

**Board of Directors Meeting
Phone Conference
January 20, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm.

Present: Jeff Mundorf, Bob Wagner, Anna Guthrie, Campbell Forsyth, Steven Rosvold, Steve Knipmeyer, Steve Wight, Jennifer Quinton, Randy Mooney, Tom Blasdel

Not present: Jimmy Walker

Minutes from the 12/1/2016 meeting were approved, with a change of the date of the next meeting.

President's Report

- All is quiet...

Treasurer's Report

- Jimmy Walker sent the P&L report out to all.

Old Business

- Horseback Classes at Finals
 - There was much discussion all around, with the primary issue being liability with these classes.
 - Following the discussion, Steve Knipmeyer made a motion that we discontinue the Horseback classes at this coming Finals. Randy Mooney seconded. A roll-call vote was taken, with the majority in favor. The motion was approved
- More discussion ensued regarding the "extra" time we will now have at this year's Finals, with the primary discussion focusing on adding more handler/dog teams, particularly in the Intermediate class.
 - Bob Wagner made a motion to increase the number of Intermediate teams to 45, with the top 40% advancing to the short go.
 - Of those in the short go, the top 8 finishers will then be required to move up to Open for the following year.
 - The two preliminary rounds will be in the arena/small field, with the Final Intermediate go in the big field.
 - Steve Wight seconded. The motion carried. A press release will be posted for members.
- Field Trial points multiplier
 - Jeff Mundorf suggested that we get a survey sent out to the members before we act on this. Bob Wagner agreed to work on the survey and get it sent out.
 - There was some discussion of the issues related to this move the general consensus was that it would be more difficult for trial hosts but would encourage a higher level of work for both dogs and handlers.
- Trademark
 - There is still no word, so we are waiting.
- ABCA Foundation - EOAD study
 - There was discussion of the ongoing study and the possibility of having BAER testing at Finals. Bob Wagner will look into it.
- Finals
 - Scorers, course design, sponsors
 - Discussion of who to get for head scorers; a few names were suggested.

- For the course design, we will use a small group of Board members. A list of potential obstacles will be made available for members prior to the Finals.
- Steve Wight suggested having sponsors be able to sponsor a particular element of the Finals.

Next meeting will be February 16, 2017.

Steven Rosvold moved to adjourn; Steve Knipmeyer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.