

2013 AWDF Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 8:00 am CDT

AWDF Secretary announced the meeting is being recorded.

Attendance:

President: Al Govednik, Vice President: Lyle Roetemeyer **absent**,

Secretary: Michelle Testa, Treasurer: Chantal Young **by phone**

Executive Delegates: Bill Bimrose, Dyan Harper, Vera Reeves **by phone**

Member Clubs & Delegates in attendance

United Doberman Club - Wendy Schmidt, May Jacobson **both by phone**

United States Boxer Assoc. Mark Chase, Jamie Collie **by phone**

United Schutzhund Clubs of America – Jim Alloway, Frank Phillips

American Working Malinois Association – Anne Camper

Federation American Bulldog – Rhonda Moses present for the club. Paige Shriver, & Parker Barnett **by phone**

Working Dutch Shepherd Association – Brandon Wilson

Working Pit Bull Terrier Club of America – Tami McCleod

United States Mondioring Assoc. – Dave Kroyer

United States Rottweiler Club – Dan Williams

Working Black Russian Terrier Club of America – Ann Marie Chaffin

LV/DVG America - Bill Harper

Absent from the meeting

Working Riesenschнауzer Federation

North American Working Bouvier Association

President Report

Al read his letter to the attending Board members and delegates

Hello sport friends,

Welcome to Kentucky. I would like to thank our 2013 AWDF championship host, the Kentucky Hundesport Klub. I appreciate all of the hard work that the club and our federation members have put in to this event. Our goal is to make this championship our most successful event to date. I can proudly say that because of everyone's work throughout that last 10 years, our championship has become the largest, best attended IPO event in America. I would like to extend best wishes to everyone involved with our championship.

Our judges will be, Nenad Milojevic from Serbia, Miran Mars from Slovenia, Roar Kjonstad from Norway, and Mike Hamelton from Indiana. Please keep in mind, every year, we bring over at least 3 FCI judges to judge our championship event.

In most cases these judges are willing to come a week early or stay a week late. I mention this because if a club is interested in using one of these judges for say a club trial or seminar, the cost is split between the AWDF and the club. So by using one of these folks, a local club can save some money.

We are still looking for a host club for our 2014 AWDF championship. As we did this past year, we will try to co-ordinate this event with the Working Dog Championship, FMBB championship and any other spring event. Keep in mind the earlier we have information regarding upcoming events, the easier it will be to start our planning.

I would like to thank all of our delegates for their hard work. We have been trying to have regular conference calls with the idea of keeping all of our member clubs as up to date with information as possible. Besides having regular conference calls with our delegate body, I spend a lot of time speaking to our executive board. There is a lot of time and effort that goes into helping our member clubs. For that I would like to thank my entire executive board. It's been a great group to work with.

I have been approached by one of our clubs to come up with a program that will help people understand what the AWDF does, and what we mean to the working dog in America. This is a great project, and to me the fact that I am being asked about this kind of program means, the AWDF is continuing to grow.

This past year I had the opportunity to attend the FCI judges workshop in Slovenia. Specifics of this meeting, along with other information can be found on our web site <http://www.awdf.net/> The meeting was held to help clarify rule changes world wide. Along with the rules changes, the FCI working commission has been working with us to resolve judging problems, partnership issues, and overall dog sport criteria. This is really a great opportunity for our federation, and our membership, in that we are being included in all of these conversations.

I trust everyone is having a nice spring with their training and trialing. I wish everyone all the best with their respective work. I know how hard we all train, and most of us use all of the resources we have available to us to train with. I would like to ask everyone to please remember to take time to work with your young people. These youngsters are the future for our sport, so spend a little time helping, and keeping these guys involved with our training. Let's face it, there are a lot of things that young people can be involved with these days. It might mean thinking outside the proverbial box so to speak.

I would like to take a minute to thank our outgoing vice president Lyle Roetemeyer. Our federation would absolutely not be where it is today without Lyle's help and support. Whether people realize it or not, Lyle stood firmly behind me, and our entire federation on many occasions. I consider it an absolute privilege to call Lyle my friend, and have the utmost respect for his body of work.

As always please remember to check out our website at <http://www.awdf.net/> for information, and updates.

In closing, I am looking forward to the upcoming year and the new challenges we have in front of us. I expect some changes, and I feel those changes will be good for us.

