

2014 AWDF January 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting began 8:10 pm est

Attendance:

President: Al Govednik ,Vice President: Bill Bimrose, Secretary: Michelle Testa, Treasurer Chantal Young

Executive Delegates at large, Dyan Harper and Dan Williams, Vera Reeves

United Doberman Club - Wendy Schmidt, May Jacobson

Working Riesenschнауzer Federation – Tim Nyx

United Schutzhund Clubs of America – Frank Phillips, Jim Alloway

American Working Malinois Association – Anne Camper, Christopher Smith

North American Working Bouvier Association – Charlie Porter, Martha Sadler

United States Mondioring Association – Aida Flick, Lisa Geller

United States Rottweiler Club – Chuck Wilson, Amanda Hoskinson

Working Black Russian Terrier Club of America – Anne Marie Chaffin, Patty Bartley

LV/DVG America – Carole Patterson

Working Dutch Shepherd Association – Les Flores

United States Boxer Association – Mark Chase

Cane Corso Assoc. of America (Guest status) – Annie Wildmoser

American Herding Breed Assoc. (Guest status) – Linda Rorem

Federation American Bulldog – Paige Shriver

Working Pit Bull Terrier Club of America – Annetta Cheek, Howard Burgess

ABSENT

Hovawart Club

President Report

Al, thanked everyone for the turn out, and asked to please keep the discussion on track.

Vice President Report - nothing at this time

Secretary Report – October 22nd 2013 meeting minutes

Dyan Harper made a motion to accept the minutes in to record

Carole Patterson seconded the motion

No one opposed – October 22nd minutes accepted.

The Secretary asked that all clubs submit ASAP the individual deadlines.

There will be no late entry

The deadline for all Entries to be to the AWDF Secretary will be MARCH 31st.

Treasurer Report

Chantal submitted the 2014 budget with the proposed budget cuts for the delegates to review via email.

There was a request for time to be given for all clubs to review the document due to most has not received the document in enough time to go over the financial changes and treasurer's suggestions. After many questions and a lengthy discussion Al asked all the clubs to vote on whether to have another call to discuss the budget. The vote was unanimous that all member clubs will be given time to review the budget.

A separate conference call will be scheduled for Feb 1st 9pm eastern time specifically to settle the 2014 budget.

Old Business

2014 AWDF Championship

Event website is up and running – www.2014awdf.com

The AWDF itself will be running the event – there will not be a host club
Hotel information will be coming soon

Al asked for help from the member clubs onsite at the event

Track layers and event personnel are needed

Dan Williams asked who will be working on Draw night - Bill Bimrose responded he is working on it.

The President asked that all the member clubs vote to decide whether to keep the IPOFH and advanced tracking titles in the April event or not. A vote was taken to keep the IPOFH and advance tracking titles in this event.

1 yes, 1 abstain, and 18 no

There will be no IPOFH Championship or any advance tracking titles at this event.

Membership Dues Proposal

The executive board submitted a proposal to the member club delegates prior to the conference call proposing a change in the voting structure. (contained within)

It was noted that the Executive board spent a considerable amount of time having numerous meetings and having lengthy discussions on reviewing options suitable for the federation.

The Executive Board has been studying possible changes in the voting structure and membership dues for AWDF. At this time in light of the economic times and not wanting to create a financial hardship for any of the member clubs, the Executive Committee would like to propose the following voting structure change only.

The current Dues Structure is \$300.00 per club plus 0.75 per member. The Executive Committee is not proposing any changes in the dues structure.

	Club	Membership	Dues
1	Federation of American Bulldog	22	\$316.50
2	Wording Dutch Shepherd Association	26	\$319.50
3	American Working Black Russian Terrier Association	27	\$320.25
4	Working Riesenschaunzer Federation	42	\$331.50
5	Working Pitbull Club of America	45	\$333.75
6	North American Working Bouvier Association	69	\$351.75
7	Hovawart Club of North America (Guest - Non Voting)	109	\$381.75
8	United States Boxer Association	121	\$390.75
9	American Herding Breed Association (Guest - Non Voting)	135	\$401.25
10	United States Rottweiler Club	140	\$405.00
11	United States Mondioring Association	188	\$441.00
12	American Working Malinois Association	216	\$462.00
13	Cane Corso Association of America (Guest - Non Voting)	300	\$525.00
14	United Doberman Club	324	\$543.00
15	LV\DVG America	872	\$954.00
16	United Schutzhund Club of America	3645	\$3,033.75
	Total	6281	\$9,510.75

The Executive Committee is proposing the voting structure be changed to 1 vote for every 400 members. Below is a chart indicating the number of vote per total membership number.

0-400	1
401-800	2
801-1200	3
1201-1600	4
1601-2000	5
2001-2400	6
2401-2800	7

2801-3200	8
3201-3600	9
3601-4000	10
4001-4400	11

The following is the breakdown for votes at the current membership rate:

USCA = 10 Votes

DVG = 3 Votes

All remaining clubs would receive 1 vote = 11 Votes

Directors at Large = 3 Votes

Executive Board = 4 Votes

Total Votes = 31

Bill Bimrose stated we do have options to look at.

- 1) A tier structure that has been presented – 1 vote for every 400 members
- 2) \$600. Flat rate per club
- 3) Keep things the way they are
- 4) Cut the budget down to bare bones

Wendy stated that finances are the issue and the voting structure should stay the same.

Tim Nyx, Chuck Wilson, Lisa Geller all suggested leaving the voting out of the picture.

Mark Chase and Annemarie Chaffin reviewed the past history of the dues and voting structures with the attendees.

It was strongly suggested to concentrate on the budget and look at revenue opportunities.

Bill Bimrose asked to take a straw poll to see what the clubs could do.

Vera Reeves made the motion to do the straw poll

Dan Williams seconded the motion

The motion was opposed by more than 50% of the delegates and no poll or vote on the change in dues structure was held.

The budget and dues structure will be revisited during the conference call to be held on Feb. 1.

2014 AWDF IPOFH Championship

Mark Chase has 2 clubs ready to put together the event for September 26-28th in Maine

Possible Judges: Alfons de Bosch & Frans Jansen

There will be no financial responsibility by the AWDF for this event.

Mark Chase was asked to submit the proposal to the executive board.

A recommendation was made by the Secretary that this event, its hosting clubs and responsibilities be documented in a written agreement.

Carole Patterson made the motion to adjourn

Michelle Testa Seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned 9:56 pm est

NEW Business

The president asked for information in regards to clubs and the number of "hits" their websites receive. Please send this information to the AWDF Secretary.

LV/DVG President Carole Patterson notified the call attendees of the passing of LV/DVG board member and judge Sandi Purdy.

The Secretary made the motion to adjourn the meeting

Carole Patterson seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned 9:01 CDT