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Sean Hammell

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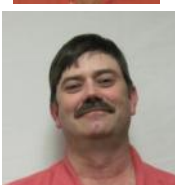
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

George Ferrari

I want to thank the Board and its members for electing me as IWPA President. I will do my best to promote and oversee the IWPA to the best of my abilities. We have a great team, and I urge anyone who wants to be involved in it to get involved.

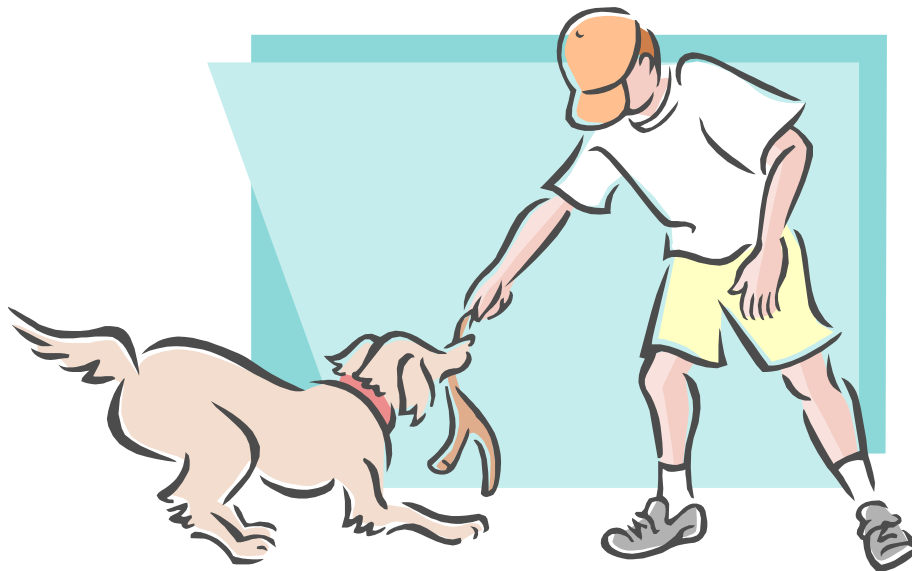
We accomplished a lot at the Seattle Board meeting and I encourage everyone to check out the minutes to see what was discussed and clarified.

I want you to know that I will be pulling again this year with a new pup. I look forward to the challenges and fun of this upcoming season. I hope you all had a great summer off and that everyone has a great pulling season this coming year.

Thanks,

George Ferrari

Blizzard give me
that ugly stick!
Bad dog!!!



From the Sanctioning & Statistician Chair

Sue Ferrari

Hello organizers:

I wanted to make sure that everyone is aware of the new “check” rule for the IWPA. This is what our bank is requiring of us now. When you send in your Sanctioning paperwork, the check must be made out to the IWPA and only to the IWPA. If my name is on the check, I will have to send it back to you, and thus your pull might not make it into the newsletter in a timely fashion.

The same will hold true when you send your stats from the pull back in to me. If I have to return your check, there will be late fees added onto the balance due. Also, please do NOT put anything in the fail code column on your final paperwork unless the dog did not pull at all, then add a N. Please do not put this down if the dog has completed several pulls and just didn't make the last weight increment. It's very confusing and hard for me to get your results input in a timely fashion. Also, please remember to put a “D” if the dog/handler was disqualified for any reason. The judge's reports will no longer come to my house, so I have to reply only on what you tell me.

I will be sending the checks I receive to the Treasurer two times during the month, instead of one. I know there were concerns that your checks had not been cashed. Please do keep in mind, all of your officers and Board members have full time jobs and families, outside of this organization. We do try and take of IWPA business in the timeliest fashion that we can.

Have a great season!

Thank you,
Sue Ferrari
Sanctioning

From the Newsletter Chair/Editor

Robbie Reed

Hello IWPA Membership,

I want to encourage everyone to submit photographs from your dog pulls. If space is available I will try to use them. Also, if you stumble across an article that would be worthwhile to share please submit that to me also. Please keep in mind anything submitted can be edited including advertising.