Al Govednik
President AWDF

Vice President Report

Lyle sent an email to Al wishing everyone the best. He will not be able to attend the meeting as he has to work.

Secretary Report

The Secretary thanked Judy Johnson for her hard work with the Federation website.

Minutes from the April 29th meeting minutes were submitted to be accepted in to record

Anne Camper made a motion to approve the minutes in to record.

Bill Bimrose seconded the motion

No one opposed the motion to accept the minutes

All were in favor of the motion

Motion passed

Treasurer Report

Submitted her report via email and reviewed it via phone to the meeting attendees

Beginning Balance \$9855.86

Income 23,202.50

Expenses 10,324.81

Ending balance 22,733.55

There is an outstanding fee of \$2,300.00 for the rental of the championship facility. Chantal paid by credit card.

All fees for the judges and helpers have been paid.

Dan Williams made the motion to accept the treasurer's report

Dyan Harper seconded the motion

No one was opposed

Motion passed to accept the treasurer report

Old Business

Scorebook Committee Report

Report read by the committee chair.

Submission from the committee for all clubs to review and evaluate

Recommendations from the Scorebook Committee

1). One scorebook per dog. The committee recommends that AWDF member organizations adhere to the FCI policy of one scorebook per dog. If a dog is imported with a scorebook from an FCI recognized organization, there is no need to purchase a new scorebook with the exception that an AWDF scorebook is required to enter the AWDF Championship. In the future, the AWDF may wish to consider allowing dogs with other FCI issued scorebooks to enter the championship considering the potential requirement that any dogs representing the USA at the FCI Worlds would require an AWDF scorebook to participate. The exception to the one scorebook rule is for DVG members who can present two scorebooks per event (one DVG and an additional AWDF book). Rationale is that this is allowed in Germany and that LV/DVG America is a member club of the German organization rather than an independent member club of the AWDF.

2). The issuing of AWDF scorebooks. The committee makes these recommendations:

a. If there is no breed club for a specific breed of dog, any AWDF member breed or sport club can issue a scorebook to that dog provided that proof of current membership in any AWDF member club is provided along with proof of registration of the dog with any FCI recognized organization. If proof of FCI recognized registration is not available, the dog will be listed as a mix. Application processes to that individual club will be honored.

b. If the dog is of a breed for which there is an AWDF breed club and the owner wishes to have the dog's breed listed, the scorebook must be acquired from that breed club or from an AWDF sport club. The applicant must provide

proof of current membership in any AWDF member club. Application processes for that club must be followed, including the appropriate submission of registration information.

c. A suggested fee for processing of non-member scorebook applications is \$25. This cost will be uniform across all AWDF member clubs. Clubs will be allowed to assess any other fees that apply to members for acquisition of non-member scorebooks (examples include rush fees, etc.).

Other points:

1. Complete a survey to determine the costs clubs charge for scorebooks with the intention that there be a level of consistency between organizations.
2. All members should be encouraged to apply for scorebooks no later than four weeks prior to when they will be needed.
3. If the above policy listed in #2 is accepted, there should be no reason for any AWDF organization to issue two scorebooks and only AWDF scorebooks that can be used at all AWDF member club events should be provided. The exception is DVG since DVG America belongs to their parent club in Germany and parent club regulations must be followed.
4. The above policy does not affect the ability of an individual AWDF club to require membership in their organization for participation in their events.

The Committee Chair stated that there was no intention for a vote today as not all AWDF member clubs have had a chance to review the committee's suggested recommendations. She suggested the submission should be taken back to all AWDF member clubs for review.

The Committee Chair passed out the printed document that was read and will email the document as soon as internet access is available.

The committee chair stated that there was no expectation to vote on the submitted suggestions.

President Al.Govednik asked if there were any questions.

The Secretary brings up a conflict regarding LV/DVG that will be an issue with abiding by the "one score book per dog rule"

USCA Frank Phillips read from the AWDF constitution and by-laws :

Article II Objectives

C. Provides uniform national regulations and promotes working sports suitable for advancing our purposes

AWDF has to have uniform rules. It is not correct to have one set of rules for the sport clubs and another set of rules for the breed clubs in the federation.

Al Govednik spoke with Frans Jansen and there is one other group that allows 2 scorebooks. It is a DVG club.

