

AWDF Teleconference September 22, 2008 Minutes DRAFT

Meeting began 8:10 CST

Attendance:

Pres. Al Govednik, Vice Pres. Lyle Roetemeyer,
Treasurer: Sean O'Kane, Secretary: Michelle Testa,
Executive Dirs. Vera Reeves, Glenn Stephenson, Gary Patterson

Clubs with Delegate Representation:

United Doberman Club, United States Rottweiler Club
United Schutzhund Clubs of America, Working Riesenschнауzer Federation
North American Working Bouvier, United States Mondioring Assoc. LV/DVG America
American Working Malinois Assoc., Federation American Bulldog, N A Working
Airedale Terrier Assoc, Working Pit Bull Terrier Club of America,
Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano

Clubs absent:

Authentic Hovawarts of North America,
United States Boxer Association

Total present on the call **20**

Delegates present **13**

President's report

Al began the meeting speaking positive about the trip to Belgium. It was a good event and very laid back. The camaraderie was nice and our AWDF team members were super representatives of our organization. At the Monday meeting judging was discussed in regard to points and discrepancies. It was mentioned that a development of coordinators would be put together to be allowed to check the judge on mistakes during competitions. Glenn S. responded pointing out that this would be very controversial and another delegate mentioned the thought of when actually a score would be the "final score" for a team.

Rule changes for 2010 in Schutzhund. The FCI formed a committee to meet and evaluate the rules to present at the December meeting in Europe. By this assessment there will be rule changes and Al G reminded all that Switzerland as of 9/1/2008 stick hits are no longer allowed in the trial. Switzerland is working on a situation to add the soft stick back as a way to test temperament. Italy also had run into this same situation but has found a way to successfully keep this portion of the test in their trials. Al G. continued to inform the delegates that in France all dogs entered in working competitions must have passed a temperament test similar to the BH and the AKC CGC is not an equivalent. It is required in Luxemburg that all dogs must have passed a BH in order to be outside of the house without a muzzle.

Al also spoke of the meeting in regards to the rules & translation for Mondioring. The rules in French are what is accepted. Augusta F mentions that there is an English translation but it has not been approved. Al asked Ann P. and Augusta F to keep him posted on the progress.

Finishing off his report on the trip Al lets us know that the 2009 event will be in Austria. The Austrians already have their program together and tracking will be grass.

Pia Blackwell (AWDF team alternate & USA New England regional Dr.) has offered to assist the AWDF in securing the hotel situations for the 2009 team.

Statistic Report from the delegates

Al G requests that all delegates collect information on trials, # of dogs entered # of titles attained pass- fail

All information should be submitted to the Secretary

Michelle will send the form out ASAP with a deadline note.

Vice President Report

Lyle began his report stating that the FCI team needs to be named earlier, with the merger of the North Americans and the HOT Championships this should become easier

The process is okay but the closing date for declarations should be moved to later in the month of June and once the date is set it should be secured.

Lyle wanted to let everyone know that he enjoyed the open meeting and discussion with General/Permanent Secretary Yves DeClerq. Al G. stated that this gentle man is an upstanding person who understands the sport and the working community. Secretary DeClerq is looking for ways to bring people together and truly understands the difficult fight against BSL

Treasurers Report

Sean emailed the budget to the officers and delegates. States we are on target with our finances.

2009 AWDF Championship updates

Sean states things are moving smoothly

AZG president Wilfred Schaepermeier has committed to be one of our judges for the 2009 event.

Lyle Thanks Sean for his time and effort as treasure of the AWDF

Secretary Report

Michelle sent out a draft of the minutes from the August teleconference call to all delegates for review.

Annetta Cheek made a motion to accept the minutes

May Jacobson 2nd

None opposed, Minutes were accepted.

President Al Govednik thanked both Sean and Michelle for bringing the organization up to another level.

Group Insurance

Ann Camper states that we need to get working on this. At the moment it has been a bit difficult with the flood of National events going on.

