

2014 LV Board Minutes

November 5, 2015

LV Officers in attendance - President Annetta Cheek, Vice President Carole Patterson, Secretary Deb DeFrank, Treasurer Anne Conroy (by telephone), OfG Randy Theen, Membership Officer Christine Lietzau, SEKG President Melissa Hepler, MWKG President Nick Reinhard, KG North President Roberta Haskell. Trial Chairman Ann Dolan substituted as LRO for Lisa Little.

Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM EST by Annetta Cheek in Upper Marlboro, MD

President's report – no report

Vice President's report – no report

Secretary's report – Deb asked for approval of the minutes from the October 6th teleconference. Nick moved to approve the minutes as written, Carole seconded. None opposed, the motion carried.

Treasurer's report – Anne reported the third quarter report has been reviewed and available on the members-only section of the website. It appears that the financial position is better than last year. Members are ordering their own scorebooks and it's working out well.

Recommendations – 501C3 status for donors tax benefit.

Security – hiring a bookkeeping service. Anne had received an estimate of 4 hours per week at \$25.00 per hour. This would change the treasurer's position from a labor position to more of a policy making position. Anne stated there is a lot of money coming into the LV and this would protect collective funds. A discussion followed on why we should have annual audits instead of spending this much money per year on a service. It was also mentioned that this is an issue that should be voted on by the membership. It was suggested to put this number into the budget and see if we can break even at the end of the year.

LRO report – In Lisa's absence, Ann Dolan reported there have been 62 DVG trials, 11 outside trials and 8 cancellations.

OfG report – Randy reported there have been 2 key changes in the last year since he's been the interim OfG. New helper books were ordered and he shifted the paperwork to the current LV Secretary for record keeping and mailing helper books. He suggested the 20 year old helper and training director's tests should be upgraded. Annetta thanked Randy for stepping in to fill the vacancy from last year.

Membership Officer report – Chris reported that we have a database that's workable and matches with Germany's records. For 2016, there were 2 clubs that cancelled and 3 new clubs were formed. There are currently about 800 members. She mentioned that Germany has been very receptive of the new database and has been very helpful.

Training Director's Handbook Committee report – Ted reported the committee is moving forward and has started putting it together. It will soon be ready to go to the board and judges for review.

Old Business:

Ad sales – there was a suggestion to ask 1 person from each KG to get at least 2 ads for the magazine.

New Business:

Email address requirement for membership in the LV – in the future, members may be able to renew online and email addresses for all members will be needed. At this time, there are about 200 missing email addresses.

AWDF Funding – Anne Conroy’s agenda item – she had left the meeting (by phone) -there was to be a discussion if DVG America would continue our membership with the AWDF. It was mentioned if we decide not to renew with AWDF, this is a decision that should be made by the membership.

Model Regional Bylaws Model – Annetta mentioned some issues need to be resolved and then it can go to the KG’s.

Educational Event Reimbursements – it was mentioned that the LV is in need of trial helper seminars but there is also a strong need for training helper seminars as well.

Regional Issues – there was a question of how much the LV retains of member dues. Chris mentioned that it’s about half – depending on the exchange rate, about \$35.00 goes to Germany and the remaining goes to the LV to fund the LV Championship, judges training, officer travel, competitor’s expenses to the BSP and the magazine.

2016 National Championship Hosting – Melissa stated the 2016 DVG Nationals will be hosted by the Southeast KG as a KG and not by a club. At this time, they are looking at the stadium where the 2008 Nationals were held in Clermont, FL. It will probably be a night trial and sod fields for tracking.

LV Elections – Annetta mentioned the KG’s may only nominate 1 person per position but do not have to submit a slate at all if they choose.

Deb motioned to adjourn, Ann Dolan seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 4:12 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb DeFrank

LV Secretary