Frank Philips USCA states the current score book policy directly violates AWDF's Constitution and by-laws

Vera Reeves states that Germany has not accepted the one score book rule at all, and is not in compliance with the FCI. She continues that each club can have variances just as USCA has variances in their trial regulations.

Anne Marie Chaffin WBRTCA asks what would happen if DVG judges started signing 2 score books and another organization like USCA or Canada states they will only sign one?

Clarification was made coming from the AWDF Secretary and USCA Frank P.

The conflict with LV/DVG America is

- 1) The score book belongs to the member/handler.
- 2) The score book must match the membership.
- 3) The LV/DVG score book can't be "stamped" as an AWDF book.

DVG Germany states that their score book may not be registered in 2 organizations.

The rest if the AWDF member clubs the score book belongs with the dog.

Frank Philips USCA states there is only 1 option

- 1) Follow LV/DVG America's process of issuing score books. Clubs can issue score books to their members provided an FCI recognized pedigree registration can be provided.

Tami McLeod WPBTCA asked about forming a sub sect of the AWDF to issue score books. It was decided that it would still be in violation of the by law.

Al G. states so that we are not in opposition of our constitution and by- laws we follow what DVG does and work on developing a resolution.

Dan Williams USRC states - there are now 2 issues on the table

- 1) The one score book rule
- 2) The violation of the C& b/l pertaining to LV/DVG

Bill Bimrose states we have to try to change our rules or LV/DVG can't be a member in AWDF.

Ann Marie C. WBRTCA states that the 2 organizations could stand separately

Frank Philips UScA responded saying that even in that capacity we would still be in violation.

Ann Marie Chaffin WBRTCA asked what if LV/DVG withdrew from DVG Germany and became an independent club.

The response was that it had been discussed and was not feasible.

USRC Dan Williams:

Looking at policy and if we decide to go back and accept 2 score books we need to look at how it can be filtered down to the membership. At the Judges college we received the letter from Frans Jansen and it stated 1 score book.

Getting the correct information out is going to be very important.

Al G. asked for a recommendation.

UScA Frank Phillips:

Other than us requiring the AWDF score book for the championship why would DVG need a second scorebook?

Why is our national Championship (ruling in 2009 for AWDF score book requirement) violating the FCI rule.

The suggestion was to overturn the 2009 ruling requiring all competitors have an AWDF Score book.

The statement was made that it would be possible for a non GSD to enter the AWDF Championship without being a member of their breed club.

- 1) By following the above statement it will omit the All Breed Team Challenge and allow anyone with a current membership in any AWDF member club to compete.

By removing the 2009 policy we can comply with the by law and LV/DVG is not in violation.

Al Govednik stated that we are getting off track and that we need to first settle the conflict violation

The suggestion by UScA Jim Alloway:

Clubs can sell score books to their members.

LV/DVG members can use DVG score book and do not have to get a second score book.

With the variance that an FCI recognized pedigree registration be required.

AWMA Anne Camper:

This is a backwards move for the breed clubs. The breed clubs exist to have sovereignty over their individual breeds. This will do a disservice to the individual breed clubs to allow anyone to issue a score book to any other breed. Breed clubs exist to represent their breed.

The current Score book policy protects the clubs to verify that dogs are their breed are given score books. This gives the breed clubs a reason to exist.

Otherwise we are all just sport clubs. Anne continues that she does not see AWDF as a collection of sport clubs that are acting as breed clubs. The AWDF is about breed clubs with a few sport clubs. The score book is tightly tied to the identity of a breed club.

Anne does not think it is a good Idea that everyone issue score books to everyone because it is convenient.

She suggests that AWDF look at the bylaws and work on a solution by doing a bylaws change that recognizes the sovereignty of the breed clubs.

Al G. states it is important to get the LV/DVG issue resolved first. He understands the score book situation and the LV/DVG issue are tightly related.

We need to get in compliance with the constitution and bylaws.

Al asked the group if they want to go back to the committee and continue to work on the score book issue.

The comment was made that if we are in violation of the bylaws we need to fix it now.

Al asked if we do this in 2 parts

- 1) Going back and review to find a resolution in the bylaws
- 2) Move forward with using LV/DVG score book policy

Priority is to not loose LV/DVG as an AWDF member club.

