

LV Board Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2015

LV Officers present – President Annetta Cheek, Secretary Debra DeFrank, Treasurer Anne Conroy, LRO Lisa Little, Membership Officer Christine Leitzau, 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 8:31 PM EST.

Deb mentioned there was an unknown private caller on the last teleconference. Annetta mentioned if we can't track who it is, unknown callers should be disconnected from the call. All agreed.

Presidents Report – None

Vice Presidents Report - None

Secretary's Report – Roberta moved to approve the minutes from the July 20th meeting, Lisa seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Anne reported she had sent out 4 documents for review. Included was a reminder for groups for expenditures and 2014's complete accounting compared to 2015's accounting to date. Comparing all of last year to this year to date, the income is about the same so we are a little ahead. Anne also mentioned the lack of magazine ad revenue and that an ad salesperson is needed. Due to less revenue for the ads, Anne will project a lesser amount for the budget. Also reported, expenses will be about the same or less as last year. The exchange rate has been better which has helped. There was a discussion on expenses for the judges and LV Board members to the nationals. Lisa moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Roberta seconded. None opposed, the motion carried.

LRO Report – Lisa reported that Jani Turkia has been accepted by Germany. Jani has yet to take the test at the nationals and interview with Klaus Jürgen Gluh to finish the process.

Membership Officer's Report – Chris reported the reconciliations between the database and Germany have been completed. At this point, two clubs are cancelling. They are Select Working Dog Club / West KG and Copper Creek / Southeast KG. The membership renewal teleconferences in August were well attended. Membership renewals are due October 1st. An invoice to the clubs will be sent November 1st and payment will be due November 30th. New member cutoffs for 2015 will be November 15th. Chris also mentioned that Krystal in Germany will only respond to inquiries from Chris so the database stays accurate. Melissa moved to accept the Membership Officer's Report, Roberta seconded. None opposed, the motion carried.

Handbook Committee Report – Kathy Foster reported she has outlined the entire old handbook. The handbook is a "how to" book and is basically for new clubs and members. Kathy mentioned there are many things in the handbook that are already on the website under the "How Do I" section. She suggested that putting the handbook on the website may be the best and easiest way to make the handbook more accessible. More structure and simple content may be added to the current handbook as well as creating links to anything requiring more detail. The ability to print the handbook was also suggested.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Membership category called "additional member" in a household – Anne mentioned there is a small number of people that fall into this category who are considered full members but opt out of the magazine because they share an address with a full member who does get the magazine. Mentioned was if all members had the option to opt out of the magazine, the LV couldn't afford to publish it. An online magazine was also mentioned. Jeanita proposed to "grandfather in" the current members who are in the additional member category. If the decision is made to eliminate the category, this wouldn't become effective until 2017. It was agreed to discuss this issue at a later date.

Model regional bylaws – there's a team of 1 person from each region who are working on these.

Planning for LV Board and General Membership Meetings at the Nationals – Annetta asked the Board to think about agenda items the membership would like to hear.

Slates for the National election (process) - Annetta mentioned that each region can suggest a slate for the national election of one person per ballot including the newly created membership officer position (previously an appointed position). The slates don't have to be full slates. She will put together a ballot. Richard Scott is working on an electronic voting app.

Nominations for the LV OfG vacancy to be filled at the General Membership Meeting – a suggestion was made to handle this the same way as the national election – each KG nominate 1 nominee for that position. Minimum timing should be 30 days before the meeting. The interested person has to accept nomination by October 1st. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Annetta will send out a ballot. Also mentioned - the parliamentarian suggested revising this section of the bylaws because the membership will have to vote on the same position after the first of the year.

Training helper/director project – developing training helpers. Annetta mentioned she was approached by someone who suggested asking Joanne Fleming to organize the development and presentation of educational materials for training directors and training helpers. There was a discussion on getting feedback from the KG's on what should be addressed and also create a detailed description of what was expected of this position. Lisa also mentioned to ask the membership to see if there were other qualified people that are interested in taking on this project as well.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:54 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb DeFrank

LV Secretary