

AWDF ANNUAL BOARD MEETING 06/25/21

Attendance- AWDF Board

President- Anne Camper- present

Vic President- Annetta Cheek- present

Secretary- Roberta Haskell- phone

Treasurer- Annie Wildmoser- phone

DOL- Leslie Carpenter- phone

DOL- Ted Hartman- phone

DOL- Joel Monroe- present

Member Clubs and Delegates:

United States Boxer Club-Mark Chase- present

United Doberman Club- Simone Jeans- phone

United States Rottweiler Club- Michelle Platt- phone

Working Reischenschauzer Federation- Tim Nyx- present

North American Working Bouvier Association- Maggie Teitelbaum- phone

United States Mondioring Association- Ann Putegnat- phone

American Working Malinois Association- Randall Hoadley-phone

Federation American Bulldog- Sondra Rolison- present

Working Pitbull Terrier Club of America- - Ron Marshall- present

LV/DVG- Amanda Hoskinson- present

Working Dutch Shepherd Association- Chris Barnhart- present

American Herding Breed Association –Linda Rorem- phone

Working German Shepherd Dog Promotion Association- Joe Brockington- present

Working Molossers United (Cane Corso)- Dana Miller- present

Call to order 6:05pm ET.

Roll call

Voting delegates declared

Officer Report

President- Anne Camper- Thank you to Joe and Lindsey Brockington for all their hard work to put on the championship.

Thank you to Annetta Cheek for all her work as VP.

Thank you to Roberta Haskell for her work as secretary.

Vice president- Annetta Cheek- It was a pleasure to serve. After the regular meeting there will be a presentation regarding the new search and rescue club that Annetta has been working on. They have submitted an application requesting to join AWDF.

Secretary- Roberta Haskell- It has been an honor to serve. I have learned so much.

Treasurer- Annie Wildmoser- The financial report has been sent out to all the delegates. Please let Annie know if you have any questions.

Old Business

Update on FCI-

GSDCA made a move through AKC to take over the role of holding the Championship trial that would ultimately decide who could represent the USA at the FCI World Championship. The FCI made it very clear that the AWDF is the organization in charge of holding the Championship that will ultimately choose the US team that will be sent to the FCI world Championship.

Mondioring is a member of AWDF but has its own FCI commission.

Anne feels that the AWDF has a strong position. Kennel clubs don't endorse the working sports. She hopes that our position will be solidified in the next few months but the FCI is moving very slowly. Only contract partners of the FCI can use the new FCI-IGP titles. We still have a 2 year grace period where our IGP titles

will continue to be recognized by FCI. The selection process for the FCI team is unchanged.

FCI said no to the GSDCA. AKC does not have an IGP program and GSDCA is a single breed organization.

Mark Chase asked if AKC did actually send out a letter stating that it does not want to participate in IGP sports? Anne has not seen such a letter. AKC has its own obedience, herding and agility titles.

Mark also asked what FCI is doing about the “animal rights movement”? He was reassured that there are many people in Europe fighting to preserve the sport.

Short Update on the Championship by Joe Brockington.

Covid -19 presented huge challenges. Starting with the cancellation of the 2020 AWDF Nationals last year and having to re-arrange everything until this year. We are grateful that our European trial judges who were able to be here to judge this year with all the restrictions still in place. We are also very happy that apprentice judges were allowed to participate. The championship will provide a wonderful learning experience for them. Thanks for making this happen.

Election

The election will be held by secret ballot. were sent out to all the delegates and officers. Each ballot had unique numbers assigned to each candidate running for office. Annie Wildmoser and 2 volunteers were responsible for tabulating the votes and providing the results to the president who is responsible for announcing the winners of the election.

There were 2 people nominated from the floor to run for the Events Committee. Then the five people on the ballot were voted in by acclamation. The Events Committee will be Kay Taylor, Christina Hansel, Jeanita Davis, Randall Hoadley, and Gregory Dalton.

Ted Hartman was the only person running for the DAL position so he was also vote in by acclamation.

John Bochenek was elected Vice President.

Ashley Stursa was elected as Secretary.

Congratulations to everyone.

New Business

WGSDPA has been a guest member of AWDF for the past 2 years. It is time for the board to vote them in as a full member or vote to require them to continue as a guest member.

Joe + Lindsey Brockington spoke about the Working German Shepherd Dog Promotional Association accomplishments.

They have put together a helper academy which provide a unified helper program for all the AWDF breed clubs. There will be a helper seminar July 17+18 at John Bochenek's club. 14 helpers have signed up to attend from 7 different member clubs. They have also developed a book that can be provided (likely at no cost) to the helpers.

They have developed a tracking program.

The WGSPA Nationals is scheduled for August 15-16. It will use the same venue as the AWDF Nationals.

They have collaborated with Helmut Reiser and the RSV global/ RSV-2000.

Membership for WGSDPA has been offered free of charge and there are >300 members. They have also allowed clubs to join the organization.

There have been discussions about offering breed surveys sometime in the future.

A vote was taken and the WGSDPA was voted in as a full member unanimously.

Discussion Items- These items will be discussed by the Executive Board.

Event planning- Member clubs are encouraged to hold at least 1 event per year.

Please let Anne know if your organization won't be able to do this.

There should be a central listing of all member club trials. Anne will help make this happen if all the member clubs agree. There is a committee already in place with Annie Wildmoser and Bill Cassell as members.

Executive Board Action Items:

- 1.) Posting of minutes
- 2.) FCI team selection criteria.

Plans For Next Year:

- 1.) Resolving FCI situation
- 2.) Developing an AWDF wide judge's program- multiple judges on the field
- 3.) Allowing apprentice judges at championships.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm ET.