The proposal made by Frank Phillips UScA is to follow LV/DVG America's scorebook policy and overrule the 2009 policy-AWDF scorebook requirement for the AWDF Championship.

AWMA – Anne Camper states that she needs to review with her organization to be able to vote on this proposal.

Al suggests that a motion be made for an e-ballot and allow 2 weeks for review and include discussion.

Anne Camper AWMA-

Look at bylaws and revise them to allow each breed clubs to issue score books to their breeds and still be able to honor LV/DVG

Frank Phillips UScA states that the constitution and bylaws states the AWDF has to have uniform rules for all. We can't have one set of rules for some and another set of rules for another.

Tami McLeod. WPBTCA asked if a parliamentarian has looked at the bylaws on this issue.

Al G. responded no, not on this issue.

Tami McLeod WPBTCA stated that If not then this should be done instead of trying to push through another policy. So it can be researched and an informed decision can be made.

Recommendation stated by Al Govednik is to wait 2 weeks and go to parliamentarian.

Jim Alloway states UScA does not feel the need for a parliamentarian.

Frank Phillips - UScA made 2 motion suggestions

1) Follow LV/DVG America's process of issuing score books. Clubs can issue score books to their members. Adding the variance of the requirement to provide an FCI recognized pedigree registration.

2) Eliminate the requirement of an AWDF score book for the AWDF Championship and accept any FCI recognized score book.

AWMA- Anne C. Again asks for the opportunity to go back to her club and discuss this.

An E-ballot is acceptable allowing the 2 weeks to discuss the options.

Anne Marie Chaffin WBRTA states not to have the 2 week extension and feels that at some point we need to run with what we have.

The AWDF Secretary interjects stating not all breed clubs are represented here and all should have an opportunity to discuss the options.

To bring AWDF in to compliance with its Constitution and bylaws

MOTION 1 made by UScA Frank Phillips- seconded by LV/DVG Dyan Harper

AWDF will follow LV/DVG America's process of issuing scores books. AWDF member clubs can issue score books to their members. The requirement - provide an FCI recognized pedigree registration in order for the breed to be listed in the score book. If the dog does not have an FCI recognized pedigree it will be listed as a MIX.

Paige Shriver FEDAB via phone states that she can't hear all of the conversations and feels this should go back to the score book committee.

Al Govednik responded to Paige Shriver of FEDAB that a motion and a second has been made.

USA Boxer Club – against - via phone

FEDAB - against – via phone

UDC – for – via phone

Treasurer- Young – for- via phone

Exec DAL – Reeves – for – via phone

By a show of hands – LV/DVG, UScA, WDSA, WBRTCA, USMRA, USRC, - for

Exec DAL – Bimrose – for

Exec DAL – Harper - for

AWMA -abstain –

Secretary – abstain

MOTION 1 PASSED

Question asked by AWMA Anne Camper.

Does the membership have to match the score book?

The response is that is DVG Germany's rule and not an AWDF individual rule.

MOTION 2 made by UScA Frank Phillips - seconded by WDSA Brandon Wilson

The individual breed club has the right/ability to issue a score book and list the breed to their respective breed under their guidelines if the dog is without an FCI recognized pedigree.

USA Boxer Club – for - via phone

FEDAB - for – via phone

UDC – for – via phone

Treasurer- Young – for- via phone

Exec DAL – Reeves – for – via phone

By a show of hands – LV/DVG, UScA, WDSA, WBRTCA, USMRA, USRC, - for

Exec DAL – Bimrose – for

Exec DAL – Harper - for

AWMA -for

Secretary – for

MOTION 2 PASSED

MOTION 3 made by UScA Frank Phillips seconded by Michelle Testa

Rescind the 2009 policy rule requiring all entrants into the AWDF Championship to have an AWDF Score book. All FCI recognized score books are accepted for the AWDF Championship.

Question from Anne Camper – will there be a problem if an AWDF member competes in the FCI Championship with a score book that is from another country?