Score Books

Michelle sent out to the delegates the information gathered in regards to the pros and cons of the change over to AWDF scorebooks. There was much discussion but for the time being the February decision still stands. All AWDF CH competitors must have an AWDF scorebook to compete.

Events committee

The events committee has volunteers Sean O'Kane (AWDF Treas.) Wendy Schmidt (UDC) Erik Storm (SACCI) Lyle Roetemeyer (USA) Michelle Testa (AWDF Secretary) Carole Patterson offered to send the committee samples of the LV DVG / America contracts for host clubs and rules for championships

New Business

Website development

Still a work in progress

Al began with a suggestion of a listing of approved Judges. He requested that all member clubs submit a list of judges that are accepted. This will be then compiled and added to our website.

There was also a suggestion of a certified decoy list.

BSL update

none at this time

Mondioring Update

Augusta announced the new addition of a certificate program to the USMRA. Augusta explained that the new mondioring OB and OBJ certificate program was designed to provide more opportunities to practice routines as well as to entice those from outside our sport to try us with the least amount of crossover conflict. The OB certificate program is mondioring obedience without jumps and the OBJ certificate program is obedience with jumps both available at Levels 1, 2, and 3. There are some modifications that shouldn't affect those dogs in training for mondioring titles. Details about the program will be available shortly on the website, www.usmondioring.org.

Al G. asked both Ann and Augusta if it would be possible to put a demo together for the 2009 AWDF Championship. They both replied that they will bring it up to their board for consideration.

Ann Putegnant will represent Mondioring/AWDF at the FCI meeting for Mondioring in Asti, Italy

There will be 3 Mondio entries at the level 3 from the USMRA at this year's CH in Italy.

The American 2009 National for USMRA is slated for San Antonio in March

SIACCI (Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano)

A month or so ago Al G told the delegate body that while he was at the FCI World Championships he would be able to make contact with a number of international officials. He asked that if any of the club delegates had any questions that they needed answered to submit them to him and that he would do his best to get the information to the appropriate people.

Erik Storm from the SIACCI submitted a letter to AI with questions regarding the CAL test (temperament test) for their breed. AI did meet Clemete Grosse and handed him Erik's note. Mr. Grosse responded that he would be able to help and would be in contact with Erik of SIACCI as soon as he is available. Vera Reeves offered to touch base with Mr. Grosse while she is in Italy for the ISPU world CH for the RS. Erik thanked both AI and Vera for their assistance.

Working Pit Bull Terrier Club of America

Annetta C. let everyone know that their nationals is coming up in CA It is the largest turnout so far with 20 entries and breed survey. It was impressive to note that the event has 10-13 helpers try out for the event including 1 from Hawaii and 1 from Mexico City

American Working Malinois Association

Anne Camper President of the AWMA stated their event will be this coming weekend and they have a super turn out of entries as well 35 dogs from all over the USA.

LVDVG/America

Carole Patterson told the group they had 4 representatives from America at the Championship in Germany 3 passed with Phil Holscher placing 6th.

Les Flores with his boy Virijheid's Aaron placed 7th overall at the IPO Dutch Shepherd Championships

Carole Patterson also wanted to mention that having AWDF be represented At the FCI World CH is truly a feather in our cap as a Federation.

In closing there was a discussion between many delegates as to judging errors during competitions and when exactly the score given to a competitor is the official score. Can corrections be made, when can changes be made and by who, what is the time line and what the process is when a situation such as this arises? The clarification was made that these errors are made in the calculation of points – addition. Carole Patterson president of LV DVG America and a judge offered what DVG practices in this instance: The score given is the score given unless it is an addition mistake. If the score goes down when the addition is corrected then the score given will remain the same. If the score goes up it is changed to the corrected points.

AL G closed by letting people know that there will be another TC in approximately 1 month and to look over the document Michelle put together in regards to the scorebook situation.

Michelle Testa made the motion for the meeting to be adjourned

Annetta Cheek 2nd the motion

All were in favor

Meeting adjourned 9:35 CST