

General Board Meeting Minutes 08-19-2014

Meeting called to order at 8:01 p.m. CDT

Present:

President: Bill Bimrose

Vice-President: Brandon Wilson

Secretary: Karen Stafford

Treasurer: Chantal Young

Directors at Large: Dyan Harper, Tim Karchnak, Dave Kroyer

USBA: Mark Chase

USRC: Chuck Wilson, Dan Williams

UDC: Wendy Schmidt

USCA: Jim Alloway

DVG: Annetta Cheek, Anne Conroy

AWMA: Christopher Smith, Anne Camper

USMRA: Ida Flick

FEDAB: Parker Barnett

AHBA: Linda Rorem (guest)

CCAA: Annie Wildmoser (guest)

President Report: Appreciation expressed for those present.

Vice-President Report: Process of finalizing uniforms for the team is going well. Samantha Almeida is getting sizes and name spelling. After order, 1 week turn around. That will happen this week. All going well with uniforms.

Secretary Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report:

Year beginning balance of \$12,246.66

22748.55

16844.54

19150.67

The Black Russian Terrier Club has not paid 2014 dues. The BRT club will not continue with AWDF.

Brandon asked if a certified letter has been sent as our by-laws indicate that September 1 is the deadline for delinquent dues to be paid.

Chantal was able to have IRS fines waived.

Old Business:

Mark Chase joined the meeting

Update on FH championship. 600 acres for tracking. Both judges are released. Track-layers selected.

Approximately 6 competitors are expected.

Entry fee for IPO FH is \$250. FH1-2 are \$125, TR1-3 are \$50.

Mark Chase left the meeting.

Appointments:

Karen Stafford for secretary, Brandon Wilson for Vice-president, Dave Kroyer for director at large.

Dan Williams moved that all three appointees be voted on as a group. Motion carried.

Appointees approved.

Judging Policy:

Brought to the delegates for a vote.

Dan Williams moved that the policy be accepted. Chuck Wilson seconded.

Discussion: Annetta: DVG can't agree to this policy because judging policy is controlled by Germany.

Parker Barnett: Asked how this policy affects breeds such as breed suitability testing. Brandon responded that since judges within the organization judge the events and those results are not sent to any other organization, this policy would not effect that instance.

Dan Williams: Asked to clarify that any judge from any organization under AWDF could request a judge from any other organization under the AWDF. It was confirmed that this is the case.

Jim Alloway: Asked if judges from WUSV could be added alongside the reference to AWDF in the policy. Brandon clarified that since WUSV is a member of FCI, then any club under the WUSV is recognized.

Dyan further clarified that the point of the policy is to curb the sharing of judges with clubs and organizations that are not affiliated with or have any link whatsoever to the FCI.

Bill addressed Annetta Cheek of DVG and asked why DVG could not comply with this policy. Annetta indicated that the rules / by-laws of DVG say much the same thing as the policy and it is likely that DVG probably does much the same thing as proscribed in the policy, she could not vote in favor of the policy.

Dan Williams then asked about how the policy applies to FCI judges coming to the USA from Europe.

Brandon reiterated that the policy only applies to judges under the umbrella of the AWDF.

Chuck Wilson asked about the policy's application to conformation events and judges.

Parker Barnett had the same questions since the American Bulldog is not recognized by the FCI.

Dan Williams: Moved to add the word "performance" so that the policy does not apply to conformation judges. Dyan Harper seconded the motion.

Motion was then made to table the discussion on the policy so that it could be re-written to include the word "performance" and then re-presented to the general board at the next meeting. Chuck Wilson seconded the motion. Motion was defeated.

Motion to add the word "performance" was then made and seconded. Motion carried.

New Clubs:

The American Herding Breed Association

Cane Corso Association of America

Discussion: Brandon asked why the AHBA wanted to come under the AWDF. Linda Rorem responded that the club was interested in the FCI connection. Brandon asked how many members AHBA had. Linda Rorem indicated about 300 members.