Response - the entry to FCI is required to have an AKC registration, with the 1 score from another FCI recognized country and the book going with the dog it is OK

Motion 3

USA Boxer Club - via phone - unavailable

FEDAB - for– via phone

UDC – for – via phone

Treasurer- Young – for- via phone

Exec DAL – Reeves – for – via phone

By a show of hands – LV/DVG, UScA, WDSA, WBRTCA, USMRA, USRC, - for

Exec DAL – Bimrose – for

Exec DAL – Harper - for

AWMA -for
Secretary – for
MOTION 3 PASSED

Anne Camper asks for a date of implementation

Suggestions

2014 - by Al and Michelle

Immediately - Jim Alloway

July 1st - was another alternative

Anne Camper feels that a date of implementation is needed so that a uniform statement can be put on the official AWDF website and all AWDF member club websites. It is important to have for absolute consistency and clarity so that there is no difference in interpretation between clubs.

Jim Alloway suggests that the AWDF Secretary write something up and send it out.

Al asks that the Secretary work on the uniform wording of the newly passed policies with UScA and AWMA.

Al asked that it get done this weekend during the event.

The Secretary agreed.

Date of implementation As soon as possible

Statement hopefully will be done by the end of the event.

New clubs

American Herding Breed Association – vote for guest status

Concern of who would supply the set up for them at our AWDF event.

WPBTCA - Tami McLeod concerned with their representation

AWDF will give them an avenue to acquire FCI judges.

Brandon Wilson asked if there could be a bylaw that states non IPO clubs that are AWDF members cannot vote on IPO sport events.

The response was it is something to think about.

The bylaw states in Article 3

c. Multi-breed clubs based in the United States whose purpose is to support and advance a specific service or sport program, including obedience, 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.

Motion made by Anne Camper AWMA to accept this club in to Guest status

Dyan Harper seconded the motion

In favor – UScA, UDC, USABOX, FEDAB, LV/DVG, AWMA, USRC, WBRTCA, USMRA ,
Treasurer, Secretary, Exec DAL Reeves, Exec DAL Bimrose, Exec DAL Harper

WPBTCA & WDSA abstained from the vote

PASSED

Cane Corso Association of America – vote for guest status

Motion made by Anne Camper AWMA to accept this club in to Guest status

Seconded by Bill Harper

In favor – UScA, UDC, USABOX, FEDAB, LV/DVG, AWMA, USRC, WBRTCA, USMRA ,
Treasurer, Secretary, Exec DAL Reeves, Exec DAL Bimrose, Exec DAL- Harper

WPBTCA & WDSA abstained from the vote

PASSED

2014 AWDF Championship bids

President Al Govednik asks that we all work at getting out to our clubs for another host for the event.

The attendees thanked Brandon Wilson for hosting the event this year.

Brandon states that it is important that the club hosting is very self-sufficient.

Contact the President or Secretary if you know anyone interested.

10 minute break

FCI Status

Proposal in front of the FCI General committee on the use of training aids.

Each country was instructed to send out proposals and submit them to the FCI working committee.

Those proposals would be put together for a recommendation to the General Committee.

In the near future there will be a policy sent out in regards to this topic more towards no tolerance of abusive acts toward dogs and not so much toward the

training equipment used. It is noted that countries all have different regulations when it comes to training aids.

Al did reference the situation here at the event with the FCI judges and their reaction to our practice sessions and the use of training aids.

He did explain to them that dog training equipment is easily available for purchase at any local farm store.

Al G also spoke to Frans Jansen and Doug Lundgren of the AKC.

For years Al has been working on getting AWDF in as a contract partner with the FCI. Becoming a contract partner gives our member clubs world - wide recognition.

The ruling in the FCI is that we need to have some type of acknowledgement from the AKC.

Frans Jansen has worked with the Canadian Kennel club and they are already on board with this.

There is a conflict between some of our member club's policies and the AKC clubs. Hopefully this will be behind us soon and once it is we will have the opportunity and support to move forward in our goal as a contract partner.

Anne Marie Chaffin WBRTCA asked what exactly do we need to do.

Al states he is not comfortable speaking about something he is not a part of and those answers would have to come from the different clubs that are involved.

Al told Anne Marie Chaffin WBRTCA that if you would like to talk with those clubs individually you can call them.

