

## **LV Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 6, 2015**

**LV Officers present** – President Annetta Cheek, Vice President Carole Patterson, Secretary Debra DeFrank, Treasurer Anne Conroy, LRO Lisa Little, Membership Officer Christine Lietzau, MWKG President Nick Reinhard, West KG President Jeanita Davis, and SEKG President Melissa Hepler.

The meeting was called to order by Annetta Cheek at 8:32 PM EST.

**Presidents Report** – None

**Vice Presidents Report** - None

**Secretary's Report** – Carole moved to approve the minutes from the August 23rd meeting, Nick seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Anne mentioned she had sent out current income/expense reports including spending projections for the rest of the year to the Board. There was a slight adjustment from the August report due to the Judge's College to be held at the nationals. There will be a little more income from outstanding dues. There were no questions. Melissa moved to accept the report as recorded, Deb seconded. None opposed. The motion passed.

**OfG Report** – Randy reported Luis Rodriguez had to decline the opportunity to work the back half helper position at the Nationals due to work reasons and Waine Singleton was selected to replace him. Alexandria Schutzhund Group will host a helper seminar/certification October 18<sup>th</sup>. Randy mentioned there could be additional OfG events held throughout the year and the KG OfG's should be the ones to do these. It would be good for the regional OfG's to do training director seminars and there are a lot of clubs that need some help for a day or two. He said there is more of a call for teaching training helpers even more than trial helpers.

**LRO Report** – Lisa reported things are moving along well for the Nationals. There are 11 outside trials. Hopefully we will bring in a new apprentice judge at the nationals. Jani has a test and an interview with Klaus Jurgen-Gluh and when he gets in, hopefully he'll start apprenticing trials quickly.

**Membership Officer's Report** – Chris reported with the exception of 7 clubs, all other clubs have sent back their membership lists and officer updates. If the 7 clubs don't respond, the LV will be billed for their memberships. The deadline to cancel clubs with Germany has passed. Copper Creek DVG and Select Working Dog Club and all of their members have been cancelled.

**Scorebook Coordinator Report** – Kari Greenway reported all scorebook applications have been through email. Errors are often on the hand written applications but these members are still getting their scorebooks. Lisa mentioned that some people are getting their scorebooks as soon as 5 days. Anne stated she verified the scorebook report from Germany and with the exception of 1 that was slightly less than the amount due, all scorebooks have been paid for.

**Handbook Committee Report** – Anne mentioned she had asked for input on the handbook. One example would be around money issues such as reimbursements and where to find how to go about it.

Also, issues such as how to arrange for a trial. Focus should be on more critical areas and it should be stated what the purpose of the handbook is. Scott has proposed a format and this needs to be addressed.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Clubs that do not report cancellations in time** – Annetta stated that at this point, it's too late for us to report club cancellations to Germany as the deadline has passed. Any club that hasn't been cancelled, has to be paid for by the LV. Since these clubs have had multiple warnings from Chris, the clubs need to need to pay for those people. This is a major place where the LV has had a money drain that keeps us from operating in the black. We will turn to the KG Presidents if we have to deal with clubs who didn't cancel members. There was a discussion on leaving the minimal number of members for these clubs and cancelling some of them. Chris stated she has to have cancelled members in to Germany by end of October. As of this meeting, there were 7 clubs that didn't state they were cancelling but have not yet renewed.

**The same agenda items on the LV Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting at the Nationals** – Annetta said if there's a matter of talking about what members want to hear, then the Board could have an answer for them at the General Membership Meeting.

**LV sponsored Training Program** – Annetta has been in contact with Joanne and they have envisioned 3 tracks. The first track would be on paperwork such as how to handle trial paperwork. The second track would be on trial procedures such as how to report in, how to get a dog started on the track, how to show a judge a tattoo, etc. The third track will be the most difficult – how to train a dog. Also mentioned was creating short video tracks and putting them on YouTube. Shelly Timmerman will do the video.

**LV Elections** – the slates from the KG's for the upcoming elections were discussed. KG's are not required to submit full slates or any slates at all. There cannot be more than 1 name per position on each slate. The election process will be discussed at the nationals. Also discussed was the newly created Membership Officer position. Currently, Chris Lietzau is in the position as she was appointed by the LV Board. For the next election, the Membership Officer will be an elected position.

**MWKG Disciplinary Issue** – Nick reported on the MWKG teleconference regarding a disciplinary issue of a member who had plead guilty in a court of law, on 3 separate counts of violation of owner's duties. Nick said the MWKG Board felt the research from the appointed committee didn't create enough depth and there was a vote to table the issue. A discussion followed on which level should this issue be addressed. A question was asked if this was something that should be sent to Germany. Annetta stated she would take counsel with Christa Bremer.

Carole motioned to adjourn, Lisa seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:34 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb DeFrank

LV Secretary