

AWMA
Meeting Minutes for November 2024

Please note these meeting minutes were obtained from the BOD discussions. Per the AWMA bylaws: "all actions of the Board shall be reported as minutes".

President: Andy Deitz
Vice President: Position vacant currently
Treasurer: Beth Golder
Secretary: Jessica Johnson
Membership Chair: Shannon Faltak
Director of Judge's: Randall Hoadley
Director at Large: Jill Viggiani
Director at Large: Susan Kelly
Regional Director: Katie Smart
Regional Director: Brigitte Deitz
Regional Director: Rachele Lema

November 16

Here are the results for the ballot report of:

"Making all new social media (Facebook, Instagram, all social media platforms) all to be owned by AWMA (American Working Malinois Association)

The voted started on 11/16/2024 and ended on 11/23/2024

Yes to creating new social media platforms, all to be owned by AWMA:

Brigitte Deitz
Andy Dietz
Susan Kelly
Jessica Johnson
Teri Robinson

No:

Beth Golder
Shannon Faltak

Did not vote:

Jill Vigianni
Randall Hoadley
Rachele Lema
Katie Smart

11/20/2024

President: On 11/20/2024, Teri resigned as the president effective immediately.

Vice President: On 11/20/2024, Andy stepped up from VP to president, as outlined in the AWMA bylaws.

Andy appointed Amanda Hoadley as the new VP and added her to the BOD group chat.

AWMA bylaws were posted which states that "if the office of Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chairperson or Director of Judges should be vacated for any reason, or if the incumbent becomes incapacitated and cannot or is unwilling to perform the duties of office, the Executive Board shall elect a replacement". "Nominations for the vacant office must be submitted to the Secretary. The Secretary shall conduct the balloting of the Executive Board".

Secretary confirmed that she had not received any nominations yet.

Andy presented his nomination for VP of Amanda Hoadley. Randall seconded the motion.

The board agreed to allow 7 days for VP nominations, closing at 11/27 @ 530PM CST.

Voting would begin at the closing of nominations.

Brigitte formally requested updated meeting minutes to share with the membership on the website. She was provided all updated minutes on 11/24/2024 by Secretary.

Discussion about recording zoom meetings in the future as previous meetings had not been recorded.

Susan Kelly requested to know when the next meeting was. No response.

Secretary sent out a formal email on 11/20/2024 requesting a meeting:

"Good evening, everyone

Per the AWMA bylaws, the secretary can request a board meeting with a petition signed by 2/3 of the board. I would like to request a meeting and am requesting a petition to schedule this meeting. If you feel that we need to schedule a zoom meeting, please feel free to email me back stating that you wish to be a part of this petition so that we can get the ball rolling. I appreciate your time and dedication to AWMA.

Thank you,

Jessica Johnson awma secretary".

WNEC clarification request to the BOD regarding team financial assistance. Majority of the board agreed that the wording was unclear and as such, the team members should be allowed to complete the requirements to obtain financial assistance from the organization, and the wording should be clarified by 12/31/2024 to be updated for the new year. On 11/23/2024, the majority of the board finalized the decision and sent it back to the WNEC. WNEC sent clarification statement back to the EB and requested EB or further WNEC discussion about the spirit of the financial assistance policy.

11/21/2024

Brigitte reported that the new website is close to completion.

Discussed different platform communication options besides Facebook messenger. Teams vs Telegraph vs Gaggle.

Brigitte was listed as the current chair of the website committee.

11/24/2024

Randall reported that Mr. Les Flores has completed all his apprentice requirements. A motion was made by Randall Hoadley to accept Mr. Flores as an AWMA probationary judge. Brigitte seconded the motion.

11/26/2024

Beth provided 2020 and 2021 financial information as requested on 11/25/2024 from Andy
2023 is near completion/review.
2024 is still pending.

Brigitte consulted with a non-profit tax advisor and shared her findings.
New debit card had been ordered by old Treasurer and will be mailed to the new Treasurer.

Randall asked if the 2023 IRS taxes were filed.
Beth confirmed that they were filed by the previous Treasurer already.

Andy updated regarding social media voting. Andy will create a new Facebook page and will be appointing a committee to manage the page.

Beth posted the bank statements in the Gaggle for 2024, also posted Profit and Loss and Balance Sheets for 2021, 2022 and 2023.

11/27/2024

Shannon nominated Erick Aguirre for VP. Beth seconded the motion.

Jessica closed the nomination time frame as agreed upon by the board. Jessica confirmed she had received both Erick and Amanda's acceptance letters and bios, which were emailed out to the board.

Vote for the new AWMA Vice President
Vote started on November 27, 2024.
Vote ended on December 10, 2024.
Erick Aguirre: 7 votes
Amanda Hoadley: 1 vote

Andy reported that the old Facebook page that Teri made would be reactivated. Andy reported that he would not be giving board members full permissions, despite that being the agreement prior to the vote. Inquiry if the Facebook page belonged to a person or the organization. Andy stated “every page must first be attached to a private account. Then the other admins are added with full permission”. It was mentioned that this goes against the EB voting to “approve to make all social media platforms all to be owned by AWMA”.

11/29/2024

WNEC provided an update regarding the IGP FMBB Team. Majority board reviewed and an email was sent with the team information and requesting a Team Captain.