Elections

The Secretary States to the attendees that there is a violation of the constitution Article IV -C

*The Executive Committee includes the officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) and **three at-large executive committee members from three different member clubs.** The Executive Committee is elected by the General Board. Members of the Executive Committee may not serve as delegates for a member club.*

Email letter

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Working Riesenschнауzer Federation - Resignations

Date: Sat, 6 Apr 2013 00:18:44 -0400
From: Tim Nyx <krazytee@sbcglobal.net>
To: 'Michelle' <michelle@myrivercottage.com>
CC: Albert Govednik <algovfh@yahoo.com>

AWDF Secretary Michelle Testa,

The WRSF Board of Directors has received and accepted the voluntary and unsolicited resignation of WRSF membership from the following:

Vera Reeves (Secretary), citing personal reasons, dated March 19, 2013

Chantal Young (Treasurer), citing personal reasons, dated March 19, 2013

Alfred Hupfauer, (WRSF Director of Judges) no reason given, dated March 26, 2013

Renate Rank (WRSF Judge) no reason given, dated March 26, 2013

Since they have resigned their WRSF membership, they no longer represent the WRSF in matters related to the AWDF.

It is truly unfortunate to see these resignations. Each of them has positively shared so much of their time, experience and resources with the WRSF, the AWDF and the sport.

Sincerely, Tim Nyx, WRSF President

Upon receipt of this letter it was advised by the Secretary to the President that according to Article IV –C - Vera Reeves would not be eligible to vote as she has no club representation since her March 19th resignation from the WRSF.

In April 10 the secretary received a forwarded email from AWDF President containing the approval from UScA & Jim Alloway accepting Vera Reeves as the UScA delegate to the AWDF.

The AWDF Secretary continued:

Prior to the election the executive committee already has UScA Bill Bimrose & LV/DVG Dyan Harper represented. Another UScA delegate may not be added to the executive committee until after Bill Bimrose is elected as Vice President at this present election.

There was discussion in regards to the clarity of the Constitution and bylaws.

Dyan Harper asked if we are in compliance with Article IV

G. Executive board members due to single representation may participate by phone at annual meetings bi-annually. Current member clubs are represented by 2 delegates. Delegates may

participate at annual meetings by phone by-annually (listed club delegates only not a substitute representative) only if they cannot in any way have a single representation (either the listed delegates or a substitute representative) at an annual meeting.

The answer was the club in question has representation in person for the election vote.

Al suggests as an Idea that

1) We do the elections first and Bill is elected VP

2) Bill resigns as exec DAL and then Vera can be appointed into Bill's spot.

Brandon Wilson states that we should be careful not to set a precedent in regards to the process of elections as it could happen that no one votes for Bill Bimrose then the AWDF is in violation.

Anne Camper AWMA- states that the slate of officers are the board until the new slate of officers is elected. You can't do it piecemeal. When you do the election the whole thing is done at once.

Bill Bimrose states that a parliamentarian would probably agree with Anne Camper that everybody is elected and when they are seated, then they take over. Frank Phillips USCA – Vera wouldn't vote in the election but as soon as the election is done Vera can be included in voting.

A statement was made by Vera Reeves.

The whole Idea of the Executive Director at large is to promote the AWDF and not represent a member club. She continues stating that when she came on approved by WRSF her job was not to push the WRSF agenda but to represent the AWDF.

Chantal Young is surprised that this was not presented to everyone earlier.

Al stated he wanted to put it to everyone in person and not on a conference call.

The Secretary stated that she did in fact inform the executive board/ president of the possible violation at that time and a number of times after and it was not accepted.

The AWDF Secretary reiterated that three at-large executive committee members need to be from three different member clubs.

Jim Alloway USCA -Since the notice of her resignation he asked if at the last Executive board conference call was Vera present the answer was yes.

Bill Bimrose states a precedent has already been set

A motion was made by Michelle Testa and seconded by Dan Williams

To allow Vera Reeves to vote in the election

All were in favor

Motion Passed

The Secretary 's presentation of the by law conflict was not accepted.

ELECTION RESULTS

Vice President - Bill Bimrose UScA elected by acclamation

Secretary - Michelle Testa AWMA **8 votes**, Chantal Young LV/DVG **9 votes**

Executive Director at Large - Dyan Harper LV/DVG **11 votes** , Anne Camper AWMA **6 votes** ,

Dan Williams USRC withdrew from the election

NEW Business

Federation membership dues proposal

Michelle Testa presented a dues change to the meeting attendees

At the present time our AWDF Membership dues are \$300.00 plus .75 cents per member.