The deadline for all submissions to the Newsletter is the 18th of the month prior to the month of publication.

With your help our newsletter can be both informative and fun!!!

Best Regards,
Robbie Reed

Judges Chair

Bob Sencenbaugh

First let me thank George Ferrari for the excellent job he has done for IWPA as its Judge's Chair. With his new role as President he has passed the role of Judge's Chair to me and I hope to do as well. As we prepare for another season let me update you all on last season the annual board meeting.

Last year there were a total of 14 disqualifications noted in the judge's reports. The majority of these were calling the dog before crossing the line. This was followed by crossing the finish line then touching the dog and finally two tangles. The final comment that George made that I would like to share with you all as Organizers and Chief Judges is make sure all the fields are filled out they are important and the forms need to be completed.

At the annual board meeting held in Seattle this year, the board discussed the tangles rule found in Pulling Rules Section 5 (C) (12) after much discussion there was no change made to the rule. There was agreement among the board that we need to clarify this rule to the members and judges.

Remember that the Chief Judge or any other Judge at the pull chute may call a tangle when and only when the tangle might cause injury to the dog, that can be a tangle in the harness, the harness and the chute, or the harness and the cart. A tangle is not to be called because the dog has stepped out of the harness with one rear leg. If the dog has spun and is in danger of backing out of the harness completely then while not a tangle it should be immediately called for the protection of the dog. If a dog has the harness running between their legs while this is uncomfortable it is not a tangle.

I would just add one other thing for you judges and organizers, there was discussion on Pulling Rules Section (2) (D) Equipment – Barriers – and the topic of snow fence as an acceptable barrier came up. The board agreed that it has been previously listed as an unacceptable barrier and that was confirmed and the board added the wording "snow fence is not an acceptable barrier" to the section.

By the time you get this newsletter all current judges should be receiving your renewal information. If you have not received it by August 15th give me a call and let me know so I can verify your address and resend it. If you have any questions or comments please give me a call

Thanks
Bob Sencenbaugh



IWPA Membership

The new pulling season is quickly approaching, and even though these are not new changes to the club, these are issues which need to be addressed going into this season.

Banking regulations are changing rapidly and no longer will our bank be accepting checks or money orders which they consider to be third party checks. This means checks made out to Sue Ferrari (the Sanctioning Director), Rodney Martin (the Membership Chair) or Bob Sencenbaugh (the Judge's chair).

If any of these chairperson's receive a check made out to them, they will return it to the person who sent it to them requesting a new check or money order made out to the IWPA. **What will this mean in terms of the person who sent the check?** If it is to sanctioning and the pull is up coming, it is possible the pull will not get sanctioned due to funds not being with the application. If you send the check and it is for pull results and it has to be returned, you will be fined for the number of days the new check is late. If it is for your membership you will not become a member until the postmark date on the second check envelope. If the money is for judge's fees, you will not become a judge until the new check comes back to the chair. **This includes money orders as well as checks. Please make sure all funds sent to the club are made out to the IWPA.**

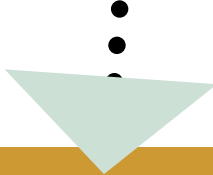
Thank you for your attention to this matter, as I want everyone to have a great season pulling.

Cheryl Martin
IWPA Treasurer

Sue Ferrari
IWPA Sanctioning Director

Rodney Martin
IWPA Membership Chair

Bob Sencenbaugh
IWPA Judges Chair



Third party checks and money orders are no longer accepted by our bank!!!

If you send one expect it back!!!

Also expect the time delay which may include late fee's or missing due dates!

If you have questions ask before you mail it out!!!

2012-2013 IWPA Board Meeting
Seattle, Washington
June 1st & 2nd, 2013

The 2012-2013 Board Meeting was called to order by President Terry Reed at 8:10 AM.

Board Members present: Brenda Lemon, Sue and George Ferrari, Terry Reed, Bob Sencenbaugh, Rodney and Cheryl Martin. Those absent; Stephanie Pitz and Sean Hammell.

