

July 8, 2025
AWMA Executive Board
Meeting Minutes

Call to order by: President, Erick Aguirre
Meeting start time: July 8, 6:36 PM CST

Roll Call

Present

President: Erick Aguirre
Vice President: Christopher Smith
Secretary: Jessica Johnson
Treasurer: Beth Golder
Membership Chair: Shannon Faltak
Director at Large: Susan Kelly
South Regional Director: Steve Cobb
West Regional Director: Gary Johnson
Director at Large: Monty Ellison

Not Present

None

OFFICER REPORTS

President

Upcoming Executive Board Meetings, called by the President:

July 29, 2025 @ 730pm EST
Aug 19, 2025 @ 730pm EST
September 9, 2025 @ 730pm EST
September 30, 2025 @ 730pm EST
Tentative: November 18, 2025 @ 730pm EST – Annual Meeting

Vice President

Discussion about an “official” and members-only Facebook page
Motion made by: Jessica Johnson
Second by: Beth Golder
Motion passes unanimously

Secretary

Approve or modify meeting minutes for June 3, 2025

Motion to approve: Jessica Johnson

Second: Christopher Smith

Motion passed unanimously

New website: David has completed phase 1 and tasks outlined for phase 1.

The website is ready to go live!

Motion to go live: Christopher Smith

Second: Jessica Johnson

Motion passes unanimously

Discuss Phase 2 for the website, which would include much more interactivity, a members sign in page for each member where they can edit their profile, and their dog's profiles. Doing away with Jotforms and including Stripe payment feature to move away from PayPal only. IGP3 club page update. Certificate application page update. Dog only page will be created to be able to compare dog points and scores across the organization.

Motion to approve phase 2 and up to 5k: Shannon Faltak

Second: Jessica Johnson

Motion passes unanimously

Treasurer

53 AWDF Scorebook Update: New AWDF Secretary will be sending the replacement books as soon as they are shipped to her.

Custom Ink: t-shirt fundraising funds

Funds were distributed to everyone except Greg.

FMBB Payments: Sent to everyone but Greg. Awaiting payment information for Greg.

FMBB Deposit Refunds: Sent to everyone but Greg. Awaiting payment information for Greg.

June financials are completed and were be uploaded into the Gaggles.

Membership Chair

Policy revisions for FMBB IGP Team/Captain

Discussion about late fees for late membership renewals to comply with the bylaws. The board agreed to the late fee to be the same as the rush fee.

Reviewed and approved new instruction manuals for how to form a new club and how to promote a club.

Buffalo Malinois Club (North):

Club request and payment have been submitted

Club has 3 members

Letter of Interest completed, Bylaws completed, Resume completed, Statement of Compliance completed

Support from Officer: Steve Cobb

Motion: Shannon Faltak

Second: Steve Cobb

Motion passes unanimously

South Region Director (Steve Cobb)

None

West Region Director (Gary Johnson)

None

Directors at Large (Susan Kelly, Monty Ellison)

Susan: Discuss and vote on promotion of Affiliate club to Full member club for Northeast Working Dog Club

The Regional Director dropped the ball and did not support the club over the last year to do a program of qualification

This board is willing to make an exception and allow the club's hosting AWDF to count as their trial.

Motion to approve: Susan Kelly

Second: Shannon Faltak

Motion passes unanimously

Monty: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Helper Committee (Susan Kelly Liaison):

No information was obtained from old helper committee via email regarding any of the changes that they were requesting the EB review.

Need a report about the latest event on April 20th with update on newly certified helpers
Need full list of Helpers and contact information to post on website.

Old helper committee did not send. Susan to reach out to Marko to request this information.

Judge's Committee (Christopher Smith Liaison):

Nothing to report

BOI Committee (Jessica Johnson Liaison):

1 BOI finding received from the committee. Will discuss during closed session at the end of this meeting.

Website Committee (Erick Aguirre Liaison):

Nothing new to report

Social Media Committee (Erick Aguirre Liaison):

Committee working on obtaining "historical" pictures/videos for the website and reels.
Establishing Facebook and Instagram pages

WNEC (Beth Golder Liaison):

No bids for Nationals. Bids are open for an AWMA club to host.

Auditing Committee (Beth Golder Liaison):

No updates

Nominating Committee (Susan Kelly Liaison):

No updates

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adjourn: Shannon Faltak

Second: Beth Golder

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM, CST