

August 26, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 8:10 pm cst

Attendance:

President: Al Govednik, Vice President: Lyle Roetemeyer, Secretary: Michelle Testa

Treasurer: Chantal Young, Executive Delegates: Bill Bimrose, Vera Reeves, Dyan Harper

Member Clubs & Delegates in attendance

United States Boxer Association- Mark Chase

United Doberman Club - Wendy Schmidt, May Jacobson

United States Rottweiler Club – Mike Lewis

Working Riesenschnauzer Federation – Tim Nyx

United Schutzhund Clubs of America – Craig Groh

North American Working Bouvier Association – Carol Walker,

American Working Malinois Association – Anne Camper, Christopher Smith

Federation American Bulldog - Paige Shriver, Parker Barnett

United States Mondioring Association – Augusta Farley

Working Pit Bull Terrier Club of America – Annetta Cheek

LV/DVG America – Carole Patterson

Working Black Russian Terrier Club of America – Patty Bartley,

Absent from the call

North American Ring Association

Working Dutch Shepherd Association

The Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano (guest)

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President report- No report

Vice president Report – No report

Secretary report – May 10th Annual Meeting minutes

The Secretary asked if there were any questions in regards to the annual meeting minutes.

Annetta Cheek made a motion to accept the May 10, 2012 annual meeting minutes into record

Dyan Harper seconded the motion

There was no opposition to the motion

Motion Passed the minutes for May 10, 2012 are accepted into record.

Treasurer report – Budget

An income and expense report from the Treasurer for June 1 2012, thru August 17, 2012 was distributed to the delegates on August 17, 2012 for review.

Anne Camper asked for information regarding all documentation from the past 2 years as well as the beginning of 2012. She prefaced her next questions by stating there are no accusations of any criminal wrong doing and then asked about the Audit that was voted on at the annual meeting

The treasurer stated there is not much to go on except from the beginning of 2012. There are no accurate records of accounting for the past 2 years. Taxes for 2009 – 2011 were not filed. She has spoken with the IRS and will get the allowance to E-file for 1 year without documentation. 2012 taxes should be in on time.

The treasurer questioned the purpose of having an audit stating we have no accurate past accounting records and stated that it would not accomplish anything except to be an incredible financial burden on the federation.

Anne Camper asked that it should be researched as to the cost of an audit. An audit should be done especially since we are without accurate book keeping and taxes haven't been filed. It may be done by just using exactly what information we have available.

Augusta Farley stated the cost of a complete forensic audit would be up to \$10,000.

Bill Bimrose – We should not just assume what the cost will be. We should investigate the process and get an accurate cost for the audit.

Augusta Farley asked to make a motion to research an audit.

Carol Walker stated this motion was made and passed already at the annual meeting.

The treasurer stated she has been working with the past treasurer by phone and it is a very slow process acquiring information and she does not know if all the information has been sent.

Carol Walker stated that it may be time that an official letter is sent with a deadline for a response and receipt of all documentation pertaining to the AWDF finances.

The suggestion of legal action to request all financial documentation was made by Christopher Smith.

Tim Nyx stated that if there is no accurate knowledge that all records have not been turned over then legal action would not be a proper avenue to go.

The treasurer does not agree with any official or legal requests to be sent to the past treasurer. She states he recognizes his mistakes and we just need to move forward.

Patty Bartley asked if the past bank statements could be acquired.

Craig Groh asked who is working on the new account and if there is online access to the old accounts.

The treasurer stated she is and has online access to the single account that is left.

Craig Groh asked why the treasurer hasn't directly asked for hard copies of our past bank statements from the bank itself on her own instead of going back and forth with the old treasurer.

The request was made as the treasurer does have the access to the account that she acquires these past statements from the bank instead of continuing back and forth communication with the old treasurer.

The treasurer responded stating she will contact the bank and request hard copies of the past bank statements.

Wendy Schmitt agrees with Craig Groh.

Carol Walker states it should be easy to acquire the necessary information for the past 3 years from the bank, copies of canceled checks, deposits into the account and outgoing expenses for very little cost to the Federation. This would then make it feasible to recreate a report on the finances for the past accounting and also help with filing taxes.

The treasurer states she has no time to do this sort of report that it is too much work to organize an income and expense report for the past 3 years.

Anne Camper asked how many checks the AWDF has sent out in 6 months

The treasurer replied 5 maybe 6 checks but has had a lot of income deposited.

