

Conference Call Minutes – November 6, 2017

9:00 pm EST

Attendance

AWDF Executive Board

President – Anne Camper (minutes taken by Anne Camper)

Vice President – Annetta Cheek

Secretary – **ABSENT**

Treasurer – Tracy Klopp

Executive Directors at Large – Ted Hartman, Annie Wildmoser, Jason Bane **ABSENT**

Member Clubs and Delegates

United States Boxer Club – Mark Chase

United Doberman Club – Leslie Carpenter

United States Rottweiler Club – Dana McMahan

United Schutzhund Club of America – **ABSENT** by agreement

Working Riesenschnauzer Federation – Tim Nyx

North American Working Bouvier Assoc. – Margaret Titlebaum

United States Mondioring Association – Don Lee

American Working Malinois Association – Christopher Smith

Federation American Bulldog – **ABSENT**

Working Pitbull Terrier Club of America – **ABSENT**

LV/DVG America – **ABSENT**

Working Dutch Shepherd Assoc. – Les Flores

American Herding Breed Association – Linda Rorem

Cane Corso Association – Stephanie Rudderow

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2017 annual meeting. Motion by Annetta Cheek, second by Annie Wildmoser, passed unanimously.

Agenda items are to discuss the 2018 championship and Annetta Cheek's discussions with Frans Jansen at the FCI meeting.

Update on 2018 championship

The bid from Monty Ellison to host the 2018 event has been withdrawn.

Report on FCI meeting

Annetta Cheek provided a review of her discussions with Frans Jansen at the FCI meeting. During that meeting it was revealed that USCA had discussed with him the formation of a competing organization to the AWDF. The concept of a combined championship (USCA's Working Dog Championship and AWDF's National IPO Championship) was also discussed with Mr. Jansen. Having no information prior to this from USCA, Anne Camper and Annetta Cheek confirmed with Mr. Alloway on October 16th that he did have that discussion with Mr. Jansen, that there was a proposal to form a competing organization, and that the intent was to have USCA hold a single all breed championship that would serve as the qualifier for the FCI IPO Championship. Following that call, there was communication between Mr. Alloway and

members of the AWDF Executive Board to create a draft proposal outlining a combined event hosted by USCA with the understanding that implementation would negate the creation of his proposed competing organization (American Working Dog Commission). Discussion was held on the concept of a combined event, the content of the proposed agreement, and other concerns from the delegates.

A draft agreement was discussed, with the delegates expressing concern that the event be fair for all competitors and that there be a mechanism for terminating the agreement if the combined event did not meet the needs of the AWDF.

It was agreed that a copy of the draft agreement will be provided to the delegates shortly after the call, with an e-ballot to follow that gives the AWDF Executive Board the authority to continue negotiations with Mr. Alloway. The intent is to finalize an agreement that will be sent to the USCA for approval so that the combined event can be held in May, 2018.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 EST