

October 24, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Meeting began 8:10pm CST

Attendance:

President: Al Govednik Vice President Lyle Roetemeyer
Secretary: Michelle Testa Treasurer: Sean O'Kane
Executive Delegates: Vera Reeves, Dyan Harper (late)
Cathy Markos (incoming Treasurer)

Member Clubs & Delegate attendance

United States Boxer Association- Absent
United Doberman Club - May Jacobson, Wendy Schmidt
United States Rottweiler Club - Dan Williams
Working Riesenschнауzer Federation – Chantal P. Young
United Schutzhund Clubs of America – Craig Grogh
North American Working Bouvier – Carol Walker, Trish Harper
American Working Malinois Association - Absent
Federation American Bulldog -, Parker Barnette
Working Pit Bull Terrier Club of America - Absent
LV/DVG America – Sandy Purdy
Working Black Russian Terrier Club of America - Absent
Working Dutch Shepherd Association - Les Flores
The Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano- Absent
North American Ring Association - Dave Kroyer
Authentic Hovawarts of North America - Absent
United States Mondioring Association – Lisa Geller, Augusta Farley
N A Working Airedale Terrier Association - Marcia Govednik

Presidents Report

President Al Govednik spoke about the Judge's College held in August that it was well attended and an enjoyable event. The review and explanation of the new IPO rules went smoothly. Al spoke briefly about the FCI meeting that was held the day before and noted that the minutes to that meeting should be available soon

Vice Presidents Report

VP Lyle Roetemeyer attended the FCI meeting of the working commission at the FCI IPO event. Everything was well organized with a nice venue.

Belgium has Okayed the AWDF to secure judges directly through the Belgium Kennel club.

The 2012 FH Championship will be held in Germany in April.

Secretary's report

May meeting minutes were reviewed Dyan Harper made the motion to accept the May minutes. Augusta Farley seconded the motion. There were none opposed. The May minutes were accepted into record.

Treasurer's report

Sean states his resignation is still in process. He would like to be sure all the end of year particulars is in order to make a smooth transfer to Cathy Markos. Al asked Sean to send out a budget to the members. There is still an outstanding balance from the 2011 AWDF that needs to be reconciled.

Old Business

Events committee- update on progress for the manual and contracts - This committee has not met. There are no updates. Dave Kroyer stated that he was under the impression that the committee was made up of himself and Lyle Roetemeyer.

The secretary responded by reading from the 2011 annual minutes listing those who were elected to this committee at the annual meeting:

President Govednik chairperson, Anne Camper, Patty Bartley, Dave Kroyer, Lyle Roetemeyer, & Carol Walker

Transfer of Treasurer's position to Cathy Markos – discussed in treasurer's report

Judges policy –

NAWBA had some confusion with their hosting club in regards to the correct process of acquiring SV judges for their championship event. Trish apologized and stated that NAWBA will follow the AWDF policy going forward.

President Govednik stated that AWDF member clubs requesting FCI judges must go through the AWDF Secretary

Dog aggression policy

The importance and need of a policy on dog aggression had been an ongoing conversation in between conference calls. The Secretary presented a sample clause that she and Bill Bimrose put together based on USCA and FCI policy for open discussion for the members on the call:

“The term aggression will be defined as:

A dog that bites a person and/ or another dog

A dog that initiates aggression toward another dog

A dog that expresses aggression (as defined by the above explanations) at any time from the official Championship Check in until closing ceremonies/event end; will result in immediate dismissal from the trial with all scores and rating deleted and the notation made in the score book dismissed / aggression to dog and/ or person.”

Questions in regards to attorney assistance, the policy and it's disclosure to competitors were mentioned

Vera Reeves stated that competitors need to read the rulebook and understand the rules. There was no need to repeat what the rules already state.

There was no conclusion or decision made on the policy.

2012 Championship bids

Nate Harves and O.G. Landshark club presented a bid for the AWDF 2012 Championship

He reviewed his proposal and elaborated on the location. There were questions as to flexibility on the date as the USCA felt it was being scheduled too close to the USCA WDC event.

Merimack Valley Working Dog also submitted a bid but were unable to make the call.

New Business

Tina Perriguet- President, United States Working Dog Foundation - America's K9 Bodyguard.

Tina spoke briefly about her not for profit organization and the ongoing fight against anti- dog legislation.

Vera Reeves asked that Tina sent out reading material to the delegates for everyone to read.

Carol Walker asked Tina to please be specific as to what her organization is asking from the AWDF.

President Al Govednik closed the meeting with a brief message about his dog Hex.

Carol Walker made a motion to close the conference call meeting

The Secretary seconded the motion. The meeting ended 9:30pm CST