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary report by Robbie Reed – Robbie advised there were no issues voted upon during the season.
MSC

Treasure Report by Cheryl Martin – Cheryl advised when she refunded the postage meters she was given an Office Depot gift card. That gift card will be used to purchase any items in the future. It was used so far to pay for printing of the board books for the board meeting.

Cheryl suggested championship organizers not pay the site insurance as the Championships are the responsibility of the board. She suggested the club pay for that insurance, Bob Sencenbaugh made a motion to accept this, Cheryl Martin second, MSC.

Bob Sencenbaugh suggests the club to purchase a Quick Book Program for the Treasurer to complete financial work with; this will be discussed under New Business.

Cheryl Martin advised there is an error in checks and as of this point she has not been able to find it and asked to have report tabled until the error is found.

Drug Testing Report by Robbie Reed – Robbie provided a written report. In brief Robbie advised drug testing was not completed at the Championships due to the cost of the samples submitted and the quantity needed to get the price break. There will be approximately \$9259.00 available for drug testing at the 2013-2014 Championships. MSC

Membership Report by Rodney Martin – Rodney reported there were a total of 171 Family /Individual, no Junior and 4 Life Time Memberships for the 2012-2013 season. The most increase was in Region 3 with people in Canada. MSC

Sanctioning Report by Sue Ferrari – Sue provided a written report. In brief Sue reported a lot of organizers requested the forms PDF which saved a lot of money on printing expenses. MSC

Judges report By George Ferrari – George provided a written report. In brief George reported this year there were 109 sanctioned pulls and he received reports on all of them except for the two Championship pulls. There were 35 renewing judges from the year before, 8 did not renew their judge-ships. And there was 1 new judge. The Disqualifications noted in the Judges reports were as follows; 6 called the dog before crossing the line, 4 stepped over the line, 2 touched the dog, and 2 double tangles. One issue with a Judge involving weighing in an unlimited dog and that rule was discussed with the judge. Specifically the need to make sure organizers and the chief judges understand, that if the organizer's scale cannot weigh the dog due to its size, it automatically becomes an unlimited dog and can receive points, but not percentage awards. This dog also cannot

use this pull for any of the working dog titles. Lastly, there were a couple of pulls where the dog's were either listed on the judge's report and not the final stats report and vice versa. We need to stress that all the fields are to be filled out and are important.

Elections Report – A written report submitted by Stephanie Pits. In brief approximately 40% of the ballots were returned. Results of the voting posted in the March Newsletter.

Animal Welfare/Education Report by Brenda Lemon – Brenda expressed her appreciation for the recall notices placed in the Newsletters and the Masks for Mutts article submitted by Sheryl Franklin. She received no contacts or complaints from PETA or other animal activist groups. MSC

Forms Report by Robbie Reed - Forms updated as needed. The board will need to be discuss under new business for any form changes for this upcoming season. MSC

Awards Report by Donna Libbey and Robbie Reed - A written report was provided containing all medals on hand including working dog, Regional and Championship medals. In brief discussion about medal mistakes sent to vendor. Also checks not sent in right away from Donna Libbey and remained unprocessed for membership which is an issue and brought up during general membership meeting. MSC

Grievance Report - No report submitted by Sean Hammell

Personnel Report by Bob Sencenbaugh - A written report was submitted by Bob Sencenbaugh. In brief Bob reported Sheryl Franklin has done an outstanding job this year for her first year as Web Master. No problems with any Personnel issues. MSC

Championship Report by Bob Sencenbaugh - A written report was submitted by Bob Sencenbaugh. In brief Bob indicated the only downfall was the fact the Awards Banquet didn't happen the scheduled night because there was no private room for the banquet. President Terry Reed advised he mailed a thank you letter to Bass Pro thanking them for their sponsorship of the event. MSC

Newsletter Report by Robbie Reed – A written report was submitted. In brief Robbie reported averaging the cost of printing and postage for each hard copy newsletter mailed per membership, the total cost this season was \$32.97. Last season (2011-2012) the cost was \$32.39. In reality the increase was minimal (1.76%). Lastly, the problems continue as in prior seasons with the formatting of the Pull Results into the Newsletter. For some reason the formatting of the document does not transfer into Publisher; each individual line must therefore be reformatted and is VERY time consuming. MSC

