

## General Board Meeting Minutes 1/29/2015

### Present:

President Bill Bimrose  
Vice-President Brandon Wilson  
Secretary Karen Stafford  
Treasurer Chantal Young  
Directors at Large Dyan Harper, Dave Kroyer

USBA Mark Chase  
UDC Wendy Schmidt  
USRC Chuck Wilson, Dan Williams  
AWMA anne Camper  
USCA Jim Alloway  
DVG Annetta Cheek  
AHBA Linda Rorem (signed on late)

President Report: Informational meetings will continue every week

Vice-President Report: No report

Secretary Report: After confirmation from Frans Jansen Bogdan Sergio, Peter Oja and Ivan Balabanov are no longer recognized judges by the AWDF

Treasurer Report:

For the year 2014

\$12,246.66 beginning balance

\$23,663.55 income

\$23,292.77 Expenses

\$12,616.44 ending balance

For 2014 we had an over-spending 379.22 so we were very close to the 2014 budget.

For 2015 the budget discussion will be postponed as some did not receive the proposal.

Eric Beazley Report on Championship:

Referring to the 2007 AWDF Championships, The same stadium, tracking fields, host hotel will be used.

The host hotel is within 1 mile of the stadium and the practice fields. Tracking is 12 miles away at a winery. Approximately 2000 acres of permanent pasture grass.

Particulars are being worked out with Wednesday and Thursday practice. Practice field may not be available between 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday but evening lights will be available.

There are 60 room blocks available at the Tradition Inn, the host hotel. A second hotel is across the road from the host hotel and is less costly. The tradition Inn is dog accommodating.

Draw night will be held in a school building that has been renovated into a brewery with meeting rooms available. A free shuttle will be available between the brewery and the host hotel.

Anne Camper asked about a championship web site. Eric Beazley is working on that. Other arrangements such as T-shirts are being finalized.

Annetta Cheek asked about the Facebook page. Eric provided the link to the championship FB page, which is awdfchampionship2015

Eric Beazley asked if the AWDF FB page could provide a link to the FB championship page. Karen Stafford informed that the links to the championship FB page, entry form and judge information is on the home page of the AWDF web site.

Jim Alloway asked Eric Beazley if he could provide photos regarding securing the blinds, jumps, etc. Eric said that pictures are on the FB page. Yellow Gappay blinds will be used this year for field contrast. The jump will also be a yellow Gappay jump and will be secured. Metal bases for the go-out pole and the flags can be used.

Brandon Wilson offered any help Eric needs. Eric said that he has a lot of volunteers but he would accept more so that he can accommodate his own club members to enjoy the event, as well. Mohawk John is doing the event catalog.

Rather than do a formal judges' dinner, a more casual event would be nice. Amenities for this sort of an evening are being arranged. The media is being contacted for advertising. A nice staging area for dogs and handlers will be available.

Eric Beazley signed off from the conference.

Dan Williams asked if the judge non-recognition information would be posted to the web site. It will be posted but to obtain one of these judges, a request would have to be made through the AWDF secretary and would not be permitted.

Karen clarified that Bogdan Sergio is an FCI judge but he is licensed through Slovenia. Because he has violated the residency rules, he may not judge for AWDF.

Chuck Wilson asked if Bogdan Sergio was barred from judging anywhere in the USA. It was clarified that he is barred only from judging for the AWDF.

Mark Chase said that RKNA is not recognized by the FCI so Bogdan Sergio cannot be released to RKNA.

Brandon Wilson explained that AWDF has no control over what either the FCI or the Slovenia Kennel Club does or does not do.

Mark Chase said that we must write a letter to the FCI and tell them to tell Slovenia they may not release Bogdan Sergio to the RKNA.

Brandon Wilson said that AWDF has already done that but beyond that we are finished with the subject as there is nothing else that we can do.

Wendy Schmidt asked about all clubs choosing a single date for entry deadline. Karen Stafford said that the AWDF closing date is March 21 and whatever closing date the individual clubs want to have is up to them.

Old Business:

Championship Update:

Helpers have submitted information. Helpers will be announced in the near future. Al Govednik is the tracking coordinator. Those who wish to lay tracks should contact Al.

Bill Bimrose asked about the donations and trophy page on the web site. Karen said that those pages were accessible from the AWDF home page. Regarding trophies, Dyan Harper announced that those

who wish to sponsor a trophy, please notify her of the intent to sponsor and send the check for the sponsorship to Treasurer Chantal Young.

Jim Alloway asked if there is a screening process to insure that prospective helpers were still members of their respective organizations and in good standing. Bill said that those helpers would be screened as we go along through the process.

Annual Meeting Deadline:

February 23 is the annual meeting agenda deadline.

Officer Nomination Deadline:

Officer nomination deadline is February 23. All those wishing to run for an office must have their signed petition and resume in to Dyan Harper by that date.

New Business:

Judges:

Dan Williams indicated that USRC was planning on taking discussion from the floor regarding Bogdan Sergo; however within the past 48 hours, other events including correspondence from Frans Jansen has taken care of that issue.

Dan Williams said that the RKNA issue is more far-reaching than simply an organization from Canada conducting trials within the United States. Supporting documents are available from GSSCC, CKC and the Canadian Rottweiler Club indicating that these organizations do not recognize RKNA as a valid organization. Likewise, neither does the FCI or the ADRK. A problem also exists with RKNA competitors using AWDF scorebooks for RKNA events. Solutions are being considered to restrict use of the AWDF scorebooks.

Dan requested that a letter be sent to the FCI asking that Frans Jansen address the RKNA and the ADRK and VDH. It was clarified that a letter has already been written. Frans Jansen has been in contact with USCA regarding Bogdan Sergo judging with the correspondence having been forwarded to Bill Bimrose and Karen Stafford. AWDF has been trying to stay on top of the issue with the FCI. Dan Williams asked that the documents be put on file with the AWDF.

Chuck Wilson is going to follow up with ADRK regarding the recognition of AWDF titles since RKNA has published that neither RKNA nor ADRK recognize AWDF titles.

The information regarding Bogdan Sergo will be put on the home page of the web site.

At the request of USCA, Karen Stafford announced that medals and awards from USCA can only be obtained if titles BH - IPO3 are obtained at USCA trials.

Bill Bimrose reminded the delegates that a policy is in place that organizations must turn in their trial scoresheets and summary sheets retroactive to August 19, 2014 and asked that the organizations catch up on these submissions. To date, only USCA and AWMA have turned in those documents. Chuck Wilson indicated that USRC would have theirs in shortly. Karen Stafford said that these documents are very important so that the sorts of things that have been discussed regarding judges can be kept track of. Bill Bimrose reminded the delegates that this information is also requested by the FCI.

Bill Bimrose asked if the weekly informational meetings could be changed to Wednesday evenings. No one disagreed so the meetings will be moved to Wednesdays.

Anne Camper asked if the informational meetings would contain items for voting. Bill Bimrose said that, no, they would not. The next informational meeting will be held February 4 with the next delegate board meeting held on February 11. The 2-week requirement for the agenda was waived.

Dan Williams asked about addressing the scorebook restriction issue. That will be discussed at the next informational meeting.

Chuck Wilson asked if the scoresheets and summary sheets could be emailed to the AWDF secretary. That was affirmed.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 CDT.