

WESTERN REGIONS SCHUTZHUND VERBAND, DVG, INCL

Member LV/DVG America - DVG - dhv - VDH - FCI

Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 23, 2004

I. Call to order

John Hellman, President called to order the Annual General Membership meeting of the Western Region Schutzhund Verband, DVG, Inc. at 8:05 PM on Saturday, October 23, 2004 in Fontana, California at The Panda Inn.

II. Executive Board Roll call

Present: John Hellman & Ann Thomas

Absent: Cheryl Weaver, Mildred Muller (had car trouble and had to return home), Les Flores

III. Club Roll call

Ann Thomas, Vice President conducted club roll call. The following clubs were present: Coast Schutzhund Club, Kern County T.O.P. Dog Club, Palomar Schutzhund Club, Cascade Schutzhund Club, Centennial Schutzhund Club, Colorado Canine Club & Summit Schutzhund Club.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the last meeting were not read.

V. Report of the President

- a) 2005 Nationals - DVG America is split into 4 Regions (North, Southeast, Midwest, and Western) with each Region hosting the Nationals on a rotating basis. Once every four (4) years the Nationals come to the Western Region. We had two (2) clubs submit written proposals to the Western Region Executive Board to host the 2005 Nationals, Olympus Schutzhund Club in Utah, and Kern County T.O.P. Dog Club in California. The Executive Board reviewed the proposals and Kern County T.O.P. Dog Club's proposal was chosen. Ann Thomas of Kern County T.O.P. Dog Club presented the proposal to the DVG America Executive Board in Washington, DC. The proposal was accepted with the 2005 Nationals being held May 4 - 8, 2005, in Bakersfield, CA.
- b) Executive Board Elections (2005/2006)
Nominations are open for the new term and must be submitted to Cheryl Weaver, Secretary at 13460 South Redwood Rd., Riverton, Utah 84065 by December 20, 2004. Each club can submit a slate with one nominee for each office. A short Biography of each candidate must be submitted to Cheryl Weaver (persons nominated have to give their permission to be nominated) by December 20, 2004. A list will be compiled of all the candidates and ballots will be mailed to the clubs/individuals on January 20, 2005. All ballots must be completed and mailed back to Cheryl Weaver before February 20, 2005. A committee will count the completed ballots with the results being posted on March 5, 2005, at which time, the new Executive Board will assume their new duties.

Mildred Muller is the only Executive Board Member running for her same position as last term. All other Executive Board Members are either leaving the board or are running for a different position on the board.
- c) WKG Website Request (WesternRegionDVG-owner@yahoogroups.com)
WKG has setup an email list to disseminate information to members of the Western Region. You have to be a member of the Western Region to participate. Information such as the results of the Regionals, elections of Executive Officers, trials and seminars are posted on the email list. All members on the list will get the information. This helps keep postage costs down for the Clubs and the Region. If you want to sign up, use this link WesternRegionDVG-owner@yahoogroups.com. Jan Vos is the moderator of the site, when she receives your request, she will get you approved to join the group.

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VI. Report of the Vice President

- a) Four (4) requests for new clubs were received during the last year. They came from Anchorage, Alaska, Phoenix, AZ, Pueblo, CO, and Battle Ground, WA, to-date we have not received a completed packet back.

- b) 2005 Nationals Report

The hotel is the Doubletree Inn in Bakersfield, CA located by the 99 freeway. The stadium is 4 ½ miles from the hotel, and tracking fields will be about 10 - 15 minutes from the hotel. A banquet room is reserved for the general meeting (capacity 100 +). The Executive Board and Judges meetings will be held in the hospitality suite (two (2) bedroom Presidential suite). Some surprises are in the works for competitors and attendees. Various members present made some suggestions to help make the event a financial success. Ann thanked everyone for their suggestions.

VII. Secretary Report

No report

VIII. Treasurers Report

John Hellman presented the financial report as prepared by Mildred Muller.

Financial Report for the period ended: September 30, 2004

Checking -	\$10,650.01
Money Market -	5,619.97
National Savings** -	6,181.38
Number of members in Region	372

**The money in the nationals savings will be disbursed to the 2005 Nationals host club as up front money.

The following are authorized and funded annual Western Region sponsored events:

- Annual Western Region Competition
- Three (3) helper seminars per year
- New club seminars to help new clubs learn how to request a trial, how to do the paperwork, and any other assistance the new club may need

In addition, Gary Patterson, Summit Schutzhund Club, noted that small clubs need financial help bringing in good training seminars. Further, the Region should consider providing financial assistance to help clubs hold these events every 2 or 3 years, provided Regional funds are available.

IX. OFS Report

John Hellman gave the OFS report. Two (2) Helper seminars, Colorado and Southern California areas, were held in 2004. One (1) is still available in the Northern area.

X. New business

- a) 2005 WKG Regional Host Club Selection

Two (2) clubs have already expressed an interest in hosting the 2005 Regional. Clubs interested must submit their proposal to Cheryl Weaver by January 15, 2005. Proposals will be reviewed by the Executive Board and a decision made by February 1, 2005. The Region provides \$625 to the host club to help with trial costs. In addition, \$300 is given to the winner of the WKG Regional to help pay costs associated with competing in the Nationals.

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b) VPG III Pins

John Hellman presented pins to Britt Reed, Kern County T.O.P. Dog Club (Ann Thomas accepted Britt's pin, and reported Britt's dog Bingo had died in June), and Chris Lib, Coast Schutzhund Club. Congratulations!

NOTE: CLUB PRESIDENTS... DO YOU HAVE CLUB MEMBERS WHO QUALIFY FOR SCHUTZHUND 111 (VPG III) PINS, IF SO: John needs a copy of your/their dogs scorebook showing that your/their team has successfully attained BH through Schutzhund III (VPG III) degrees.

XI. Good of the Order

- a) Gary Patterson, Summit Schutzhund Club asked John Hellman to add Good of the Order as an agenda item in the future. This item is where member and club recognitions can be handled.

Gary Patterson on behalf of the DVG Executive Board presented John Hellman with a Silver VDH Service Pin. This pin is awarded to John for his service as President of the Region for seven (7) years. The Region had no money when John took over this position, and today our Region has a healthy treasury and a strong Executive Board. This pin only has to do with service to the organization not handler points. Although John has taken 3 dogs to Schutzhund III, and he has been a member of DVG since 1985. John was thanked for his service to the organization.

- b) Ted Hartman, Coast Schutzhund Club, presented training vests to Helpers Brett Titus, Colorado Canine Club, and Robert (Mac) McClellan, Summit Schutzhund Club. Ted also presented training vests to Ann Thomas, Kern County T.O.P. Dog Club for serving as Trial Chairperson, and Ann Dolan for Judging. Ted also thanked Claudéan Cornelison for being Trial Secretary and for all her help putting on this event. Ted thanked all the competitors and guests for their participation in making this a successful event.

XII. Old Business

- a) John Hellman told all in attendance to review the annual membership packets sent to each club President every August. Important information is included regarding the current years dues, how to complete membership paperwork, when paperwork is due to Mildred Muller. Mildred has also included examples of how to complete forms required for DVG America and DVG Germany.

CLUB PRESIDENTS: Every club member should be aware of the contents of this annual membership renewal package.

XIII. Adjournment

Gary Patterson, Summit Schutzhund Club moved to adjourn the meeting with Jeff Uhrlaub, Centennial Schutzhund Club seconding at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Thomas,
Vice President

c.c. John Hellman, President
Ann Thomas, Vice President
Cheryl Weaver, Secretary
Mildred Muller, Treasurer
Lester Flores, OFS

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