

March 15, 2010 AWDF Teleconference minutes

Meeting began @ 8:10pm CST

In attendance:

President - Albert Govednik Vice President. - Lyle Roetemeyer
Treasurer- Sean O'Kane Secretary - Michelle Testa
Executive Directors Vera Reeves, Glenn Stephenson, Dyan Harper

Club Delegates:

USBA - Mark Chase, Hud Darrah
FedAB. Rhonda Moses, Gary Johnson
UDC – Wendy Schmidt, May Jacobson, Leslie Carpenter
USA – Craig Grogh LV/DVG Amer. - Carole Patterson
WRSF - Vera Reeves, Tim Nyx, USMRA – Augusta Farley
AWMA – Anne Camper Chris Smith, NAWATA – Marcia Govednik
WPBTCA – , Ron Marshall, AHNA – Barbara Baker
NARA –Erin Suggett, Kadi Thingvall
USRC – Laurie Stupak, WDSH -Tracy Landis, WBRTCA - Patty Bartley
NAWBA – ABSENT SACCI – ABSENT

Also on the call

AWDF FCI Team selection committee chairperson Bill Bimrose
National Working Dog Association – Chris Thompson,
LV/DVG America - Sandy Purdy

Presidents Report

The AWDF has been invited to have competitors enter the 2010 world championship for the RH being held in Italy, August 19-22 . AL asks that delegates please pass along this information to your club members and if any one is interested please contact the AWDF Secretary or himself. If anything it would be nice if we could get a few people to attend as spectators.

Stephanie Dunion is working on package deals to lower the airfare for team competitors' traveling abroad. As this progresses Al will pass along any new developments.

2011 new rule changes were voted on in Helsinki, The only updates were verbiage for example "stick hits" will be referred to as " the pressure phase"

The German copy has been sent to Carole Patterson and Johannes Grewe for translation.

Michelle asks that a copy of the original document be sent to the secretary for record along with it's translation.

AL spoke with Clemente Grosso of Italy and he stated the changes went through smoothly

Al has spoke with both USA DOJ Nathaniel Roque and LV/DVG President Carole Patterson to see if we can get 1 complete translation of the IPO rules

Vice President's Report

Lyle Roetemeyer wants to remind all AWDF clubs that as USA President he has to approve / sign off on all SV judge requests. He asks that all SV requests that the parent organizations be the ones submitting the judge request to USA.

Example: if a USRC member club would like an SV judge for an event they will have to submit their request to the USRC itself then the USRC will pass along the request to USA. This way Lyle has absolute proof that the clubs trial is an approved sanctioned event under USRC

Treasurer Report

Sean apologizes for the short budget process and that there wasn't much discussion about it. He states that moving forward he will be sure to put the information out in a timely manner for review

Secretary Report

Michelle asks if anyone has any questions about the January minutes.

Dyan Harper made the motion that the January 21 minutes be accepted in to record. Augusta Farley seconded the motion. Al asked if anyone was opposed and there was no response.

January 21 2010 minutes were accepted in to record.

Old Business

2010 AWDF Championship

Sean updated everyone on the venue for this yrs event. He reminded the delegates that hotel rooms will be going fast with the event competing with the Indy 500 car race.

The annual meeting will be held at 8 am on Thursday May 27th at the German park.

The entire event including dinner parties will all be at the same locations. Plans for a pig roast on Friday eve and a Saturday eve German feast are scheduled with music and festivities.

To see more of the park the website is: Germanparkindy.org

There will be practice times scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday with online sign up

Mike Hamilton will be the tracking coordinator and Nate Harves is in charge of the stadium.

A Ring trial hosted by Nara is planned prior to the AWDF Championship.

Online pre-registration is up but the lack of response to the request for club contacts is holding up the final stages.

Inklings Ink is on board this year to assist in making the event shirts so as soon as the event design is updated to include all the breeds and sport clubs it will be off to the press.

Federation American Bull Dog / NWDA update

Rhonda FedAB has paid dues to AWDF – the considered merger fell through, disagreements on the name change, logo, structure of the BOD and C&B-L are preventing resolution at the moment Fed AB will look at the possibility of dissolving their club as of June 15th 2010 if a resolution can not be made.

Al gives both clubs credit for making an effort to try to work together.

Carole Patterson asked if NWDA is going to be the Bull Dog Club as NWDA is too broad spectrum of a sport club.

USMRA /Canadian Ring Association

Secretary note: there was some confusion on the call as to the subject so below is the excerpt and the conclusion.

From the January 21st minutes

"USMRA Augusta asks the board if USMRA can assist the Canadian Ring Assoc. to get up and going. The Canadian Ring Assoc. had helped the USMRA in the past assisting them in building their organization.

USMRA would like to reciprocate.it would be a temporary situation no more than 1 year and USMRA does not want to go against AWDF regulations.

There was a question of using AWDF scorebooks for this club and a suggestion was made to have the Canadians make their own books by using the AWDF score book as a template.

Vera R. advises to proceed with caution that we are more visible to the FCI and the FCI does not support multi national organizations."