Regional Coordinator by George Ferrari – George reported that Bob Daymude resigned as the Alaska Region Rep. There were no reports sent to him by any of the regional reps that had a meeting; nor were there any complaints. MSC

Statistician Report by Sue Ferrari - A written report was provided. Sue reported she is still getting one organizer writing checks to "Sue Ferrari" not IWPA. Cheryl Martin advised our bank is not happy about receiving 3rd party checks. Cheryl suggested a joint letter from her and Sue addressing this issue. Bob Sencenbaugh suggested mailing a letter to all organizers from last year advising checks written personally to them will be returned and not accepted as received and late fees will be added on until results and check written to IWPA is received. Sue added fail codes continue to be used. She will send a note to organizers again telling them not to use other fail codes not listed. She will write an article for the

newsletter. MSC

Web Master by Sheryl Franklin - Brenda Lemon read report she received from Sheryl Franklin. Sheryl Franklin reports she has received positive comments about the web site with a special emphasis on the photo gallery being appreciated. Any e-mails she received about updating specific dog results she referred to Sue Ferrari. MSC

Web Site Inquiry by Sean Hammell - A written report was provided. Sean received 22 unique emails from people that were identifiable as coming from the IWPA website. These e-mails were almost exclusively about starting IWPA in areas that are not currently active. His course of action was to suggest they get in touch with their regional reps, and provide any contact info, as well as any contact info for those people organizing pulls in their region. There was one request to start IWPA in Indonesia, of which he forwarded to Terry Reed to handle. Also there were a couple e-mails asking for clarification on the rules (starting weights, etc.), of which he provided answers to and asked for input from other board members as a CC to the reply. MSC

Hall of Fame by Robbie Reed – A written report was submitted. Robbie reported she received 9 submissions for Regional Hall of Fame which were presented during the awards ceremony at the Champion ships. She had 2 submissions for International Hall of Fame which will need to be voted on under old business. Those nominees are; King Dukes owned/handled by Terry Reed and Rose owned/handled by Cheryl Martin. MSC

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Newsletter – Bob Sencenbaugh suggested to keep same format and printing. Cheryl Martin suggested proof reading prior to mailing; Cheryl tasked to do this. Motion by Cheryl Martin, second by Brenda Lemon, MSC

Membership dues – Rodney Martin suggested dues remain the same and keep the \$5 discount available. Sue Ferrari made the motion, Bob Sencenbaugh second, MSC

General Membership Meeting inquiries;

- a) Time frame for checks getting cashed – Sue Ferrari will mail checks to Cheryl Martin 2 times a month. Cheryl suggested money orders could be used for those organizers who have concerns with the amount of time taken to process checks and the checks remain outstanding in their checking accounts; that way the money is already out of their accounts and not outstanding. Bob Sencenbaugh also suggested for the Treasurer to use a National Bank chain that Sue could deposit funds into the account in Washington and advise Cheryl of the deposits. That would alleviate time for mailing and time for Cheryl to make the deposit. Cheryl will check on this option.
- b) Time frame of 2 years to earn Working Dog degrees – During discussion it was brought up that the larger dogs have more difficulty in earning degrees. Brenda Lemon said due to travel expenses people are attending less pulls within their own regions. Cheryl Martin suggested raising the time frame to 3 years. This item was discussed at length and the Board decided not to change the time frame.
- c) The wording "the following program year" is not in standing rules but on the Working Dog Application; any changes need to be discussed and changed under new business.
- d) The ability to earn a Working Dog Degree multiple times – Discussion of any dog can earn Working Dog titles multiple times; the dog cannot use a qualifying pull more than 1 time. Further discussion will be tabled to discuss under new business if changes need to be done.
- e) The number of Hall of Fame Inductees that can be voted on by the board (3 per year) – This subject was brought up at the General Membership Meeting; overwhelmingly the response was to remove the

limit of inductees accepted/inducted each year. Robbie suggested to remove “3 per year” and discuss further under new business.

