

April 23, 2012 Meeting Minutes
Meeting began 8:10pm CST

Attendance:

President: Al Govednik Vice President Lyle Roetemeyer
Secretary: Michelle Testa Treasurer: Sean O'Kane
Executive Delegates: Vera Reeves, Dyan Harper

Member Clubs & Delegate attendance

United States Boxer Association- Mark Chase
United Doberman Club - May Jacobson, Wendy Schmidt
United States Rottweiler Club – Michael Lewis, Darlene Devlin
Working Riesenschнауzer Federation – Tim Nyx, Chantal P. Young
United Schutzhund Clubs of America – Craig Grogh
North American Working Bouvier – Carol Walker,
American Working Malinois Association – Anne Camper, Christopher Smith
Federation American Bulldog - Paige Shriver
Working Pit Bull Terrier Club of America – Ron Marshall,
LV/DVG America – Carole Patterson
Working Black Russian Terrier Club of America – Patty Bartley, Anne Marie Chaffin
Working Dutch Shepherd Association - Les Flores
The Society in America for the Cane Corso Italiano- Absent
North American Ring Association - Absent
Authentic Hovawarts of North America - Absent
United States Mondioring Association – Augusta Farley
N A Working Airedale Terrier Association - Absent

Presidents Report

President Al Govednik thanked everyone for making the call.
Has spoken with the FCI regarding becoming a contract partner – there has been no vote to date.
Al reiterates that all correspondence to the FCI must be done officially through the AWDF
President and Secretary. He stressed the importance of having official records of all
communication.

Vice Presidents Report

VP Lyle Roetemeyer will chair the committee on evaluating the voting structure of the AWDF
member clubs per the President's request.
He will be contacting the volunteers to set up a meeting.
There will be a report given at the annual meeting on May 10th.
Volunteers for the committee:
Wendy Schmidt, Tym Nyx, Dyan Harper, Carol Walker, Mark Chase, Vera Reeves & Patty Bartley

Secretary's report

February meeting minutes were reviewed.
A motion to accept the October minutes was made by Anne Camper.
Carol Walker seconded the motion.
There were none opposed.
The minutes were accepted into record.

Treasurer's report

Sean has submitted all treasurer information to an accountant for review before the 2012 elections. An extension for 2011 taxes has been filed.

This was done to be sure the new incoming treasurer has a clean slate to work with.

LV/DVG America – Carole Patterson concerned that the club dues sent by their treasurer had not been received.

Sean stated that it had and the package required a signature. With no one available at his house to sign for it. The package was returned

Carole will have LV/DVG dues and entry monies sent to the AWDF Secretary instead.

Mike Lewis – USRC is in the middle of an account change and new checks. Their dues will be in before the annual meeting.

Old Business

2012 AWDF Championships

AWDF Secretary reminded all delegates' that entries and checks need to be in by April 27th and not post marked.

An update was given about the event.

AWDF club voting structure

Committee has not met. See Vice Presidents report above. A report to be given at annual meeting

New Business

2012 Elections -

The AWDF Secretary asked if everyone has received the attachments of resumes of candidates. All resumes are posted on the AWDF official website.

UDC- Wendy Schmitt asked about delegates and representation at the annual meeting.

President Al Govednik asked that all clubs notify the AWDF Secretary of any changes of club delegates.

Mark Chase- USABOX reminded the attendees on the call that clubs can have representation by phone as per the AWDF C&B-L.

Aggressive Dog policy

AWDF Secretary notified the call attendees that there has been no finalization of this policy. The October 24th 2011 minutes regarding this topic was read to the call attendees. A discussion followed that included seeking legal counsel on the wording of the policy.

Carol Walker- NAWBA made the motion to table this policy until a detailed report can be presented to the board.

Tim Nyx –WRSF seconded the motion

There was no opposition

Motion passed

Alleged violation of AWDF constitution and By- laws

Review of policy in regards to who can be a member of the AWDF

Mark Chase – USABOX referred to the following contained in the AWDF Constitution and By-laws for clarification and warranted violations by member clubs under the AWDF.

Article I - Organization D) The AWDF operates in the United States of America. It is incorporated as a non-profit corporation in New York

Article III – Membership - A) Each member club must: line a) be national in scope

The alleged violation is AWDF clubs within the AWDF having member clubs that represent other countries.

The topic is to be presented to the FCI to get clarification as to what is acceptable for the AWDF in regards to having its member clubs contain clubs that are outside of the United States. The AWDF has grown to be both a breed and sport federation.

Clarification is needed as to what criteria have to be met in regards to clubs under the AWDF umbrella and if the present situation hinders the AWDF meeting its goal for becoming a FCI Working Commission contract partner.

The AWDF President and Secretary will work on meeting with the FCI to get the answers needed for the Federation. A report to be given at the 2012 annual meeting

Article VIII – Regulation and promoting competitive events

F) The AWDF and its member clubs recognize titles awarded under FCI rules conducted by FCI recognized entities internationally and by member clubs in the United States.

Ron Marshall WPBTCA spoke about reciprocity of judges and titles earned.

5 WPBTCA trials where entrants earned titles from a WPBTCA club Judge were unrecognized / not accepted by UScA, club.

Mark Chase made the motion to have AWDF President form a committee for clarification of the 5 WPBTCA trials where entrants earned titles from AWDF member judges that those titles were not recognized by UScA, an AWDF member club. A report will be given at the 2012 annual meeting.

Wendy Schmitt seconded the motion

No one opposed

Motion passed.

Mike Williams –USRC – AWDF member club submitting permission for judges to judge at non AWDF member club - RKNA

There was a discussion between USRC and UScA for clarification of the incident. The update of the situation will be given at the 2012 annual meeting.

Review or creation of policy: AWDF response to possible libel and slander attacks on the internet by members of AWDF member clubs

AWDF has a Board of inquiry, with a process in place for those individuals or clubs who wish to file grievance against other individuals or member clubs.

The AWDF suggests member clubs handle their individual member's violations within their own regulations and Board of Inquiry.

The AWDF has no jurisdiction over non-AWDF members and/or non AWDF clubs.

It would be up to those who are affected individually by slander attacks to take legal action themselves and have the courts hand out a decision.

AWDF Yahoo group list

UScA Craig Groh wanted to address use of the list for communication. Carol Walker stated this topic was not on the agenda, asked that the topic be put aside and a request sent for it to be added to the next meeting agenda.

Carol Walker made the motion to close the meeting

Dyan Harper seconded the motion for closure

No one opposed - Meeting closed 10:36 CST