

2009 AWDF Meeting Minutes June 22, 2009

Meeting commenced at 8:05 pm CST

Roll Call

Executive Board present for the meeting

President: Albert Govednik Vice President: Lyle Roetemeyer **absent**

Secretary: Michelle Testa Treasurer Sean O'Kane

Executive Directors: Vera Reeves, Glenn Stephenson, Dyan Harper

Club Delegates present:

Tim Clothier/ United States Boxer Club

Laurie Stupak / United States Rottweiler Club

Johannes Grewe & Craig Groh / United Schutzhund Club of America GSD

Vera Reeves / Working Riesenschнауzer Federation

Augusta Farley & Ann Putegnat / U.S. Mondioring Association

Anne Camper / American Working Malinois Assoc.

John Bochenek & Paige Shriver / Federation American Bulldog

Annetta Cheek / Working Pitbull Terrier Club of America

Marsha Govednik / North American Working Airedale Terrier Assoc.

Carole Patterson / LV/DVG America

May Jacobson / United Dobermann Club

Cory D. Hart / North America Working Bouvier

Clubs absent:

Authentic Hovawarts of North America

Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano

Others present :

Representing the Election Committee - Bill Bimrose

Representing the North American Ring Association - Jeffyn & Thad Peterson

President's Report

The FCI IPO team finally has been selected and in review the Team selection committee had made an error in the selection process. It has been rectified and the team is in the process of preparing for the FCI Championship.

Al is confident that we will have all our paperwork in on time thus omitting any embarrassing situations similar to last year when the late entry submission left the American team without competitor's gifts given by the 2009 hosting Austrian organization. He feels we have an excellent team this year representing America. Michelle has stepped aside as Committee Chair but will still be handling all paperwork transactions for the team. Bill Bimrose will head the committee moving forward.

The FCI team Selection Committee has been asked to evaluate and work on a more concise and clear set of regulations regarding the selection process of the FCI teams for the future.

Vice President's Report

None at this time

Treasurer's Report

Sean discussed the revenue from the 2009 Championship event. Financially it was a very profitable. He stated that there were a couple of expenses that still needed to be paid as well as money still coming in. The judge's gifts were a bit extravagant but the hosting person felt it necessary. The Trophies were beautiful and a success in bringing in extra monies as did the complete sell out of the event t-shirts and hats. Sean thanks John Whiiten and Paula Daigle for their work on getting the trophies put together.

Although the event went off well it was clearly noted that the lack of people from the hosting club to work the event affected it. A small number of people from outside the area attending the event as well as competitors and officers stepped in on a moments notice to volunteer their assistance. AL G made it a point to say how proud he was with the way the few people that were available to assist handled things with such ease to make the event run smoothly. He thanked all who contributed their time.

Sean will have a complete report on the total Championship finances in a week or so.

Secretary's Report

Michelle asked for the minutes from the annual meeting in PA to be accepted
Vera Reeves made the motion that the minutes be accepted
May Jacobson had 2nd the motion.

All were in favor – none opposed

Annual meeting minutes were accepted in to record

Michelle also reminded the delegates of the statistic form.

Al G. stated it is very important that this be sent in to Michelle so he may present it at the FCI meeting.

Old Business

Score Books- Decision date for and how implementation of new regulation:

Anne Camper submitted suggestions for the implementation of the decision made at the annual meeting (see below for review)

Paige Shriver of Fed AB made this motion:

All AWDF score books must be acquired from their specific AWDF member sport/breed club with the exception of the sporting clubs (Mondioring, LV/DVG, etc) in order to retain the breed identification in the AWDF score book, otherwise the breed ID will be listed in the AWDF score book as MIX BREED.

The motion was seconded by Johanness Grewe & Anne Camper

All were in favor – none opposed.

Motion passed.

Sean states he and Ann Camper were working on a process comprised of a standardized article for club magazines as well as a post that all clubs will use for

their websites. The implementation date will be either July 15 or August 15th 2009.

2010 AWDF - Bid Submission from Mike Diehl & OG Indianapolis Club.

Sean stated that there was only 1 submission for the 2010 event and that John Whiiten had offered to host as a back up if there wasn't a hosting club interested. A bid for 2010 AWDF event came from Mike Diehl and the O.G. Indianapolis Schutzhund and Polizei Club with a date of Memorial Day weekend 2010. Sean continued by letting everyone know that this club is very experienced in handling large events with a full membership that is committed to volunteering to make the 2010 event successful. Sean stated that Mike Hamilton will be supervising tracking and possibly Rick Reiff will be brought in on the project as well. These 2 gentlemen were tracking coordinators the WUSV event. He reviewed the venue with the delegates and stated that club is in process of securing enough consistent tracking property for the event, website, event logo and other projects & amenities are already being developed.