Hall of Fame Inductees – Rodney Martin asked if the applications submitted were verified and accurate. Robbie Reed reported she in fact reviewed the accuracy of each application and found them to be accurate. President Terry Reed and Treasurer Cheryl Martin were excused out of the room for voting to alleviate any conflict of interest. Vice President Bob Sencenbaugh asked for discussion and vote. The Board voted unanimous to induct King Dukes. The board voted unanimous to induct Rose Martin. Both Inductees will be forwarded on to Sheryl Franklin to add to the IWPA Web Site.

No additional old business.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Nominations

President-

Terry Reed unable to run due to term limit

George Ferrari accepted

Bob Sencenbaugh accept

Sue Ferrari motioned to close nomination, Brenda Lemon second, MSP

Vice President

Brenda Lemon accepted

Terry Reed accepted

Bob Sencenbaugh motioned to close nomination, Sue Ferrari second, MSP

Secretary

Robbie Reed accepted

Bob Sencenbaugh motioned to close nomination, Rodney Martin second, MSP

Treasurer

Cheryl Martin accepted

Sue Ferrari motioned to close nomination, Brenda Lemon second, MSP

Ballots counted by Robbie Reed and the results are as follows;

President George Ferrari

Vice President Brenda Lemon

Secretary to the Board Robbie Reed

Treasurer Cheryl Martin

Appointments to the Board discussed-

Beverly Detwiler expressed an interest in accepting an appointment - Terry Reed motioned to accept her nomination, Rodney Martin second, MSP

Bob Sencenbaugh nominated Sue Ferrari for appointment to the board. Sue Ferrari accepted. Bob Sencenbaugh made a motion for Sue Ferrari nomination for appointment to the board, Cheryl Martin second, MSP

Sue Ferrari nominated Cheryl Martin for appointment to the board. Cheryl Martin accepted. Sue Ferrari motioned for Cheryl Martin appointment, Bob Sencenbaugh second, MSP

Committee Chair assignments

Drug Testing Robbie Reed
Membership Rodney Martin
Sanctioning Sue Ferrari
Judges Bob Sencenbaugh
Elections Beverly Detwiler
Animal Welfare/Education Brenda Lemon
Forms Robbie Reed
Awards Donna Libbey
Grievance Sean Hammell
Personnel Bob Sencenbaugh
Championship Terry Reed
Newsletter Editor/Chair Robbie Reed with Cheryl Martin being a proof reader
Regional Coordinator Terry Reed
Statistician Sue Ferrari
Web Master Sheryl Franklin
Web Site Inquiry Sean Hammell
Hall of Fame Robbie Reed

Additional New Business

- 1) Time frame for checks getting cashed discussed – Sue Ferrari will send checks every 2 weeks to Treasurer Cheryl Martin. Cheryl Martin will get with Donna Libbey to have her submit Working Dog fees to her minimally at least monthly.
- 2) Working Dog Degree time frame to earn in 2 years - after much discussion the board decided to leave the consecutive 2 year time frame for earning degrees.
- 3) Working Dog time frame submissions of "the following season" will be addressed under form changes.
- 4) Working Dog Degree ability to earn multi times – The board discussed this and interpreted a dog can earn Working Dog Degrees multiple times; it is written in the Standing Rules Article VI Section 6 that a member can only use each working dog leg once toward a title. The Working Dog Chair will need to verify and ensure legs are used only 1 time.

Sue Ferrari mentioned in the By Law's Article II Section 10(c) is in contradiction with Article VI Section 1 stating "Only IWPA members will be eligible to receive IWPA Working Dog titles". Terry Reed motioned to strike out/remove the sentence "If the dog is not sanctioned assure the appropriate fees are added" out of the Standing Rules Article II Section 10 (c), Cheryl Martin second, MSP.

