

## May 11, 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 Glenn Stephenson, Dyan Harper Vera Reeves ABSENT

Clubs represented by delegates:

FedAB. Rhonda Moses, Gary Johnson USA –Craig Grogh USRC – Dan Williams,

UDC – Wendy Schmidt, May Jacobson, Linda Kruz ( present as non participant

LV/DVG Amer. - Carole Patterson USMRA – Augusta Farley

AWMA – Anne Camper NAWATA – Marcia Govednik NAWBA– Carole Walker

WPBTCA – Annetta Cheek, AHNA – Barbara Baker

Clubs absent: WRSF, USBA, NARA, WDSH, WBRTCA , SACCI, NARA

Presidents Report

AI asked Sean to give us an update on the championship.

2010 AWDF Championship update

Sean reported that things are in order. Tracking has been secured at a location closer to the venue and will be Grass. Schedule of events is posted and online practice sign-ups will begin on Friday May 14th 9pm EDT.

Online sign-up was reviewed by Sean. Competitors who use the online service get priority. Each entrant has 8 minutes of practice time.

Any questions, please email Sean.

The online pre registration overall went pretty well. There were some glitches but any issue was quickly resolved. There was a suggestion to make the entry form easier to understand. The committee will review and look to improve things for next year.

The annual meeting will be held at the German park on Thursday at 8am

We will be having up to the minute score postings for the event.

Friday eve- will be a hog roast at the German Park. The cost will be \$10, all you can eat.

Saturday eve at the park there will be a buffet style German Fest buffet with either a polka band or DJ

Event shirts are being printed but the cost is higher than the budget amount set aside. Sean felt that there should be no problem selling the merchandise and would like to ask for an increase in finances to cover cost.

Sean motions that an amount of no more than \$1200 be allowed to cover the initial cost to make the event shirts. Carole Patterson seconded the motion. All were in favor – none opposed/

Motion passed to allow the increase in monies to cover cost.

Trophies sold, so far is enough to cover cost but we need to sell more. Sean suggests to stream line the number available to the most popular.

Dan Williams made a suggestion on alternative awards and Sean asked he send him the info and link and he will certainly consider it.

AI asked that everyone keep a heads up at the event for problems or issues. Be proactive, handle what you can. Please do not hesitate to contact an officer of the AWDF or the Field coordinator.

AI G. let everyone on the call know Bill Bimrose had a medical situation a couple of weeks ago

The AWDF board and delegates wish Bill Bimrose a speedy recovery and hope to see him at the Championship.

Vice President's Report - no report

Treasurer Report – no report

Secretary Report

Michelle asked if anyone has any questions about the March minutes.

Rhonda Moses of FedAB asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that FedAB “was possibly considering dissolution as of June 15”. The minutes state that FedAB will dissolve as a club.

Dyan Harper made the motion that the March minutes be accepted into the record with the wording change to “possibility of dissolution” as directed by Rhonda M. President of Fed AB.

Annetta Cheek seconded the motion. Al asked if anyone was opposed and there was no opposition.

The minutes of March 15, 2010 meeting were accepted in to record.

### Old Business

Judges – in America

Lyle Reviewed the policy of SV judge requests with the group. All AWDF clubs must have the USA President approve/sign off on all SV judge requests. He asked that all SV judge requests specifically come from the parent organizations in order to be sure their club has approval to be hosting a trial.

Dan Williams ( USRC ) stated it may be in everyone's best interest for a liaison to be appointed to handle judge requests from AWDF member clubs as well as within the AWDF. Dan and AL feel it may be an Idea for every parent organization to copy the AWDF Secretary on these requests as a checks and balance. This would also assist in networking for sharing judges and protect clubs from judges who have exceeded their quota for judging abroad.

Al believes that this is very important and asked if the Secretary would be willing to take on the responsibility of handling all AWDF member club foreign judge requests other than SV, which USA is in charge of. Michelle agreed.

Ann Camper asks that the process be easy to follow and a location to find the information.

Michelle asked Lyle R. if he would assist her in developing a format to be filled out by AWDF member clubs. Lyle agreed.

Carole asked if the FCI has a sport judge list on file. A list of all certified judges as this would be a valuable tool for the clubs. Ann P. asked if the list was specific to IPO.

Al responded that there is an approved judges list per country. The one he knows of is specific to IPO.

American Judges

Al started by stating that there are a number of AWDF member clubs with a judges program. It is important to use recognized judges for our events. There are organizations that have judges that are not recognized anywhere but their own club. We need to support the programs that are within the member clubs of the Federation. We also need to find a way to get the smaller clubs up and running with some sort of program as well.

Carole P. suggested an AWDF Judge Apprentice program in which approved individuals of AWDF member clubs can audit trials under say DVG or USA judges and be recognized as a judge for all AWDF member clubs.

Carole would have to get approval for this from Germany for DVG. Lyle felt that the approved individuals could be judges for their specific clubs and was uncertain about the term AWDF judge.

There was discussion on how to make a motion to move forward.

Anne Camper made the suggestion that instead of a motion, a committee should be appointed made up of all the DOJ's to develop the program and set up criteria and qualifications first. Glenn S. supported her suggestion.

Al asked Glenn S. (AWMA DOJ) to Chair the committee. Nathaniel Roque (USA), Hartmut Beckman (DVG) Ron Marshall (AWPBTA) as well as someone from Mondioring will be asked to be part of the committee.

Trial Judges that are not members of AWDF

Al reminded the group that if we are to work together as a federation, we need to choose judges whose awards are accepted internationally and avoid judges whose awards are not accepted.

We truly want an American representative whether it be a qualified judge or competitor to represent us. We need to back the people in our federation

May Jacobson spoke up about the WDA being recognized by the WUSV and the fact that WDA people can't belong to the AWDF.

Sean asked May what would be the reason to support someone outside of the federation?

May stated WDA scores are accepted by the WUSV and the availability of judges.

Dan Williams stated for all practical purposes the new judges program will, over the course of a few years, increase the availability of judges within the Federation.

Al supported Dan's statement finishing with the fact that if we have more judges within the Federation it will result in fewer problems.

Glenn Stephenson moved to adjourn the meeting

May Jacobson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned 10:10 CST