Al G. stated he is happy to know that OG Indy is full of supporting members to assist in working the event and recommends accepting the bid from Mike Diehl and the O.G. Indianapolis Schutzhund and Polizei Club.

Augusta Farley asked if the proper time was allowed for bid submission. Michelle mentions that Sean has emailed all the stats to the delegates Augusta strongly pointed out that she asked if the proper time was allowed for bids to be submitted. Sean stated yes

(Secretary's side note for record: The announcement of the acceptance of bid submissions for the 2010 AWDF Championship was sent by the AWDF Secretary to the AWDF webmaster on Dec. 15, 2008 and posted on the official AWDF website main page before December 31, 2008 with a noted submission deadline of April 22, 2009. This announcement remained on the site until well after the noted submission deadline)

Carole Patterson states this venue sounds ideal and moved to make the motion that the bid be accepted.

Vera Reeves 2nd this motion

All were in favor – none opposed

The 2010 event for the AWDF will be hosted by Mike Diehl and the O.G. Indianapolis Schutzhund and Polizei Club- Memorial Day weekend 2010

New Business

>Suggestion to AWDF member clubs to develop a protocol for the submission of people for the following:

- >Positions up for election within the AWDF board
- >Decoys for selection at the AWDF Championship

Bill Bimrose and the nomination committee have been asked by AI to come up with recommendations on a process for clubs in submitting interested people for elected positions on the AWDF executive board.

The suggestion was made that interested parties should submit letters of interest; resume etc through their AWDF member clubs and the club would after approving the submission pass it along to the AWDF nomination committee.

It was also recommended that nominations from the floor at the general board meeting be omitted.

Carole Patterson commented that this process may require a constitution and by-law change.

AI G. agreed and asked Bill to work with his committee and come up with suggestions to be discussed on the next call.

>Submission of Decoys for selection at the AWDF Championship.

Was not discussed at this time

Handling unsportsmanlike conduct post events. Should letters of notice or reprimand be sent

Michelle asked what the exact procedure is for competitors who show open dissatisfaction upon not passing a phase, not reporting out to the judge and leaving the field.

Glenn Stephenson stated that this up to the judge's discretion as to how he/she would like to handle it.

New Club proposals

North American Ring Association

Jeffyn & Thad Peterson of NARA gave a brief intro about the North American Ring Association. 22 years as an Association with 22 clubs in America and Puerto Rico with 168 members

Cory D. Hart of NAWBA stated that NARA has always been very supportive of the Bouvier Assoc.

Glenn Stephenson stated his support of the addition of NARA

AI stated he was asked when in Europe by the President of the France working commission to consider Nara as an addition to the AWDF

Glenn S. made the motion to accept the addition of NARA in Guest status in to the AWDF

Carole Patterson had seconded the motion. There was no one opposed to the acceptance.

NARA has been added as a Guest member of the AWDF

Ann P. asked whether or not Nara will be using AWDF Score books or not. Thad responded stating they are researching the situation on transferring score books. Al G asked that Thad or Jeffyn call him to go over the information.

Working Dutch Shepherd Association

Michelle informed Al G. that the Working Dutch Shepherd Assoc. is still working on incorporation and non profit status. It would like to be more prepared and asked to be put off until the next conference call

UDC situation on the use of Judges for their events

May Jacobson of the UDC wanted an explanation as to why Mike West a WDA judge could not be used to judge their events if the FCI recognized titles attained under Mr West.

Al G. states Mr West was removed from USA-GSD as a Judge and went to the WDA. USA-GSD will not honor titles issued under Mike West. Glenn Stephenson agrees with Al.

Vera Reeves states that the honoring of sanctions of judges is no different than sanctioning of members and the AWDF clubs each support these decisions.

AL states Mr. West's credentials are through the WDA and titles attained under him may not be accepted internationally.

Al G. states he will review this situation further but advises that UDC keeps in mind titles attained under Mr. West as a WDA judge (WDA titles are only recognized in America) may hinder Dobermann teams wishing to compete nationally and possibly internationally under the AWDF umbrella.

(Secretary's note: supporting information may be found in the January 2008 minutes from the WDA pgs 8 and 14)

Ann Putegnatt made the motion to adjourn the meeting

May Jacobson had seconded the motion

All were in favor

Meeting adjourned 9:50 pm CST