The propose change is to omit the .75 cents per member and increase the base dues by \$200.00

The member clubs would then only pay \$500.

This provides a scenario that all clubs pay equally and all have equal representation.

Concern is that it may be too high of a fee for the smaller clubs and the possibility of some clubs with drawing from membership.

The total loss over all in income would be almost \$1000.00 which could be made up through the championship.

AI asked to go \$500 per thousand members.

Keeping the 1 vote per club and changing the dues structure makes an equal playing field.

The motion was tabled so all clubs can review their financial status.

This policy can be brought up again on the next conference call.
Michelle Testa will send out a written proposal to the delegates.

Residency for teams representing the United States at international events

The term Auslander was discussed.

Reference information

http://www.fci.be/uploaded_files/68-2011-annex-en.pdf

Page 10 – Standing Orders of the FCI

Article 14 - Legal residence

In case the country of the legal residence cannot be defined according to the FCI Statutes, the following is taken into consideration:

the country of the legal residence is the country where a person spends most of his/her time and has his/her centre of relationships.

If the country of the legal residence cannot be determined on basis of the above statement, the following is taken into consideration:

the country of the legal residence is the country for which a person pays his/her taxes.

If it still appears impossible to determine the country of the legal residence, it is up to the FCI General Committee to decide.

http://www.fci.be/uploaded_files/33-2010-annex-uti-CM-en.pdf

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Specifications for the organization of the FCI IPO World Championship for Utility Dogs

> 6. Admission and registration of competitors

> 6.1. The total number of competitors taking part in the World Championship shall not be limited. If the situation requires it, the president of the FCI Utility Dogs Commission can limit the numbers in consultation with the organiser.

> 6.2. Each competitor must be a member of a national organisation that is affiliated to the FCI or has been invited to take part by the Utility Dogs Commission. The right of a national organisation to start in the World

Championship can be given according to the following principles, the application of which is left up to the national organisation:

- > • nationality
- > • legal residence (in accordance with the FCI Statutes)
- > • the dog owner must have the nationality of the country for which his/her dog will compete
- > or must have his/her legal residence for a minimum of 12 months in the country for which he/she will compete. If the dog owner has a double nationality he/she can choose either country without any restriction. If difficulties arise, they must be referred to the FCI General Committee for final settlement.
- > • No matter his/her nationality, the dog handler will not be allowed to compete for more than one country and will be authorized to handle only one dog.
- > • The dog must have been registered with the studbook or appendix to the studbook of the country for which it will compete for a minimum of 6 months.
- > Registration must be made through the national organisation.

**Dyan Harper made the motion to follow the standard policies set by the FCI
Frank Phillips seconded.**

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Page 5 – Specifications for the organization of the FCI IPO World Championship for Utility Dogs - #6, 6.1, 6.2

All were in favor

Motion passed

Dan Williams USRC asked that this policy be distributed in the same manner as the aggressive dog policy was instituted.

Tracking Program

Al Govednik would like to see developing program and policy for track layers. He has received programs from Frans Jansen and Miran Mars.

Jim Alloway - USCA is putting a program together for track layers that mirrors the helper program. It will consist of apprentice programs, certifications and level ratings. This is a project that may take a couple of years to put together.

Al G. has sent the programs regarding to Michelle Testa. She will send it out to the Delegates.

Al Govednik speaks about Warren Jones

A comrade and friend to many of us is very ill.

Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

WDA and the AWDF

Anne Camper AWMA - Now that UScA is recognizing WDA score books and judges. How does that affect the rest of the AWDF member clubs.

Do we need to review the policy of AWDF member clubs not recognizing WDA

Frank Philips UScA – If a dog attains IPO 1 with a non FCI judge recognized. Is that title valid to be used to qualify to an international team from the AWDF?

Anne Camper AWMA -Do we need to change the policy so we are not in conflict with UScA or any other AWDF member club?

USRC

Dan Williams –USRC – Want to confirm that USRC will sponsor the High Rottweiler Trophy for 2014.

USRC would like the AWDF's support for the USRC as they go through some organization issues with non-member clubs and other Rottweiler organizations outside of the AWDF.

Michelle Testa made the motion to adjourn the meeting

Dyan Harper seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned 11:03 cdt