (USMA) 2nd
Minutes were approved.

Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano.

Erik Storm was not present for the TC for representation of the club. Al G. stated he has been present for 4 TC but really hasn’t participated. Al stated he really feels participation of delegates is crucial to the progress of the AWDF. Erik absence is not a positive sign.
The club has not submitted their by-laws. Sean did get an email stating that paperwork is in the mail.

Hovawart Club update

Barbara Baker was pleased to let everyone know that after 10 yrs the merger between the 2 clubs has been finalized. The new name will be “**Hovawart Club of North America**”. Barbara was still unsure about the total 3’s in membership and will be getting in touch with Treas. Sean O’Kane with the final numbers and a dues payment. Al G. asked that this be taken care of ASAP.
Elections

Bill Bimrose (USA) representing the Nominating Committee wanted to confirm which of the 3 delegates will be up for election this yr. Glenn Stephenson is one and the other was between Gary Patterson (DVG) & Vera Reeves (WRSF)

It was decided that Vera Reeves position would be the 2nd delegate up for re-election BOI positions are also up for re election. Presently there are 3 people on the committee, Nia Cotrell, Carole Patterson and Ron Marshall.

Ron and Carole stated they would run again. Al G would like see 5 members total on this committee and stressed that people from the general membership can run for these positions. It was asked that delegates please post this information to your club membership. It is important to get volunteers. Bill would like to see the committee acquire 2 alternates as well. Vera Reeves volunteered for BOI. Augusta Farley asked if delegates were allowed and Bill B stated any current member can be on any committee.

Bill continued on with asking that at the GBM that there be a vote on the allowance of the people in the current appointed positions (Treas, Sec & 2 Exec delegates) to have voting privileges.

Bill B. found that in our C&B-L that this can be done.

The current positions up for Re election are President, Treasurer, 2 Exec Del. (Vera R and Glenn S), BOI Committee and Nominating Committee

Bill finished by saying he would continue to make contacts and asks the delegates to post to their membership the open positions and for volunteers

Website

Annetta Cheek began stating that if AWDF would like to see a more interactive website she is very interested heading up a couple of people and working on it. She feels the site needs a make over and has a lot of experience with navigation.

Al G stated that there are funds available for an upgrade for next year.

Keith Jenkins had volunteered his assistance with web page design a while ago and Rhonda M. (FAB) has a woman named Tracy that does their club site. Annetta will be put in contact with both Keith and Tracy to begin the project for a full change over by Jan 1, 2009.

There was positive discussion about selling advertising space on the site including banner posting of companies who sponsor and donate to our events. More details need to be discussed about pricing and length of time for the advertisements

AWDF Championship

Al G. stated that entries are coming in to the USA office.

Michelle is working on a couple of banners for the event one for the podium and one for the fence line. The estimated cost would be around \$300.00. The banners would contain the logo and wording "AWDF Championship & Team Challenge" they will be riveted in the corners and there will be no date on them so they can be reused. Michelle will get final costs for the next TC

There was talk about AWDF apparel that would be sold at the event and that the patches that we had in the past need to be recreated.

Augusta will check with Bill Cambell for more information.

Sean O'Kane stated the Trophy sponsorship for the AWDF CH will be close to \$3700.00
Sean stated he has a deposit that needs to be made

Treasures Report.

As of this TC the Hovawart Club dues are still not paid but will be before the deadline.
WRSF has donated \$1000.0 to the AWDF. The AWDF Board would like to thank the
WRSF for it's generosity.

The website is paid up for this yr.

The budget was discussed at length and it was noted that Sean and Al G spent a lengthy
amount of time putting this together. Al G stated he was pleased with the outline, it was a
good start and finally the organization had something solid on paper.

There were concerns over donations and our tax status. This will be looked into.

There was a lengthy discussion in regards to merchandise and it was agreed that the way
it is presently handled which is receiving a % from Bill Cambell was the best avenue that
way there is no overstock, storage or energy wasted in trying to sell it.. It was all agreed
that it is important that we have apparel choices but the patches were a top seller in the
past.

Score books \$183. is exactly what we brought in. This number will be changing and
Michelle was asked to count the number of books she has in stock.

Sean continued and stated that there is no documentation and nothing was ever received
from the past Secretary Darlene Devlin even after many attempts to make contact.

Ann P. wanted clarification on scorebook requirements

Championship expenses were discussed things like the cost of the banners, Decoy fees
and trophies

Communications: This allotment was increased to \$1350.00 there was discussion about
AWDF acquiring a phone for Al G. Thinking that it might curb phone bills in the long
run, Lyle R supported this. Al G will investigate phones and plan options with providers
and put together a proposal. This phone will be the property of the AWDF organization
and would be passed on to future presidents.

FCI FH& IPO meeting/ competition expenses were discussed

Uniforms, trophies and the # of members representing Fees from 80-100 Euro per IPO
team member and 7 members

The allotment seems to work with Bill Cambell assisting in providing uniforms

the trophy and Flag needs to be covered as well

USMARA has 5-6 members to go Augusta and Ann P. must verify entry fees and
trophies for this as Ann P stated that these fees have been dropped.

Insurance Sean states this was already paid when he was appointed and is due each Nov.
It was asked why it was so high (\$2200.00). He said he was looking into other plans even
Directors and officers Ins.

Ann Camper stated her club pays \$900.

Sean asked that delegates please email him with information on other companies and he
would be willing to investigate. Fireman's fund was mentioned. A concern was to look
out for a firearms restriction in the premiums. Lyle R. will send a link to Sean and
Michelle to review.

Barbara Baker (HCNA) asked if we were incorporated. Yes we are in NY.

Sean went on about the check fees and stated that the \$200.00 was a one time fee only and that this fee present in the budget can be moved elsewhere. He suggested it be moved to communications. Our checking account has no fees from now on.

Sean will email all the updates to the delegates.

Website expense \$300 was very reasonable.

Gary Patterson discussed creating funding and an independent foundation.

This will allow finances to be available when needed.

Tax deductible donations and Business expenses

A very difficult task and of course needs funding to be implemented. It will need an attorney to write it correctly for IRS acceptance

Lyle R motioned to accept the budget.

Bill B 2nd

Al G asked for a vote

Unanimously voted in

Other Business

IPO CH does it require a BH

Ron Marshall stated there is no BH requirement

Carole Paterson – Germany and Austria there is no BH requirement

Conclusion: no BH requirement for the IPO

Sirius Trainer Gary Patterson's web site

www.siriustrainer.com

Gary states he has received positive feed back about the new AWDF working program

That it has generated a lot of interest on his site and we need to really get it out there on the field.

Al G stated due to the upcoming CH he would like to have another TC in 3 weeks

Lyle R motioned to adjourn the meeting

Bill B 2nd

Meeting adjourned 9:45 pm CST