



**WE UNITED Board of Directors**  
Board Meeting Conducted via Telephone Conference

**Date: February 20, 2018**

Barbara Price, WE United President, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm (PST)

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	TITLE	MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE	TITLE
Barbara Price	President	Polly Limond	President Elect
Erin O'Shaughnessy	Treasurer	Kris Blacklock	Region 5
Cari Schwartz	Region 1	Ruth Perez	Region 7
Sarah Pinney	Region 2		
Leslie Martien	Region 3		
Doreen Atkinson	Region 4		
Kimberly da Silva	Region 6		
Julie Alonzo	Past President		

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm (PST) and roll call was taken.

Several items were on the agenda for vote and/or discussion. A board package containing a meeting agenda and accompanying materials was emailed to all board members for review one week prior to the scheduled call.

1. Barbara Price presented a motion to vote for approval of Becky Mathews as chair of the Show Licensing and Oversight Committee (SLOC). Becky is a current and active member of the committee. Former Chair Chesna Klimek resigned late last year. The motion was seconded by Leslie Martien.

**Motion:**

***The WE United Board of Directors hereby votes to approve Becky Mathews as the chair of the Show Licensing Oversight Committee, effective upon Mathews renewing her 2018 WE United Membership.***

Voting strength of the body was 8. By voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

2. The board position of Secretary remains open. Recommendations for finding a secretary were discussed. Several members suggested Julie Alonzo could step into the Secretary role.

3. The board discussed the option of encouraging regions to hold Regional Championship Shows in 2018 in lieu of one National Championship Show.

Considerations presented included:

- Alleviates large outlay of association's funds
- Eliminates need to determine one location
- Provides more opportunity for wider/larger participation
- Allows regions more control over show logistics
- Additional promotion opportunities for multiple regional champions

All members on the call engaged in active discussion and agreed it makes fiscal and logistical sense not to hold a National Championship Show in 2018. Each member presented ideas regarding Regional Championship shows , and agreed the board will begin planning this summer for a National Championship Show to be held in 2019. Key discussion points included the following:

- It may make sense to hold a national show every other year
- Choice of a national show location and facility that works for all is difficult
- Some regions are too small to effectively host a regional show
- A few regions already have many shows and activities planned for 2018
- The idea of virtual shows in smaller regions was presented

4. Barbara Price presented a motion to vote to approve a preliminary methodology for holding a Judge and TD training seminar in 2018. The motion was seconded by Sarah Pinney.

**Motion:**

***The WE United Board of Directors requests the Judge Program Development Committee (JPDC) to develop a preliminary plan for a 2018 Judge and TD Seminar and to distribute it to board members by March 30, 2018 for discussion and/or approval to proceed with planning.***

Voting strength of the body was 8. By voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

5. A brief overview of WE United's financial position to date was provided for board review. A copy of this overview is included with these minutes. The overview was prepared by Julie Alonzo, as Treasurer Erin O'Shaughnessy was unavailable. It was noted that going forward a financial statement must be prepared each month end and distributed to the board for review. Additionally, as part of WE United's stated policy, the Financial Oversight Committee should conduct a monthly review of the organization's financial transactions, and report any questions or concerns. Also discussed was WE United looking into retaining an external bookkeeper to reconcile the financial records each month.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm PST

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Price  
Acting Secretary