

2007 AWDF Report

The President, Al Govednik, gave his President's Report. A copy is available on the AWDF website at this link <http://www.awdf.net/presidentsreportapril2007.html>

Al thanked the St. Louis Schutzhund Association and the people of Farmington, MO for undertaking the 2007 AWDF Championship Event. It truly was a wonderful venue this year. The field was of particular interest. The judges were quite impressed with the Astroturf field. They particularly liked it because when it rained, the dogs did not slip, there was no mud and it eliminated potential slipping injuries for competitors and their dogs.

Elections were held for the Vice President's position, the Secretary's position and for two positions for the Executive Committee. Nominations for the VP's position were Annetta Cheek and Lyle Roetemeyer with Lyle Roetemeyer being elected Vice President. The Executive Committee nominations were Bill Weber and Gary Patterson. Bill Weber was elected again this year. Darlene Devlin was elected as Secretary again this year.

Discussions at the meeting follow:

- There was a discussion and approval about having unified scorebooks at the Championships. The AWDF will require all participants of the 2008 AWDF Championship to have and submit an AWDF Scorebook.

There were further discussions about having all clubs use only the AWDF Scorebook. Bill Weber and Lyle Roetemeyer were named to a subcommittee to discuss the possibility of this further.

- There was a discussion and approval of AWDF honoring all clubs' sanctions for our Championship. It was also agreed to change the by-laws to reflect any entries into the National Championship cannot be operating on any sanctions from any other club.
- A motion was approved that any member club must notify the AWDF Secretary of any sanctions approved within the member club.
- There was discussion about paying for the Mondio Group's European entry fees. It was noted that the AWDF does not pay for any other breed club's European entries and the delegate body approved the motion to eliminate AWDF paying the Mondio Group's fees going forward.

- It was agreed to approve additional AWDF website design.
- A subcommittee was formed in order to create “How to Host a Championship” documentation. Members on this subcommittee are Lyle Roetemeyer (USA), Carol Patterson(DVG) and Ann Dolan. Al suggested developing a teaching club program where member clubs of AWDF could provide information to help other clubs when they are putting on their trials.
- Al brought to the attention of the delegates the importance of our representation in Europe. He indicated that it was important that the AWDF attend at least two meetings in Europe a year. A travel budget was created to cover these trips. He suggested the trips would be to the World Championships and the Judges Conference in December.
- After a discussion regarding the AWDF conference call meetings, it was agreed that all clubs will be responsible for paying the phone bill charges for their delegates to attend the telephone meetings.

Budget Review:

It was determined that the Executive Committee would review and approve the 2008 Budget in November 2007. The Treasurer will submit the 2008 Budget to the Executive Committee in the fall for this review. The reconciliation of the 2007 expenses and income was put on hold until final donations were accounted for.

UKC Proposal:

Al informed the delegates that he had been talking with the UKC and they were interested in having the AWDF join their organization. All the delegates were not in agreement and it was decided to wait to see what further discussions produced.

Event Schedules:

Al pointed out that the AWDF needs to be aware of the Breed Club schedules when we are scheduling our event.

AWDF Title:

There was discussion about creating an AWDF Title. Lyle Roetemeyer, and Bill Weber, agreed to meet with Al to discuss this further.

American Bulldog Association:

Kathleen Snow gave a presentation to the BOD for her club to again become a member club of AWDF. The application is under consideration.

2008 Proposal:

The Working Dobermans of the Carolinas, The Raleigh Schutzhund Association and the Fayetteville Schutzhund Club presented a proposal to host the AWDF 2008 Championships in Durham, NC. This proposal was presented by Judy Maurer and Lindsay Davis was available by phone for BOD questions. There was mention from the floor that another club in Colorado was going to submit a proposal too. It was decided to allow 30 days in order for the BOD to review the proposal and to see if there were any other proposals to be submitted before the BOD made a decision on the Host Clubs' proposals.

Trophies:

Again, the trophies were beautiful. The winners received a beautiful wooden base with an etched glass globe that sat on top of a glass base. The inscription on the base had the AWDF year and the donor's name. They all were outstanding.

Our Competitors:

As everyone knows, Butch Henderson and Agir were there for us again this year. This was Agir's last official championship competition, and he was a sight to behold. Butch said that the conditions for their tracking were wonderful. As usual, Agir enjoyed his tracking in a very lush - a little bit wet – but overall a great tracking field. Agir will retire with a 97 in Tracking; 84 in Obedience and 91 in Protection. He did a fabulous job and will now have a well deserved retirement. According to Butch, he will have on the couch privileges, of course.

Our second representative for UDC was Tori Gaskill and Swift Run's Jagged Jingo Jaws. Unfortunately, in his protection routine, he did not engage (DNE) and the judge stopped the protection routine at that point. Tori has done a great job with this dog and hopefully, this team will be back next year.

There were many representatives from UDC at the competition supporting Butch and Tori. It was good to see old friends again.

A very big thank you goes to the St. Louis people for all of their hard work. It was evident and the event was a wonderful success.

Judy Maurer
UDC Delegate