

## **AWDF Annual Meeting**

In Person & Teleconference 4/22/22 9pm ET  
Called to order at 9:14pm

### Attendance:

Anne Camper- President - in person  
John Bochenek- Vice President - phone  
Ashley Stursa- Secretary - phone  
Annie Wildmoser- Treasurer - phone

\*Jessica Steel will assist in taking minutes, attending in person.

### Directors at Large:

Ted Hartman - phone  
Leslie Carpenter - absent  
Joel Monroe - present

United States American Bulldog Club- Eva Emmell - phone, voting delegate

North American Working Bouvier Association (NAWBA)- Kareen Carruthers - in person, voting delegate

United States Boxer Association (USA-BOX)- Renee Fulcer -phone, voting delegate

United Doberman Club (UDC) - Marie Miller-Anderson - In Person, voting delegate. Simone Jeans, phone.

Working Dutch Shepherd Association of America (WDSAA) -absent

American Working Malinois Association (AWMA) - Sarah Prella, in person, voting delegate

Working Pit Bull Terrier Club of America -absent

Working Riesenschнауzer Federation (WRSF)-Tom DeNapoli- phone, voting delegate

United States Rottweiler Club (USRC) - Marlene Ferguson - in person, voting delegate

LV / DVG America - Bill Cassell - in person, voting delegate

American Herding Breed Association - Beth Shea, in person, voting delegate

United States Mondioring Association - Christopher Smith - in person, voting delegate

Working German Shepherd Dog Promotion Association -absent

Working Molossers United - Mario Sanchez- in person, voting delegate

American Rettungshund Sport Association - Phyllis Walker - phone

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### Guests

Working Beauceron Association - Caitlin Bailey & Nicole Hardy

### **Officer Reports**

President - thanked host club for hosting championship, participants, volunteers, judges. Reviewed agenda. Four sports now represented within AWDF.

Vice President- thanked host club, no further items to report.

Secretary - streamlined minutes format, working on updating and streamlining various forms with Annie.

Treasurer- submitted treasurer report a week ago, on par for previous years. Thanked Leslie for standardizing reports.

No further reports from officers.

### **Old Business**

FCI updates- our performance sports are a small part of the FCI, balancing our relationship, continuing to develop allies.

Website - local club listing on AWDF website, access to form to list upcoming events. Possible approval process/auto generated response suggested. Anne suggested waiting to see if there is an issue since it is unlikely incorrect events would be listed on website.

Description of voting process- nominations come in through the nomination committee, not the floor. We can do election by acclamation, or individual vote.

Unanimous vote of accepting by acclamation for slate of officers. Anne thanked Leslie Carpenter for her years of service and welcomed Randall Hoadley.

President

Treasurer

Directors at Large (2)

Nomination Committee- Nancy Berezovske, Denis Krigbaum

BOI, Tim Karchnak, Mike ODonnell, Brian Ciszczon

Accepted by acclamation, the rest will be appointed. Please get info to Ashley Stursa if wanting to add name.

### **New Business**

Vote for WMU- last year hosted first championship, one this year as well. Christopher Smith motioned, Randall Hoadley seconded. No opposition. Accepted into AWDF as full member club.

Beauceron club Q&A- Nicole Hardy available on the phone for questions. Voting for provisional member for two years in the near future electronically. Anne asked how the working aspects would be promoted. Nicole explained history, uses of the dogs in various sports. Wanting to promote through hosting IGP trials, including all breeds. Ashley Stursa will resend their application in case any delegates have not received/reviewed it.

### **Discussion items**

Input on helper selection for AWDF IGP championship- Anne explained tryouts can be difficult due to the quality of dogs brought for tryouts. John suggested transparency in the process, so helpers and others are aware of the selection process. Eva asked about the challenges with videos. John believes a tryout is necessary every time, even though it adds to complexity to the event and hosts. If anyone has suggestions for the process send it in to Ashley Stursa.

Beth Shea brought up process for voting by acclamation.

Motion to adjourn Christopher Smith, Annie Wildmoser seconded. Meeting adjourned 9:52p ET.