



WE UNITED Board of Directors Conference Call

Date:	March 23, 2017	Time:	4:00 pm PDT
-------	----------------	-------	-------------

Acting Chair in Attendance? President Julie Alonzo
 Secretary? Secretary Bruce W. Menke

President Julie Alonzo called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm PDT

Members in attendance at roll call

Members Absent

Last Name	First Name	Title	Last Name	First Name	Title
Alonzo	Julie	President	Atkinson	Doreen	Director R4
Price	Barbara	President Elect	da Silva	Kimberly	Director R6
Menke	Bruce W.	Secretary	Perez	Ruth	Director R7
Luoma	Donna	Treasurer			
Schwartz	Cari	Director R1			
Limond	Polly	Director R2			
Stanko	Chris	Director R3			

Current strength of body was 10. Minimum # for quorum was 6.

Members in attendance was 7.

Quorum Achieved

ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH 1, 2017 MINUTES

There were no corrections offered to the March 1, 2017 minutes. They were accepted as presented.

TRAINING SEMINARS

JUDGE TRAINING SEMINAR

- Polly Limond described the seminar as wonderful and informative, a good outreach as well.
- Cari Schwartz echoed Polly. The content was intense but the presenters really made the learning easy and lightened what could be a difficult seminar.
- Julie Alonzo echoed and stated she could not have been more pleased. Also, since Antonio has done the preparations for the seminar content, it is hoped that they might return in the future to do additional seminars.
 - She mentioned a challenge going forward is to ensure the seminar moves around the US and ensuring the quality of venue and preparation.

- Expense is a challenge, ensuring enough attendees to cover the costs.
- Visa logistics will need to be considered in future seminars.

TECHNICAL DELEGATE TRAINING SEMINAR

- Bruce W. Menke reported:
 - There were 8 participants.
 - All attendees were attentive, asked many questions.
 - The exam results will be forwarded to the LOC who will conduct interviews.

OVERALL

- The event either broke even or nearly so.
- The blue clip boards were slightly more popular than the black, but both were popular.
 - Julie suggested that some of the remaining should be provided to WE United licensed judges, with the rest retained for future use. There was no objection from the body.
- The Licensed Officials Committee will be finishing the process for recommendation to the Board for licensure. The chair is working on getting confidentiality agreements from the committee members to ensure all documentation is not inappropriately shared. The committee's internal deadline is May 15 but asked to give them leeway to ensure the work is thorough and accurate.
- Cari Schwartz asked about the review process, the documents.
 - President Alonzo explained the application, references, letter, their scores on the exam, recommendations from the two WAVE judges leading the seminar. This is why the confidentiality agreement will be important.
 - The oral interviews are anticipated to be via conference call and will be recorded in case one or more of the committee members is unable to attend.
 - References will be generally contacted by the committee through email.
 - Currently two committee members have not been very communicative. If the chair is unable to engage the two non-communicative, he will request, through the president, that the Board remove them so the committee can move forward.
 - The committee is working to ensure the process and recommendations will be done properly, thoroughly, and will stand against scrutiny.

NATIONAL SHOW

- Barbara Price updated the Board regarding progress of the show planning.
 - Have developed some preliminary contacts on sponsorship with good positive initial response.
 - Marketing materials have not been fully developed nor distributed but are expected to be soon. There is a marketing plan. It is simple at this point but from a marketing perspective it should be simple to enable the committee to focus upon the important parts of the show.
 - More information should be available after next week.
- Julie Alonzo indicated that the Courtyard Marriot in Tigard has been reserved. The show is in Sherwood. Cari Schwartz explained that Tigard and Wilsonville are very close, within about 10 minutes. The committee is working on a other hotels, still. When that is nailed down the information will be made public.

- There are hook-ups and tent camping spots at the show grounds.
- Tenara, and Susan McIntosh, committee members are working with the facility to finalize the contract.
- Julie Alonzo mentioned that she contacted Nuno Matos regarding getting Pedro's star contract signed as well as the ticket they are designing.
- Designating the judges is important to nail down soon.
 - S or WAVE judges are required.
 - WAVE judges in the past have typically not known the US rules well. However, both of the presenters at the just concluded seminar were familiar with the US rules.
- Susan McIntosh has contacted Veterinarians. The rates are within what the committee anticipated.
- The Committee is working on getting a budget so the Board can review. The committee's intention is to provide several different options based upon anticipated entries/symposium attendance.
- Question about rotating scribes. Julie Alonzo replied that the WAVE judges did not like switching scribes. Depending upon the judges, it may not be advisable to rotate.
- Shadow judging may be something that could allowed, especially for judge seminar candidates and other WE United licensed judges.
 - Must be kept in mind that the integrity of the competition will be important and that shadow judges can not detract from that.
 - General consensus that the judge's preference is paramount. The number of shadow judges must be kept low and must be unobtrusive.
- Julie Alonzo noted that one area where help is needed is to get the competitors there, hopefully from other parts of the country.
- Julie Alonzo explained the goal is to get the prize list out by the middle of April.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 4pm PDT.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm PDT



Bruce W. Menke, Secretary