Board of Directors Meeting Phone Conference October 13, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm by President Jeff Mundorf.

Present: Jeff Mundorf, Bob Wagner, Anna Guthrie, Jimmy Walker, Steve Wight, Steven Rosvold, Steve Knipmeyer, Jennifer Quinton, Randy Mooney

Not Present: Campbell Forsyth, Tom Blasdell

Jimmy Walker moved to approve the minutes from 9/21/16; Jennifer Quinton seconded; approved.

President's Report

• Because there can be some wrong information posted on Facebook, it would be a good idea to post press releases to ensure that correct information is going out to the public in a timely fashion. This will facilitate better communication between the board and members.

Treasurer's Report

- If anyone needs a detailed P & L sheet, please ask Jimmy Walker.
- We currently have \$37+k in the account.

Old Business

- Intermediate move up
 - The survey results seem to indicate that at least in theory, the majority of members are in favor of some system for requiring Intermediate handlers to move up to Open. But from the survey, the number of points for doing so seems to be all over the board.
 - There was a considerable discussion as to either a specific number of points or other possibilities for requiring the move up. +
 - Also, there was continued discussion of just how big an issue this is, or is not, in some regions.
 - Some advocated for making the individual regions responsible for move ups; some suggested rather than a set number of points, we use a percentage. After much discussion all around, with no clear solution, it was decided to continue to investigate this issue.
 - Any change would likely not take effect until the end of the qualifying year, anyway, so we have time to make sure that when we come up with a solution, it is the right one and is well thought out. Meanwhile, more surveys continue to come in. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.
- Finals Locations/Bids
 - There was discussion of the two bids that have been presented.
 - At this time, the Afton bid is more detailed.
 - There were questions as to the size of the fields (outrun length, etc.), as well as questions about how the setout would be done.
 - There were also questions about the cattle, tents for shade, and programs, all of which Steve Wight answered.
 - A suggestion was made to slightly change the way we do dog sponsorships; this would have some of the money going directly to the handler for entry, with a portion going to the NCA.
 - North Platte bid is not as detailed as would be ideal.
 - There were discussions of the differences in field size vs. Afton, as well as the cattle. It was decided to give the North Platte group more time to make their bid more specific; we will have our next meeting October 25 to make a decision.

- EOAD study
 - Bob Wagner collected samples in Curtis at the trial.
- Trademark
 - The application is ready to go and will be submitted. It will likely cost us something, but not sure how much yet.

New Business

- Field Trials
 - There is a suggestion to weight the points earned at trials held in open fields a bit more than arenas trials. Right now, the system favors trials held in smaller arenas with many dogs running. Details will be forthcoming.

Steven Rosvold moved to adjourn. Steve Knipmeyer seconded; adjourned.