

## March 9, 2009 AWDF Teleconference Minutes

**Meeting began 8:10 CST**

**Attendance:**

Pres. Al Govednik, Vice Pres. Lyle Roetemeyer, ABSENT

Treasurer: Sean O'Kane, Secretary: Michelle Testa, LATE

Executive Dirs. Vera Reeves, Glenn Stephenson (ABSENT), Gary Patterson (ABSENT)

**Clubs with Delegate Representation:**

United Doberman Club, Working Pit Bull Terrier Club of America,

Working Riesenschнауzer Federation, LV/DVG America, United States Boxer Assoc.

North American Working Airedale Terrier Assoc.,

American Working Malinois Assoc. & United States Mondioring Assoc

**Clubs absent:**

United States Rottweiler Club, Federation American Bulldog, United Schutzhund Clubs

of America, Authentic Hovawarts of North America, Society in America for the Cane

Corso Italiano & North American Working Bouvier Assoc.

Total present on the call **14**

Delegates present **10**

**President's report - FCI FH plans – Al Govednik**

France & the FH championship

Al will be seeing the president of the working commission and will be talking to him about projected 2010 rule changes, such as doing away with the long bite. There was supposed to be a discussion of this at the last judge's meeting, but it really wasn't. Clubs need to be aware of this. If you use the long bite as part of your breed certification, think about what you will do to adapt.

Inquiry from Black Russian Terrier Club on joining

We have been unable to contact the Hovawart club for some time now, does anyone have an alternate contact?

**Treasurers Report – Sean O'Kane**

Most club memberships are down. USA's membership is up a bit. Sean feels this shouldn't adversely affect AWDF budget.

**Secretary's report – Michelle Testa – Annetta Cheek**

Michelle thanked Annetta Cheek for covering for her while she finished up her class at school. She states that the December minutes were already approved and posted on the website and there was nothing else to report.

## **Old Business**

### **IRO Program- committee update**

Need someone to spearhead AWDF (SAR) program - Preferably a real SAR person, not just an RH sport person.

Sean will write a job description and distribute. Need to bridge the RH sport – SAR people

### **Update on 2009 AWDF Championships Sean O’Kane**

The 2009 National Championship event preparation is going quite well. There is about \$3300 in trophy sponsorship and our person in charge of the trophy purchases is keeping the cost down to about \$2000. There are still a few trophies left to be sponsored and we already have 4 vendors committed.

One scheduling problem—can’t use stadium before 3:15 PM, when children are gone. This has required some rescheduling of normal event. There will be a separate judge for FH- Nikki Banfield has offered to take on the FH’s and BH judging  
Paypal is working well on the website. We should allow people to use Paypal to pay dues, as well as to buy merchandise.

Sean states he is in the process of getting the AWDF logo copyrighted. It will cost about \$300.

He suggests we change our vendor for merchandise because we currently don’t get any money from the vendor. Sean has found a new vendor who has good quality merchandise and will give us a % of proceeds. We need to change this on the website.

There was some general discussion that we should have some nicer apparel besides T shirts.

### **Collar regulation - update from committee**

Sean states that the topic has 2 sides and asked Vera for her thoughts

Vera commented on the importance of presenting a civilized appearance to the public. This is not a training issue it is a question of creating a solid positive image.

Al G. agrees that we need to come up with something and due to the small turnout on this TC he suggests that we further this discussion with all the clubs present (annual meeting)

This is a big decision and everyone needs to be involved. Probably won’t come to closure on this before the Nationals, but we need to police ourselves at the National. Need to publish at least general standards of behavior. Everyone who will be at the Nationals but not competing please let Sean know. All will be asked to watch for inappropriate behavior.

Jim Honda did an ethics statement for the National, Sean will be sure to email the document to the delegates and E board for review.

Anne Camper also will be forwarding to the delegates the documents that the AWMA uses for these situations as well.

### **Scorebook Issue**

The suggestion was made that people must buy their scorebooks from their breed club (or from DVG or Mondio). No decision tonight. Need to have this discussion in person at the National with all clubs present. Carole P. commented on the fact that what AWDF is doing is very similar to the DHV as all DVG score books are from and have the DHV logo in the upper right hand corner.

### **New Business**

**2010 AWDF Championship bids** - We are still accepting bids for our 2010 Championship event.

### **Remind/ Review procedures for AWDF member clubs seeking to secure judges from USA and DVG clubs**

Michelle reviewed the policies and procedures for requesting judges from both USA & DVG. The suggestion was made that it might be to all clubs benefit to set up a procedure that AWDF participates in the assistance of acquiring FCI judges in the future. The AWDF has already had to follow this process when securing judges for the WUSV event. Vera R. commented that there are times when it probably would be easier to do this as some countries have more requirements than others and over all may make getting these judges here much easier. It is definitely something that needs further discussion.

### **Elections**

Bill Bimrose has sent out information as well as an election notice has been posted on the AWDF site Positions that are up this year are Vice President – Secretary - Executive Director & events committee.

If your club has a member interested in a position please contact Bill Bimrose.

### **Member club updates**

Tim Baldwin attended the Mondio super selection as a decoy and finished 11<sup>th</sup>. He was selected to do the 3 decoy work for the FMDB.

The AWDF board wishes to congratulate to Tim on his success.

**APBTA** Ron Marshall updates the AWDF board that the APBTA club is in process of solidifying their judges program.

Sean motioned for the meeting to be adjourned

Augusta seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned @ 9:55 pm CST