

WESTERN REGIONS SCHUTZHUND VERBAND, DVG, INCL
Member LV/DVG America - DVG - dhv - VDH - FCI

Annual General Membership Meeting Agenda
Friday, October 21, 2005

I. Call to order

Ray Reid, President called to order the Annual General Membership meeting of the Western Region Schutzhund Verband, DVG, Inc. at 7:12 PM on Friday, October 21, 2005 in Lehi, Utah at the Best Western Timpanogos Inn.

II. Executive Board Roll call

Present: Ray Reid, Ann Thomas & Robert 'Mac' McClellan
Absent: John Hellman & JoAnne Rowles

III. Club Roll call

Ann Thomas, Treasurer conducted the club roll call. The following clubs were present: Anacapa, Cascade, Centennial, Coast, Colorado Canine, Kern, Olympus, Palomar, Salem, & Summit

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Copies of the minutes from last year were made available to members. Jon Thomas moved to approve as printed, Les Flores seconded. A vote was taken with unanimous approval. The motion carried.

V. Report of the President - Ray Reid

By-law changes:

1. Clubs and members becoming members of Western Region:
Clubs have to be geographically in the Western Region, but individual members from other regions may want to become members of a club in our region. Currently our by-laws do not allow. We would like to change to by-laws to allow individual members of other regions to join our regions clubs.
2. Adding a statement that email as a valid method of communication of the regions business.

Western Region Website:

Britt Reed has been too busy to complete the website, so Jeff Uhrlaub has agreed to do the website. Once the site is up, members can access information (membership, clubs, trial, decoys, articles, etc...) 24 hours a day.

Training Seminars:

Funding up to \$300 airfare/mileage for a club to bring in a trainer to help broaden clubs training. Criteria for application will be forthcoming in a few weeks.

VPG III Pins:

Ray said he has only given out 1 pin this year. He would like to see more given out. If members know someone that has earned a VPG III pin, have them send in copies of their scorebook(s) to him. We are going to develop a frame able certificate to go with the pin.

Report of the Vice President - John Hellman

No Report

VI. Secretary Report - JoAnne Rowles

Secretary's report presented by Ann Thomas - JoAnne has received one slate of nominations for the national officers from Summit. Clubs can still submit a slate as long as it is receive by JoAnne by November 1, 2005.

VII. Treasurers Report - Ann Thomas

Cash and Bank Accounts:

Money Market -	\$	5,639.66
Savings -		2,359.40
Operating Funds -		<u>8,873.93</u>
Total Cash & Bank Accounts	\$	<u><u>16,872.99</u></u>

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Membership update:

We have 21 clubs and 277 members as of today for 2006. We lost 4 clubs - Palomar, Mile Zero, Treasurer Valley & ((Royal City transferred to the SE Region (at the request of the National Board).

New Club Packets - One packet was sent to Colorado.

Ray would like to know when a packet is sent out so he can follow up with a phone call to see if they need assistance or have some questions.

VIII. OFS Report - Robert 'Mac' McClellan

Mac reported Summit Schutzhund Club held a 2 day helper seminar in July, and Colorado Canine Club is holding a helper certification October 29, 2005. As of now, we have 15 level 3 helpers, 6 level 2 helpers & 8 level 1 helpers.

IX. New business

- a) By-law changes:
Motion by Carole Patterson to allow members to join the Western Region as individual members no matter where they reside in LV America, and to add a statement that email will be a valid form of communicating the business of the Western Region. Motion seconded by Jeff Uhrlaub. The motion was carried.
- b) 2006 WKG Regional Host Club Selection:
Ray announced we are asking for proposals to host the 2006 Regional. Proposals have to be submitted by December 15th. Les Flores of Cascade stated his club was putting in a proposal for October 21 & 22, 2006. He has already put in a trial request so these dates are reserved preventing conflicts with clubs holding trials in the fall of 2006. His club is willing to let the winning club use these dates for the Regional.
- c) Western Region's Website:
Britt Reed was going to do the website for the region but due to a heavy work load she does not have time. Ray talked to Jeff Uhrlaub and he has agreed to do the website for the region. Thanks Jeff.
- d) Judge's Handbook Guidelines for Competitors:
There was a lengthy discussion about the Judge's handbook interpretations/guidelines being made available to the members. Carole Patterson reported that the handbook interpretations/guidelines have been published in Germany for all the German members. Jon Thomas made a motion to place this item on the National Boards agenda. Cheryl Weaver seconded. The motion carried.
- e) 2005 LV America Nationals:

Carole Patterson commended Kern County T.O.P. Dog Club for the great job they did at the nationals.
- f) Training Director's Seminar:
Ted Hartman would like to see training directors being held accountable for their members and club. He suggested we have a training directors' review certification for directors. Training directors should know trial procedures and field setup. Judges get to a club for a trial and the members do not know the routines and the field equipment is not setup or the correct required height, etc.... Ted Hartman made a motion to place this on the LV National Board agenda. Jeff Uhrlaub seconded. The motion carried.

