

Proposed amendments to the AWMA Bylaws, 2008

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AWMA Bylaws Committee.

Based on recommendations received from AWMA members, Executive Board and upon review for completeness and syntax by the committee, the following changes and amendments are proposed to the AWMA Constitution and Bylaws.

- 1) Article II, Section 1, the phrase “to promote humane training methods for the working dog, and to support responsible dog ownership and breeding practices” is added to the objectives. This phrase is mandatory in the bylaws of any local club, and so should be mandatory for the organization as a whole.
- 2) Article II, section 2, the AD is eliminated. AWMA doesn't do registry or conformation shows at this time, so there is no need for the AD.
- 3) Article II, section 7, remove the word “schutzhund” from the National Championship, in keeping with the general trend in Europe and the FCI.
- 4) Article III, section 2, add AWDF member club licensed judges to the approved list. As a member of the AWDF, we have some responsibility for reciprocity in this regard.
- 5) Article IV, Section 3, paragraph (m) is moved to Article X Section 1, paragraph (x) to be more consistent with the context. (This has to do with annual reporting to the GB by the BOI).
- 6) Article V, Section 2, add section (e) per recommendation of the Executive Board (insurance mandate).
- 7) Article V, Section 2, add section (f) to clarify due dates for clubs (currently not specified).
- 8) Article V, Section 3, delete former section (e) as it is identical to the middle of part (d), and then take the language from the end of part (f) to part (e) instead. This makes the timeline make more sense, and it now matches the Discipline section for individual membership.
- 9) Article VI, Section 1, part (i) – The first change is to be consistent with Article VI, Section 1 (a), which specifies that everyone on the EB is also automatically a member of the GB, while the second change is for clarification (i.e., you can't be both a RD and club rep and therefore vote twice on the same item).
- 10) Article VI, Section 2, part (a) – This change (requiring an IPO or Ring title) was approved by the Executive Board in the past year, but requires a bylaws amendment to become codified.
- 11) Article VI, Section 2, part (b)—Directors at Large -- just to clarify the language on who is being elected...
- 12) Article VII, section 3, part (c), (e) – the requirement for the Treasurer to do anything with membership records is inconsistent with the other requirements of the office, and is much more consistent with the records already kept by the membership chair. Hence, the deletion is shown in part (c), and new language is added to part (e).
- 13) Article IX, Section (7) – Changes are proposed in order to make the Assistant Regional Director position optional.
- 14) Article X, Section 1 (c) – See item (5) .