

## **LV Board of Directors**

April 25, 2016  
8:30 pm Eastern

Meeting called to order by President Annetta Cheek. In attendance were Scott Bakkala, Shanna Burgin, Sandie Roberts, Christine Lietzau, Ted Hartman, Hartmut Beckmann, Jeanita Davis, Melissa Hepler, Charles Purdham and Annie Velletri.

### **Vice President's Report:**

Scott reported he and Tammy are working on guidelines for social media. There will be information on the website. Advertising inquiries will be redirected to the magazine.

### **Secretarial Report:**

Minutes sent out via email. There were two corrections to the minutes. One was to restate the new DVG club as located in Michigan not Wisconsin and to correct Christine Lietzau's spelling of her name.

Motion made by Christine to approve upon correction, seconded by Ted Hartman. Motion carried.

### **LRO Report:**

Harmut reported he has restarted our trial data base. New trials have been entered and updates completed. Man Trailing guidelines will be posted on DVG website as soon as translations are completed.

DGH, a new trial classification, which is a set of obedience exercises with a gradual approach beyond the BH classification is now active but we don't have English-language rules. This title is intended for those participants who do not wish to do protection but wish to trial their dogs excluding protection work.

Trial applications on line have been implemented in Germany. On line application information goes to data base. LROs will receive information from the data base. Using this on line application eliminates a lot of emails and faxes. Hartmut will be reviewing this system to see if we can use it here in LV America. Annetta suggested a tutorial and English translation should we adopt this trial application method. Melissa indicated the European Working Dog site already is using this program and has an English translation. Melissa is planning on using this program for the Nationals. She stated the entries will process through the DVG website first. There is a lock box attached to the on line entry. Trial fees are processed immediately. Melissa will work with Shanna on the details.

## **OFG Report:**

Ted has certified 2 new level 3 helpers and upgraded 2 helpers to level 2 status. The ZTP has been added to the level 3 helper certification program.

April 2-3 MWKG helper seminar with Jani (Arkansas Sch Club),  
April 2-3 WKG tracking seminar with Ted Hartman (Coast & Vegas Valley Sch Club)  
April 24 MWKG helper seminar with Jani & Ted Hartman (T-Town WDA)  
Scheduled for May 15 WKG Handler seminar with Ted Hartman (Endeavor WDA)  
Scheduled for May 21-22 NKG helper seminar with Ron Marshall (Alexandria Sch H)  
Scheduled for May 29-30 WKG training workshop with Joel Monroe, John Soares and Ted Hartman (Centennial)  
Scheduled for Sept 9-11 MWKG Helper seminar with Jani (Meridian WDA)  
Scheduled for Sept 30-Oct 2 MWKG training workshop with Ivan Balabanov or Phil Hoelcher and Ted Hartman (host TBA)

## **DVG National Competition Requirements (Scorebooks)**

An issue came to the Board of a member who got a qualifying score for the Nationals at a DVG trial but did not have a DVG scorebook. Should we accept this? The member stated that he could not get the on-line scorebook application to work, and since he couldn't find a specific statement that he needed to trial with a DVG scorebook he decided it would be OK to use his USA scorebook. While there is a general understanding that DVG members must use DVG scorebooks in DVG trials the website did not state this clearly.

Board members were concerned that if we allowed this member to use this score we would be setting a bad precedent. Hartmut asked the Board to decide whether to allow this score to serve as a qualifying score. He would work with the member to get him a DVG scorebook and transfer the score into the DVG scorebook. Hartmut moved to allow the competitor to use this score as a qualifying score. Seconded by Scott. All Board members voted yes except Charlie Purdham, who abstained. Motion carried.

## **EMERITUS AWARDS**

Ted asked for a decision on the physical Emeritus Awards. He would like to present awards at WKG Championships. He prefers the American Eagle version as opposed to the acrylic plaque as the Eagle in his opinion represents DVG America. Discussion followed about offending our Canadian members by using the American Eagle. Motion was amended to state "members are to receive an award with the American Eagle representing attained Emeritus status for members in the United States. An appropriate award representing areas outside the United States be awarded to individuals attaining Emeritus status." A roll call vote was called. 8 yes 2 no...motion carried Ted to invoice Shanna for cost reimbursement.

## **DISCIPLINARY SECTION**

Appeals to Germany is only upon expelling a member. Shanna is working on the definition of "dog fighting". Scott questioned the cost of filing a complaint. Question of \$400.00 fees and time lines to file

complaint. Shanna will work on reviewing the cost and Annetta will review time lines. Another draft of disciplinary action will be presented at next month's meeting.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

No report

## **EDUCATIONAL VIDEO:**

Educational video sent to Shelly. We previously agreed to pay Shelly \$100.00 per day for her work. Hartmut reviewed the first video and stated it was incorrect.

## **ONE PERSON ONE VOTE POLICY:**

Annetta checked with Germany on this proposed policy. Germany does not care how we vote. She stated the delegate card system is disproportionate. As an example a club with 10 members has the same power as a club with 30 members. She is proposing a 1 person 1 vote for non elective proposals. To be tabled to next month

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

1<sup>st</sup> Hartmut

2<sup>nd</sup> Ted

CARRIED

Approved June 23, 1016