

## Summary of HWA Board Teleconference Minutes Thursday, October 27, 2016, 7 pm

The HWA Board of Directors met via teleconference on October 27, 2016 via teleconference. Attendance is as follows:

Chris Halvorson	President	Absent
Patricia Nemeth	Vice-President	Present
Mike Logsdon	Secretary	Present
Michael Sites	Treasurer	Absent
Lawrence Alexander	At-large	Present
Stuart Eavenson	At-large	Present
George Gordon	At-large	Present
Kate Ostrowski	At-large	Present

Secretary's Report – Mike Logsdon

The minutes of the September 8th, 2016 Board meeting at the Holiday Inn in Chillicothe, Ohio were approved without change.

The discussion of thank you notes confirmed that Mike Logsdon brought all of the blank thank you notes to Nationals in Chillicothe and gave them to Michael Sites. When Ellen Gordon volunteered to send out notes to our generous donors, Michael Sites gave the blank notes to Ellen. Ellen wrote notes using the information that was available, then gave them to Michael Sites for mailing.

A motion to accept the minutes was proposed by Stuart Eavenson and Seconded by Kate Ostrowski. Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

Treasurer's Report – Michael Sites (absent)

There was no treasurer's report.

Nationals Committee Report – Patricia Nemeth, as Event Co-Chair

The National event went well. One thing noted is that people did not bring water for themselves or for their dogs. We will stress the water issue strongly next year. People are not taking care of their dogs by not having enough water. It was also noted by a judge that one participant at a water event took water from the judges' cooler.

There were also complaints that the water test for retriever test was too far away. "People will need to walk." It is up to the judges on what pond to use. We have no control over this.

On Thursday, there were not enough volunteers helping to set up. We need more help from Board members. For next year, we need to have petty cash, perhaps \$300 for small miscellaneous expenses, such as ice, water, judges meals. Also, the Treasurer must be there 30 minutes early with the HWA checkbook to dispense funds. The Board is in agreement with this.

Sherri may think that she should donate the tab leashes, but the board had voted to cover the expense.

There were complaints about the food at the Quality Inn. Not enough food, and the quality was inferior. Suggestions about changing venue. One possibility: Deer Creek Lodge. The food and venue will be more expensive.

National Rules Committee – Patricia Nemeth, As Event Co-Chair

There are plans to re-convene a rules committee at the beginning of next year. Chris Halvorson is willing to Chair the Rules Committee. Committee membership has not yet been established, but Dawn Schuster, Bridget Bodine, Joyce Catafalsky and Patricia Nemeth are candidates.

Kate Ostrowski has resigned from the Events Committee. Diane Cullen will join the Events Committee, starting in October.

The quality of the food was discussed. When we stay at the Quality Inn, we have to use their food service, but we don't have to have the Banquet there. The cost was not appropriate for the quality and quantity of the food. The Quality Inn is getting our business for the rooms. Possibly consider VFW or Amvets halls. The Springer Spaniels are staying in Pickaway County at the Deer Creek Lodge (part of the State Lodge system). Patricia Nemeth will attend and report back. To compare, the Springers pay \$50 per plate for their banquet.

The new hats are very popular. We are planning to add tee-shirts.

Old inventory: The continuing issue of old inventory was discussed. Everyone in the club has the vintage items and we have many "small" sizes in inventory. Mike Logsdon made a Motion to donate the old inventory to an appropriate institution, such as a youth organization that promotes hunting. The motion was seconded by Kate Ostrowski. Motion

carried.

Marketing/Fundraising –

Fundraising

Plans to reorder more of the popular hats and probably do another pre-order long-shirt for next Nationals. We will reorder hats and different orange tee-shirts. Possibly use Dale Burrier's Albert the Airedale design.

Marketing

Will Marketing Committee continue or go on hiatus? HWA Facebook site now has over 1900 "likes" and was used to post photos from Nationals to thousands of viewers.

Trophies - Patricia Nemeth

All trophies have been updated. Road Dog award shared by Chris Halvorson and Michael Sites. Priscila Pree awarded to Chris Halvorson. Brown Bess awarded to Linda Sorak.

Membership Committee – Mike Logsdon and Lawrence Alexander

No report.

Since Lawrence Alexander and Mike Logsdon will not be on the Board in 2017, the question was raised about who will take over membership committee duties. There was no discussion on this item.

We do not know our membership count at this point.

As media specialist, Chris Halvorson is willing to email out membership reminders, but someone(s) on the membership committee could be responsible for checking who is late in renewing memberships and sending out individual letters to ask them to renew (we have a template for that letter).

Membership "drive" ends at the end of February, so the new roster should be posted in the Members Website when the drive ends.

Old business:

Patricia Nemeth made a motion to refund to Lawrence Alexander because the Alexanders were forced to miss Nationals. Seconded by Kate Ostrowski. Motion carried. George Gordon made a motion to reimburse Kim Burrier for the seminar she missed because she served as a judge. Mike Logsdon seconded. Motion carried.

Website:

Andrea Shaw was slow to update the HWA Website and the membership application. In late September, Chris Halvorson gave Andrea all of the information from Nationals, but the website was not updated until late October.

Noted that the HWA ad in the ATCA's section of the Montgomery Kennel Club catalog turned out well. Scott Lichty petitioned the ATCA to pay the AKC to build a database for all Airedale fur tests qualifiers to date.

Discussion about access to Member website: User: member Password: HWA30years

New Business

Take note of mention in the Events Committee Meeting notes that the ATCA voted to offer the AKC the funds to be used to enable the AKC to process the ATCA Fur Tests as a parent club test. This is a big deal.

The AKC reps consistently told us that it was cost-prohibitive for their computers to process the tests due to the small number of dogs participating. This ATCA action should overcome that objection.

Next teleconference meeting:

The next teleconference Board meeting will be on the third Thursday of November, namely November 17th since the 4th Thursday of November is Thanksgiving.

Adjournment:

Motion by Kate Ostrowski, seconded by Stu Eavenson. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Logsdon, Secretary

