

AWDF GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 14, 2016

Call to Order 10:05 am cst **Attendance**

AWDF Executive Board

- President- Anne Camper
- Vice President- Frank Phillips
- Secretary- Michelle Testa, Treasurer- Tracy Klopp (absent)
- Executive Directors at Large-, Amanda Hoskinson

Member Clubs and Delegates

- United States Boxer Assoc. – Mark Chase
- United Doberman Club- Leslie Carpenter, Wendy Schmidtt
- United States Rottweiler Club – Dana McMahn
- United Schutzhund Club of America – Vadim Plotsker, Kjersti Dabakk
- Working Riesenschnauzer Federation – Mary Falls
- North America Working Bouvier Assoc. Margaret Teitelbaum
- United States Mondioring Assoc.- Ann Putegnat
- America Working Malinois Assoc.- Christopher Smith
- Federation American Bulldog – Paige Shriver
- Working Pitbull Terrier Club of America – ABSENT
- LV/DVG America – Melissa Hepler
- Working Dutch Shepherd Assoc.- Sami Hanah
- American Herding Breed Association – Linda Rorem
- Cane Corso Association- Annie Wildmoser

Approval of minutes of previous meeting Motion by Annie Wildmoser to accept the February meeting minutes Motion seconded by Christopher Smith No one opposed the minutes **Motion carried**

Officer reports

President -

Vice President - none at this time

Secretary –

Reviewed the process for member clubs in regards to judge requests. Will develop a request form for the website

Treasurer -

Budget summary from previous year

An estimated budget for the upcoming year was submitted Motion made by Chris Smith to accept the proposed estimated budget Motion seconded by Anne Wildmoser No one opposed the motion **Motion carried**

Committee reports

Events Committee- A recommendation was made that the committee should not have members who belong to the event hosting club.

It was mentioned that when the committee was first developed that it was suggested that persons with experience in hosting large events should be included to assist in the development process of the national event.

Nomination Committee – No report

BOI – No report

Elections

A motion was made by Mark Chase to accept the nomination of Vadim Plotsker for director at large from the floor. Chris Smith seconded the motion No one was opposed to the motion **Motion Carried** The Secretary made a motion to accept nominations as submitted including the nomination from the floor Mark Chase seconded the motion The meeting attendees voted by poll Motion passed unanimously

President – Anne Camper

Treasurer – Tracy Klopp

Directors at Large (2) Jason Bane, Vadim Plotsker

Standing Committees

Nominating Committee – The Secretary will stay on this committee

BOI – Chris Smith AWMA, Paige Shriver FEDAB, Anne Wildmoser CCAA

Mark Chase USABOX, Leslie Carpenter – UDC

Old Business

Contracts for events The President reviewed the process of how the Championship contracts were developed. She asked attendees to review them again and if there were any questions to let her know.

Website update

The Secretary stated it is w work in progress and apologized for the delay

Discussion of priorities from survey

1. Be more than an organization that holds an annual event (two if count the FH Championship)

Consider implementing and promoting an FCI obedience program (volunteers, \$) *Have not heard back from Tami McCleod in regards to her research on this topic*

2. Be a unified group to promote dog sports

Better promotion of all AWDF member clubs and their events (ideas to Communications Committee of Anne Camper and Ann Putegnat) *Member clubs should submit their web event links for posting to the AWDF official website*

More support of non-IPO organizations (need specifics from the organizations, volunteers, perhaps \$)

Help with entry fees, uniforms and patches for international events (\$\$)

Have AWDF support the FCI team rather than the breed/sport organizations (\$\$\$)

Leslie Carpenter made the motion to appoint 2 people to research fundraising options.

Presently a go fund me account will be set up during the 2016 event for donations to support the FCI for this year.

One judges program for AWDF (*not feasible*)

Open up AWDF to all organizations and don't restrict to one breed club per breed (by-laws change) *On hold*

Ensure diversity of breed interests on the executive board and events committee (volunteers) *Being done already*

3. Championship items

Set standards for championships for smaller organizations (volunteers, cooperation from smaller organizations) *The larger member clubs already have event manuals in place and are willing to share these guidelines with other member clubs*

Have contract for IPO and FH AWDF Championship with host club that clearly outlines responsibilities and resources (DONE)

Use judges that cannot be perceived as having a breed bias (Event Committee policy/procedure for selection) *A judges packet needs to be developed that contains generally "how things are here" ie rules and variances. This packet will be sent to judges that are invited to judge our events before they are secured for our venue. Events committee will receive this information from USCA*

Don't allow entries at the championship through organizations other than the breed's organization (exceptions are sport clubs) (by-laws change and/or policy for event)

Have greater representation from organizations as hosts of the championship(s) (volunteers)

4. Work with AKC and FCI to become members of the Working Commission (volunteers, perhaps \$ for travel)

Include herding, obedience *Work on getting the herding club with the FCI / have not heard back from Tami McCleod on the Obedience research with FCI*

5. Implement procedures to have remote participation in AWDF meeting (by-laws change, some \$, volunteer to find options and costs) *This has improved from last year and will continue to be researched and developed*

New Business

Action items for next year – set priorities

Action needs to be taken to get a host club for the AWDF Tracking Championship. If a host club can't be found, the event will be cancelled for this year. This will result in no team representation from the AWDF for 2017. Frank Phillips suggested a point system set up for candidate submission The Secretary will send Frank and Chris Smith documents used in the past for this process

Dropping Sportsman Insurance Need to be researched further and it was suggested to get legal advice.

Other topics

There was a discussion in regards to the 1 score book per dog and how to transfer from an old score book to a new one. Answer was the old score book needed to be voided.

GSDCA scorebooks are accepted by USCA and should be accepted by all AWDF member clubs as long as the person with a GSDCA score book has a membership in an AWDF member club

Ann Putegnat wanted to inform the group that the AWDF is represented and the World Mondio Championship.

Frank Phillips made the motion to adjourn the meeting Anne Wildmoser seconded the motion. All were in favor Meeting adjourned 11:58 am cst