

**March 4, 2025**  
**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Call to order by: President, Erick Aguirre

Meeting start time: March 4, 2025 at 7:32PM EST

**Roll Call**

**Present**

President: Erick Aguirre

Treasurer: Beth Golder

Secretary: Jessica Johnson

Membership Chair: Shannon Faltak

Director at Large: Jill Viggiani

Director at Large: Susan Kelly

Regional Director: Katie Smart

Regional Director: Rachele Lema

Helper Committee: Marko Koskensalo

**Not Present**

Regional Director: Brigitte Deitz

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**President**

Hiring an attorney or parliamentarian on behalf of AWMA to review current and future bylaw amendments as discussed during GB meeting on 1/28: vote is currently in process via election buddy

Withdraw motion for \$1000 budget for the attorney/parliamentarian for GB meeting amendment.

No objections

Motion to approve \$8000 for the AWMA attorney for the remainder of 2025:

Motion made by Susan Kelly

Seconded by Beth Golder

Discussion about nominations for EB and committee positions that are vacant:

Email drafted

Need to check with 2 people about nominations/voting before sending out email to the membership

March 18<sup>th</sup> EB meeting cancelled to allow for Open Discussion

Upcoming Executive Board Meetings, called by the President:

Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 730PM EST

Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 730PM EST

**Secretary**

Approve or modify meeting minutes for February 18, 2025:

Motion made by Jessica Johnson

Second by Katie Smart

Reimbursement expenses to date for BOI printing and shipping:

Motion made by Susan Kelly

Second by Beth Golder

Clubs:

Cape Cod: signed up two more members before 2/28 deadline, they now meet all criteria for full member club

Ugly Dog Dojo cancelled their March trial

Requested webmaster to upload meeting minutes, has not been completed:

Erick obtained access on March 3 and will be sent meeting minutes to upload

**Treasurer**

Renewal insurance policy completed

CPA update:

CPA - roughly 2 weeks, engagement letter received. Fee will be \$800 per year as per the engagement letter. Due when he's finished.

Money market account vs CD:

Will wait until the CPA audit is completed and speak with CPA about recommendations

Reimbursement for Family Membership:

DAL Susan completed statement to the membership, treasurer prepared to issue refunds, EB to approve statement and will then email out.

Reimbursements for BOI printing and shipping:

Receipts received and verified total for shipping and printing

Website bill/invoice was received by Victoria for \$1950:

Erick will follow up with Victoria with questions

WDC Houston used an AWMA Judge:

Clubs are eligible for \$100 judge rebate if they use an AWMA judge

Clubs need to request their rebate, Beth will reach out to WDC to advise them of this

AWDF High Protection Trophy \$200.00

Motion made by Rachele

Second by Katie

FMBB Team Fees:

Need to notify FMBB that Erick is the new President to complete wire transfers

### **Membership Chair**

Starting new series per membership recommendation: monthly Zoom calls on various topics, open to all members, free of charge/sponsored by AWMA.

March 11: Jany Bohm, Q&A sessions, open to questions for submission. Emailed out, awaiting social media post

April: Dana Miller, update on new FCI rules and judging tips and tricks to not lose points

May: Elizabeth Aldrich?

June: TBD

July: Trisha Harper, topic TBD?

Will reach out to a few others

### **West Region Director**

Update on new club, Arizona Malinois Club, all paperwork received and validated:

Motion to approve: Rachele Lema

Second: Beth Golder

Helper certification and seminar: Hoot Hoot, approved by RD, will post to social media and website, Marko working on flier to post

### **South Region Director**

Graphic/logo competition:

Will announce next week, March 12<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup>

Motion to approve \$250 prize for the winner:

Motion by Katie Smart

Second by Jessica Johnson

**Directors at Large:** none provided  
**North Region Director:** none provided

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Helper Committee:

Updates provided to Andy, have not been presented yet, invited Marko/Helper committee to present at meeting. Awaiting updated information from Helper committee via email.

April 20, 2025: Helper certification submitted for Hoot Hoot Club in Oregon.

Judge's Committee:

Request for hearing email, tabled until figured out the committee updates

BOI Committee:

Findings were provided to Secretary and sent to the membership, need to be uploaded to the website

Website Committee: None provided

Social Media Committee: None provided

WNEC:

Deadline for Nationals now 3/31

Motion for one-time reimbursement of \$10,000 for 2025 Nationals:

Motion made by Rachele Lema

Second by Katie Smart

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

FMBB T-shirt Fundraiser:

Currently running, email sent, not yet uploaded to the FB page by Acacia

AWMA Youtube Channel:

Social Media Committee to manage after initial establishment

Motion made by Jessica Johnson

Second made by Shannon Faltak

No opposition, motion passes

Motion to adjourn the meeting by: Susan Kelly

Second made by: Katie Smart

Meeting end time: 9:22PM EST