Dan Williams asked if AHBA would have any problem with representation at the annual board meetings. Linda Rorem indicated that it would depend on the location and the expense required to travel and if any member were able to travel.

Tim Karchnak asked how many events the AHBA had per year. Linda Rorem responded about 120 with some in Europe.

Brandon asked if AHBA had their own judges. AHBA does have their own judges. There was discussion regarding AHBA judges judging outside FCI sanctioned events. AHBA judges do judge, for example, ASCA and AKC trials but they do so under licenses other than their AHBA license.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the American Herding Breed Association as an AWDF club. Motion carried.

Dan Williams asked if the Cane Corso club would have any problem with a representative attending the annual board meetings. Annie Wildmoser indicated that a CCAA representative was present at the 2014 annual meeting.

Brandon asked how many members were in the CCAA club. Annie Wildmoser indicated about 200.

Tim Karchnak asked about events hosted by the Cane Corso club. Annie Wildmoser responded that, while they are working towards hosting their own IPO events, they currently enter trials hosted by other clubs. They do host events that promote working breeds such as obedience trials.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Cane Corso club into the AWDF. Motion carried.

Trial Summary Sheets:

The Executive Board, in an effort to insure that AWDF complies with FCI rules and requests, has implemented the Trial Scoresheet and Summary Sheet Policy.

Ann Camper asked who would administer the documents and who would have access to the information.

Bill Bimrose indicated that the documentation would be administered through the AWDF secretary and would be used to comply with FCI requests. The information will be provided to individuals on a need to know basis and will be under AWDF Executive Board control.

Annetta Cheek indicated that DVG would not comply with this policy since their information goes to the FCI through DVG in Germany.

Anne Camper asked how this policy is different from the information being gleaned from the AWMA web site.

Brandon explained that the AWDF secretary should not have to go to many various web sites to find information asked for by the FCI but that it should be compiled all in one location.

Wendy Schmidt asked when the policy would be implemented.

Brandon indicated that it would be immediate.

Dan Williams contributed that this is not a new policy but that it is something that should have been submitted for the last 5-6 years. Previous President Al Govednik had this information compiled and used in meetings in Europe for many years.

Wendy Schmidt asked if the policy meant judges' sheets. Brandon assured her that it was only scoresheets and summary sheets signed by the trial secretary and judge.

Anne Camper asked about the BOI charges for non-compliance, being specifically concerned about the turn-around time. Discussion ensued concerning turn-around time, who should be responsible for turning in the documents (individual clubs or the club secretary) and whether or not a uniform form should be provided for submission.

Wendy Schmidt asked if this policy should include anything other than performance events. Clarification was made that it involves only performance events.

It was also confirmed that the documents should come only from the organization once the trial documents were approved.

Motion was made and seconded to amend the policy to 30 day turn-around time. Motion carried with no dissent.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the amended policy. Motion carried.

Bids for 2015 Championship:

Given that the Executive Board took responsibility for the 2014 AWDF IPO Championship with help from other club members, the executive board believes that hosting of the 2015 event should be put out for bid. A bid packet should be put out this week and we will put up a copy on the AWDF web site. Every effort should be made to make the bid process attractive to prospective host clubs.

Anne Camper requested that the bid packet should be sent out to all organizations to review before the packets are sent out.

Brandon Wilson expressed the opinion that the bid packet and the financial arrangements with the host club should be an Executive Board decision.

Bill Bimrose said that he believes that the split with the host club should be such that both the host club and the AWDF makes money.

Bill Bimrose indicated that the time crunch to get the bid packet out was urgent and that they should go out as soon as possible.

Scorebooks:

Dan Williams pointed out the section in the By-Laws that addresses what titles AWDF member clubs will recognize and which it will not.

Anne Conroy asked if USCA recognizes WDA scorebooks.

Jim Alloway said that, yes, USCA recognizes WDA scorebooks.

Anne Conroy further asked if USCA uses WDA judges.

Jim Alloway said that, no, USCA does not use WDA judges.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m. CDT.