

LV Board Teleconference

July 20, 2015

LV Officers present – President Annetta Cheek, Vice President Carole Patterson, Secretary Debra DeFrank, Treasurer Anne Conroy, LRO Lisa Little, OfG Randy Theen, Membership Officer Christine Leitzau, MWKG President Nick Reinhard, West KG President Jeanita Davis, and SEKG President Melissa Hepler, KG North President Roberta Haskell.

The meeting was called to order by Annetta Cheek at 8:34 PM EST.

President's Report – Annetta mentioned the need for ads for the magazine and asked all to help as there is not an ad rep at this time.

The laser manufacturer proposal – discounts for members and the company will take out a ½ page color ad in the magazine in all issues for as long as the agreement lasts. The ad will say they're the official laser of DVG America and they will also take out a booth at the nationals. One email will be sent to all club presidents informing them of the arrangement with the organization and who to contact. This will be voted on through Survey Monkey.

Vice President's Report – No report

Secretary's Report – Lisa moved to approve the minutes from the June 30th meeting, Roberta seconded. Anne moved to approve the minutes from the July 12th meeting, Nick seconded. None opposed for both meetings. The motions carried.

Sport passes – Deb reported the old sport passes are written in German and have the DHV logo on the cover. A discussion followed asking if there was enough interest to pursue creating new ones. Mentioned was all of the handlers trials are recorded in these and it was easier to keep track of points for medals. It was decided to bring this before the membership at the General Membership Meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Anne mentioned the KG presidents and Boards can nominate people for awards but must do it soon to be awarded at the Nationals. She has been working with KG's and membership officers to test and check embedded applications and they're working well.

Germany will be billing for replacement membership cards this year. Anne recommended the LV pay for these costs this year at \$5.00 per card and bill the members starting in 2016. A survey vote will be sent out. Carole mentioned all membership cards go to the designated person in each club and it would be wise for this person to make at least 3 copies of the cards giving 2 copies to the member and one copy for herself and this eliminates this problem. Chris stated another problem is incorrect mailing addresses where these are being sent to and the obligation for current information should be on the clubs as Germany will be charging for these cards as well.

OfG Report – Randy reported he has sent out the short list for the Nationals helpers and will go over this list with Lisa. The list to be posted at least 60 days before the Nationals.

LRO Report – Lisa reported all is running smoothly and there are 9 outside trials and 59 DVG trials that have been booked or are done this year. There have been 5 cancellations.

Membership Officer Report – Chris reported there will be 2 teleconferences scheduled for August 9th & 11th for the membership to go over the 2016 renewal process. She reminded everyone that the renewal process is essentially to inform Germany of what's been cancelled or changed and providing them with new officers. The renewal process will be separate from the new member process. Information will go out to each club president so they will have it in hard copy.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Travel funding for the LV Membership Officer to attend the Nationals. Lisa moved to reimburse the Membership Officer up to \$750.00 for travel to the Nationals, Carole seconded. None opposed, the motion carried.

Data Access Policy – will discuss at the next meeting.

Policy for Volunteer Work for the Organization – will discuss at the next meeting.

Memorial Trophy for Beverly Press - the Board previously agreed on a trophy in memory of Beverly. There was a discussion on who this trophy should be awarded to. Lisa moved to present the Beverly Press Memorial Trophy to the person who has competed at the most DVG Nationals. Carole seconded. None opposed, the motion carried.

Ray Reid – Carole moved to present the family of Ray Reid with a plaque thanking Ray for his dedication to LV DVG America. Deb seconded. None opposed, the motion carried.

Regional Bylaws – Annetta mentioned we had a big change in the LV bylaws and the regions should be updating theirs. She said she had spoken with a parliamentarian who reviewed the national bylaws and said the current LV bylaws clearly state that the national bylaws set the policy. Once the LV bylaws were approved, the regions have to comply with the national bylaws and procedures. It was suggested to proceed with a “model” set of bylaws for the regions that have all things in it to be consistent and leave room for things the regions would like to add. Annetta asked the Board to agree to use this parliamentarian to review a draft model regional bylaw set. This would be to insure this was done correctly about what the regions do, what the LV does and what Robert’s Rules require. There was a discussion if the LV would be dictating to the KG’s what the KG’s can do (some issues yes, others, no), and if the regions would lose their autonomy and have no rights to say or do anything on their own. Annetta said what autonomy the regions have now they would retain. The LV bylaws say the regions are subservient to the LV and the LV is subservient to Germany. The parliamentarian advised Annetta it would be very difficult for each region to write their own sets and would be a lot better to have a model to follow as a starting point. Annetta asked for approval to spend up to \$750.00 for the parliamentarian and a couple of volunteers to help with the model. Lisa moved that we spend up to \$750.00 for the parliamentarian to get this right. Anne seconded. None opposed, the motion carried.

Helper Emeritus nominations – Randy mentioned there were four Level 1 helpers who volunteered to go on emeritus status. This status is to recognize their contributions to the sport. It says they will no longer be working championships but they won’t be stripped of their Level 1 status that they’ve held for many years. There was a short discussion if the Board should vote on this or if it should be left up to the LV OfG. Randy stated it’s up to the 5 OfG’s to maintain all levels of helpers and Emeritus status should be decided upon by them. He looks at it as a promotion recognizing contributions to the helper program through the years. Instead of stripping them of their level status, this promotes them to a status that’s not shown as a level 1, 2 or 3.

Carole motioned to adjourn, Lisa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb DeFrank
LV Secretary