General Board Meeting

April 18,2019

Call to order 6:12

Attendance- AWDF Executive Board

President- Anne Camper- present

Vic President- Annetta Cheek- present

Secretary- Roberta Haskell- present

Treasurer- Annie Wildmoser- present

DOL- Carol Karchnak- present

DOL- Ted Hartman- present

DOL- Ivan Balabanov- absent

Member Clubs and Delegates:

United States Boxer Club- absent

United States Doberman Club- Leslie Carpenter- present

United States Rottweiler Club- absent

Working Reisenschnauzer Federation- Tim Nyx- present

North American Working Bouvier Assoc- Margaret Teitelbaum-present

United States Mondioring Association- Ann Putegnat- present

American Working Malinois Assoc- Christopher Smith- present

Federation American Bulldog- Sondra Rolison- present

Working Pitbull Terrier Club of America- - present

LV/DVG- Rukmalie Jayakody- present

Working Dutch Shepherd Assoc- Sami Hanna- present

American Herding Breed Association – absent

Cane Corso Association- absent

Agenda Item #1

Recap of AWDF Championship:

The trial venue was gorgeous, host club did a fantastic job. Back up stadium was great

Score Sheets have been received from Jani. Accounting forms are in the mail

Revenue is as follows:

Entries-$1300

Trophies-$1087.84

Flowers were sent to Kay Taylor as a Thank You.

Rukmalie Jayakody – There is a DVG club who has expressed an interest in hosting the AWDF Championship for next year. They are working on their proposal.

Agenda Item #2

Jim Honda’s proposal for GSD representation in the AWDF:

First off there was an email message sent to UScA by Anne Camper asking if they intended to complete the application process to rejoin AWDF. No response was received.

AWDF needs GSD organization representation.

Honda’s proposal would provide this representation. UScA and GSDCA would be able to join Jim Honda’s non-profit organization “the Working German Shepherd Promotion Association”if they choose to. There would be no joining fee. Their judges and scorebooks would then be recognized and their members would be eligible to compete at the AWDF Championship. If UScA chooses not to join then individual UScA members would be able to join through Jim Honda’s Club themselves thus becoming eligible to compete at the AWDF Championship. Individual judges would also be able to apply through this organization so that they will be recognized by AWDF.

FCI expects us to have GSD representation. Franz Jenson seems to be supportive of this solution.

Jim Honda has also offered to donate $4500.00 annually to AWDF plus possible future support to the host club of the annual championship. He has also promised to establish a GSD charitable trust of which AWDF will be the shareholder/member and will contribute money for its’ start. If the two existing GSD organizations recognized by WUSV-SV agree to allow the AWDF Championship to determine the WUSV Team instead of using the current format of a having a qualifying trial then he will try and provide financial assistance to the top competitors from each organization.

There is a meeting of the FCI scheduled in 10 days so it is very important that we vote and decide on this proposal.

Rukmalie expressed the frustration of many DVG members that this solution won’t provide more access to trials or judges. She suggested that AWDF attempt to re-negotiate with UScA.. Perhaps offering to eliminate the $1.00/ member fee if UScA would eliminate the $100 fee for non-members to compete at UScA trials

DVG Annie Thomas is planning on meeting with Jim Honda during her upcoming visit to Hawaii.

Annetta expressed the concern that this new organization would be governed by a single person and has asked that the board appoint someone as back up in case something happened to Jim.

“Jim” expressed his concern that Jim Honda has no history of running a breed club and that AWDF needs a strong team to represent us at the FCI championship. He felt that we should stand by our principals and insist on the initiation fee be paid by UScA.

Anne and Annetta both feel that it is fruitless to attempt any further negotiations with UScA.

Honda’s proposal would offer UScA the opportunity to trial at the AWDF Championship without paying any initiation fee. The initiation fee charged by AWDF is not a new fee. It was in place before they applied.

The hope is that AWDF would remain a unified group representing all breeds not controlled by a GSD organization was voiced.

Honda has completed all the paperwork, has sent a check for the application fee and has met all the requirements to join AWDF.

Questions from Board members for Jim Honda:

Has he had any contact with UScA or GSDCA? Are they interested in joining?

Can individual members join Jim club and be eligible for the same benefits if UScA and the GSDCA don’t join?

Will UScA socebooks be recognized if individuals join, but UScA doesn’t join?

How will these individuals be managed? Framework? Breed Club without clubs?

Please send any further questions to Anne Camper. She will be in touch with Jim Honda and will try and answer everyone’s questions prior to the vote on April 30th.

The vote will be scheduled April 30,2019 at 9pm EDT. We need a 2/3 majority vote for this proposal to pass. It is very important that everyone be involved.

Agenda item #3

Requesting FCI judges.

The request for a FCI judge must come from the AWDF. There is a new form which will be posted on the web site which needs to be completed and returned to the AWDF secretary.

Reminder- AWDF does not recognize GSDCA judges. Trial secretaries are asked to check on score books to be sure that titles have not been earned under a GSDCA judge. Such titles would need to be repeated under a recognized judge.