Anne Camper feels that it may not be difficult to account for all of the outgoing expenses over the past three years by acquiring the cancelled checks from the account.

Christopher Smith requested that the treasurer send all the raw data out to the delegates so that all the federation clubs can review the reports.

Augusta Farley stated that what Christopher Smith asked is too much. A summary of the past expenses is all that is needed instead of sending all the raw data out to the delegates.

Patty Bartley requested a committee to be developed to assist Chantal with this process.

Augusta Farley asked that we move this to a committee to assist the treasurer Chantal Young.

The Secretary made the motion that the following people; Christopher Smith, Bill Bimrose and the treasurer Chantal Young (as Chairperson) will make up this committee and are charged with reviewing

and developing the accounting summary for the AWDF finances from the year 2009 through 2011. A full report from this committee will be required to be submitted on the next conference call.

Carol Walker seconded this motion. There was no opposition. - Motion passed

Old Business

2012 AWDF Championship in review- No report

Aggressive Dog policy

President AI Govednik thanked the committee of Carol Walker, Anne Camper, Bill Bimrose and Michelle Testa for pulling together and getting this done.

Thank you also to Donna McGinnis of AWMA from the AWDF Executive board and delegates.

Ms. McGinnis provided this committee her investigative work in regards to how the United States is moving on the decisions of BSL and aggressive dog policies.

The point was made by Lyle Roetemeyer to add an effective date for this policy to begin.

The Secretary suggested January 1, 2013

Dyan Harper made the motion to amend the policy to add an effective date of January 1, 2013

Augusta Farley seconded this motion

There was no opposition

Motion passed

Carol Walker made the motion to accept the amended policy

Augusta Farley seconded this motion

There was no opposition

Motion passed

The Secretary will send the policy immediately to the webmaster for posting on the official website

Update on LV/DVG situation

The AWDF is supportive of the LV/DVG America and it was stated to allow this organization to work things out on their own.

Anyone having any questions on the status and situation of LV/DVG America should direct them straight to LV/DVG representatives only.

Both Carole Patterson and Dyan Harper thanked the AWDF President and the federation.

Update on AWDF status with the FCI

President AI Govednik stated that the AWDF is a guest with the FCI with permission to compete in all working events. We are still working on becoming contract partners

AWDF constitution and By-laws committee - No report

Constitution and By-law question submitted to AWDF Secretary – 1 breed club representation

After investigation into the past copies of the AWDF Constitution and By-laws and minutes; there is no record with the AWDF that the following passage was voted to be removed from the constitution and by-laws. It was made apparent that the omission was a mistake and the following passage will be reinstated back into the AWDF Constitution and By-laws

Article III. Membership in the Association.

A. Membership is open to United States-based national level canine organizations of two classes:

a. One club based in the United States representing one working breed.

b. Multi-breed clubs based in the United States whose purpose is to support and advance a specific service or sport program, including obedience, VPG, IPO, ring sport, law enforcement and military,

search and rescue, herding, agility, and hunting. Multi-breed clubs must be less than one half of total AWDF club memberships.

New Business

American Herding Breed Association – Linda Rorem

Ms. Rorem presented a brief summary in regards to the ABHA that was a continuation of the information already sent to the delegates.

ABHA is very much interested in becoming a member of the Federation

ABHA hosts separate trials has its own rules and titles

Ms. Rorem will investigate the use of the AWDF score book, the compatibility of By-laws and its rules with the FCI

A formal letter will be sent to Linda from the AWDF Secretary as an invitation/ declaration for the ABHA to review and return before a vote will be taken.

Carol Walker of NAWBA states NAWBA members have a great respect for ABHA

The Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano (guest)

The Secretary asked about the status of this club.

Taken from the April 7, 2011 annual meeting minutes

“Michelle Testa made the motion that the Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano to remain as a guest member within AWDF with requirement they are present at the 2012 AWDF annual meeting.

Lyle Roetemeyer seconded the motion

The 2/3 vote was met by a show of hands. There were none opposed to the motion.

Motioned passed. S.A.C.C.I is to remain in quest status.”

There has been no participation at all at any meeting

Carole Patterson suggested a formal letter be sent with a due date for a response via registered mail.

Al Govednik stated he will reach out to them via email.

2013 AWDF Championship

No information as of yet and no bids have been submitted to the Secretary.

Carole Patterson made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Carol Walker seconded the motion to adjourn.

There was no opposition.

Meeting adjourned 9:45pm cst