X. Good of the Order

1. Paperwork Seminar:

Ray Reid told the members Ann Thomas had put together a wonderful paperwork seminar which will help make the club paperwork easier to do. He encouraged members to stay after the board meeting to attend the paperwork seminar which was rescheduled due to trial participants getting in last minute training.

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2. Helper Seminar at Regionals:

There have been inquiries regarding having helper seminars at the Regionals. The host club has plenty to do for the Regionals and there is concern with adding a helper seminar to the work load. Please think about this and make suggestions to Ray Reid for future discussion.

3. Email information:

Ray sends out region information using email addresses received from members and clubs. All emails are sent with the members address as a blind copy. If you are not receiving region information and updates, send Ray your email address so you will be added to the mailing list.

When the website is up and running the plan is to post all information on the website so it is available to the members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

4. Honor Pins:

Carole Patterson wants to inform members there are honor pins for members that do extra work for the betterment of their club and the region. Applications are to be submitted to the WKG President and they are forwarded on up the chain for approval. See criteria for application of pins below.

The basis for issuing the DVG honor pins and making the application for them is as follows:

a) **Verdienstnadel** - This is the first service honor pin that can be awarded to a member and application for this pin can only be made after 5 full years of membership upon proof of special service to the club or organization.

b) **Goldene Ehrennnadel** - This award can be applied for after 15 years of membership upon proof of special service to the club/organization and only after the member has previously been awarded the VDH medal in silver (Silberne Ehrennnadel)

c) **Goldene Ehrennade mit Kranz** - Three years after being awarded the DVG Goldene Ehrennnadel and after receiving the VDH Gold Medal (VDH Goldene Ehrennnadel), a member is eligible to receive this award. This pin can only be awarded with proof of special service to the organization in the sense of dedication by the person to whom the pin is being awarded, not for personal gain, but rather for the good of the club and/or KG, LV, organization, etc.

d) **GroBe Verbandsehrennnadel** - Awarding of this pin occurs upon recommendation of the responsible LV President to the DVG Executive Board when the person to whom the pin is to be given has realized 30 years of exceptional service to the organization. Detailed reasons for presenting the award are to be given and the member must already have received the VDH Gold Medal with Wreath.

e) **GroBe Verbandsehrennnadel mit Kranz** - This award occurs upon recommendation of the DVG President to the DVG Executive Board when the person to whom the pin is to be awarded has performed exceptional service to the organization and holds the GroBe Verbandsehrennnadel.

For the highest honor pin, especially stringent standards are to be applied. There are to be no more than 15 people honored with this pin.

The basis for issuing the VDH honor pins and making application for them is as follows:

a) **Silberne VDH-Ehrennnadel mit Urkunde (VDH Silver Honor Pin with Certificate)** - This pin can only be awarded after a minimum membership of 5 years in a VDH member organization. Within DVG, it can only be issued after the recipient has already been awarded the DVG Verdienstnadel.

b) **Goldene VDH-Ehrennnadel mit Urkunde (VDH Gold Honor Pin and Certificate)** - A continuous membership of a minimum of 15 years within a VDH member organization is required before this pin can be awarded to a member.

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Awarding this pin to a member requires that the member has provided many years of service to the organization by serving on club/KG/LV Boards, organizing and participating in trials, doing special service for the organization, etc.

- c) **Goldene VDH-Ehrennadel mit Kranz und Urkunde (VDH Gold Honor Pin with Wreath and Certificate)** - This pin can only be awarded to a member after a minimum of 25 years continuous membership in a VDH member Organization. The member to be so honored must have performed prominently within dog activities, or especially, have rendered decades of service within the dog world, and must have previously received the DVG Gold Honor Pin with Wreath.
- d) **Goldene VDH-Ehrennadel mit Kranz und Brillant und U rkunde (VDH Gold Honor Pin with Wreath and Diamond and Certificate)** - This highest award of distinction is bestowed through resolution of the VDH Executive Board for extraordinary service only to such persons who through their service have had great influence upon the dog world. No more than 10 living people may hold this award at any time.
5. Helpers name listed in DVG Magazine with trial results:

Pat Barich would like to see the helpers name appear with the trial results listed in the DVG America magazine. Carole Patterson said this can be done if the clubs put the helper's names on the line right under the Judge's name on the Richterbericht (Trial Roster Form) (Same below).

(Trial Report for Trial Number)

Richterbericht Nr

Name of the Member Club

LV/KG/MV-Nr.		
on	20	in
Trial Judge:		License Number:
Put helper(s) name on this line		

Ray asked Carole to write an article for the magazine to inform clubs and trial secretaries to include helper's names on the Richterbericht.

XI. Old Business

VPG III pins: The WKG Board will review the criteria for awarding the VPG III pins, and develop a clear set of guidelines for awarding the pins. The criteria will be posted on the website.

XII. Adjournment

Carole Patterson moved the meeting be adjourned. Ted Hartman seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM, MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Thomas
Western Region
Treasurer & Membership Officer

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