Al contacted Frans Jansen and below is the email and response

From: Albert > Govednik

To: Frans Jansen

Sent: Friday, January 22, 2010 2:30 PM

Subject: Mondioring

Hi Frans,

I was asked if the FCI working commission would mind if the Mondioring club in America formed a better relationship with the Mondioring club in Canada.

I'm not sure what all of the particulars concerning this will be yet. I understand the club in Canada is quite small and has asked to work through our American club.

Please let me know if you think there could be any problems with this situation.

Al

-- On Fri, 1/22/10, frans jansen f.j.jansen@zonnet.nl> wrote:

From: frans jansen <f.j.jansen@zonnet.nl>

Subject: Re: Mondioring

To: "Albert Govednik" <algovfh@yahoo.com>

Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 8:03 AM

Hi Al,

No problem at all. I think that it would be nice if they could work together. If there is any help needed please let me know.

Take care,

Frans

FCI Team Selection Committee - FCI IPO regulation revisions

Michelle Testa made a motion to table the topic

Dyan Harper seconded the motion

All were in favor – FCI - IPO regulations tabled until next teleconference

Judges – WDA Judges in America – recognizing titles issued by sanctioned by other AWDF member clubs

Al spoke With USA President Lyle Roetemeyer and LV/DVG America President Carole Patterson in regards to judges that are not recognized any where but their own organization.

WDA Judges are recognized by the SV

SV judges and titles issued by SV Judges are recognized by AWDF member clubs

Al feels it is important to use judges from our AWDF club accredited programs and from Europe.

May Jacobson asked about the relationship with WDA, GSDCA and the SV

Lyle Roetemeyer stated that WDA is not recognized internationally that they are specifically contracted by the GSDCA. He continued stating that GSDCA and WDA are separate entities.

GSDCA doesn't have a recognized working Judges program.

Carole Patterson asked – if GSDCA brings over the judges and WDA does the paper work, how does that work if the WDA is not recognized?

Anne Camper asked if a WDA title is earned from a WDA judge does that dog need to repeat the title in a recognized AWDF organization in order to go to the next level in an AWDF organization. In AWMA this is the process followed.

Glenn Stephenson stated that WDA titles are valid and recognized by the WUSV and the WUSV recognizes WDA score books.

Al and others mentioned the obvious issue is the verification of Judges and authorization of judges. The mention of trial secretaries needing to be informed of which judges are accepted and who are not was made.

A discussion ensued and Al stated that in order to save time he will have an E board call to discuss this situation at length.

AKC - the unification of AWDF to stand together in regards to title recognition on AKC pedigrees

Al would like to actually have a conference call with Doug Ljungren AVP of Performance Events at some point.

Al states he is not opposed to diversity of our member clubs

May J. asked why can't people show in multiple venues with their working dogs

Glenn S. asked why do we want to support the prevention of people from showing their working dogs in AKC venues

Lyle states this is a huge conflict of interest for USA members belonging to both USA and GSDCA-WDA. USA membership has supported this decision by vote. Lyle feels the prohibition is beneficial to USA to preserve the GSD as a working breed

Glenn S. states that this is about USA and the WDA situation and the AWDF is being dragged in to a GSD squabble.

It was mentioned that this USA decision has directly affected the other breed clubs under AWDF who may have developed or have thought of developing any type of relationship with AKC even through AWDF.

UDC president Leslie Carpenter- USA made a decision that meets the needs of USA but as a Federation of clubs this may be a detriment and unfair to be influencing clubs in this manner.

Each member club within AWDF is self-governing, and each club has the freedom to associate or not associate with other organizations outside of AWDF.

Wendy Schmidt read a letter sent to UDC from Mr. Doug Ljungren , AVP of Performance Events Michelle asked if the letter could be forwarded to her for record.

A synopsis of the letter

> AKC has no ill will toward AWDF as a federation of clubs

>AKC's only involvement is to be able to verify the title earned.

>The AKC's decision to acknowledge schutzhund titles is meant to benefit the sport and the breeds involved.

>AKC would like to encourage owners to test their dogs for the temperament and skills necessary to perform the function that the breed was bred to do

> Due to USA's decision last fall, the AKC will not allow AKC acknowledged titles to be earned in events held by an organization that excludes members of an AKC club.

> AKC feels influence is through association and exclusion will almost guarantee a negative outcome

Lyle states that if we had stayed together as a federation to be effective as a whole we would all benefit but instead clubs going off and doing their own thing he felt was unsupportive of the AWDF. Anne Camper responded to Lyle commenting on USA 's decision of going around the regulation passed by AWDF last year in regards to scorebooks and the USA development of a separate USA only club score book as being unsupportive.

The discussion became heated and in order to avoid a situation where everyone was at odds, Al asked that the discussion be tabled until an E board call could be set up.

Michelle made the motion to table the topic, Dyan Harper seconded the motion and all were in favor

New Business

AWDF Nomination Committee – 2010 elections

Bill Bimrose listed the positions up for re-election

President - Treasurer - 2 DAL positions (Vera Reeves & Glenn Stephenson)

Nominations Committee: 3 positions - Board of Inquiry: 7 positions total (5 & 2 alternates)

Submissions close April 18, 2010

Lyle R. made a motion that the meeting be adjourned

Dyan H. seconded the motion - Motion carried and meeting adjourned 10:40 CST