- 5). Tire pressure for Championships - Pulling Rules Section 2 Equipment (b)- referred to Sean Hammell's "other topics" to be discussed. The board referred to Standing Rules Article 3 Section 7 (b) the organizer should strive to provide the best possible equipment and (d) should strive to provide optimum conditions whenever possible. After much discussion, the final decision from the Board was that the tire pressure will be decided upon by the Board Members present and the Championship Chair to insure they are providing optimum conditions whenever possible.
6. Family oriented appropriate clothing was brought up by Terry Reed which would fall under the Pulling Rules Section 4 (b) Handler Conduct and Control of Dogs. After discussion it was decided this section addresses

this issue and a handler could cause for disciplinary action and/or disqualified for “disruptive, rude or unsportsmanlike conduct” as offensive decals on clothing could be disruptive and/or rude to officials, handlers or spectators alike.

7. International Hall of Fame criteria whether inducted or reviewed/approved upon; the Hall of Fame form under Requirement for Certificates number 2 be worded as follows; remove the remaining sentence after the words "May 1st". Add the words "The chairperson will confirm eligibility and submit applications at the next annual board meeting for board approval". Terry Reed made a motion to accept this change, Bob Sencenbaugh second, MSP.
8. Bob Sencenbaugh brought up if a dog is close in obtaining qualifications but falls short, as an example being short 1 year medal, that dog be allowed to submit an application. After much discussion by the board Sue Ferrari suggested not to change any Hall of Fame criteria at this time; all board members agreed and no change made to this criteria.
9. The board then reviewed Sean Hammell’s submitted letter to the board.
 - #1. Speed at which you go behind the line - Pulling Rules Section 5 (C) (2) is the rule that addresses this. It is the Board’s decision that the interpretation of the rule is that the speed of which a handler moves to the finish line is that the handler immediately moves to the finish line as stated in the rule “WITHOUT STOPPING OR HESITATING”; hesitating would include walking at a slower rate than normal for that person.
 - #2. Starting weight - Pulling Rule Section 5 (C) (7) addresses this issue. Terry Reed made a motion to change Pulling Rule Section 5(C) (8) add the words "Starting Weight and" before the word load increments in the first sentence, Rodney Martin second, MSP.
 - #3. Tangles - Pulling Rule Section 5 (C) (12) addresses this. After much discussion the Board determined no rule change is needed. The Judges Chair will discuss this issue in an article submitted to the Newsletter.
 - #4. "Whips, noisemakers, muzzles...." - Pulling Rule Section 5 (C) (14) addresses this. After much discussion the board found no rule change needs to be made.
 - #5. Releasing your dog - Pulling Rule Section 5 (C) (5) addresses this. After much discussion the board found no rule change needed.

Other topics – Cart for Championships – this item already discussed in the meeting and no change needed.

Titles – This item already discussed and addressed in the meeting and no change needed.

Championship planning clarification - After much discussion it is suggested the Championship Chair keep in contact with the organizer to answer any questions the organizer may have. Refer to the application submitted for guidance.

E-commerce - Cheryl Martin discussed credit card use or PayPal; that fee for use would have to be passed on and added for that person submitting in this fashion. Time may be added for verification between committee chairpersons to verify funds with treasurer. The only members requesting this are out of Canada and the board has not had any other requests for this. Credit cards and fees associated with the fees added on for use would be difficult to calculate. PayPal maybe the option. Item tabled at this time for research into

PayPal use. Sanctioning can already be submitted via e-mail. The Membership Application needs to be a fillable document placed on the Web Site.

10. From Michelle Izzo - inquired about forfeiting a dog's medal/invite to the Championships – Standing Rule Article 3 Section 3 International Weight Pull Championship addresses the Championship invites. After discussion it was the Boards decision that no rule change is needed.

From Tim Goddell – maximum starting weight - Pulling Rule 5(C) (7). After discussion it was determined by the board that no rule change needed.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

Terry Reed brought up By Laws Article 3 Section 1 - which reads no officer or board member may be elected for more than 2 consecutive terms without a vacation of at least one term. Does the term of "Officers" need to be submitted to the membership for change? Terry Reed made a motion this be placed on the next voting ballot to change By Law Article 3 Section 1 in that "Officer or" be removed and leave it as "a board member". Sue Ferrari second. Additional discussion made. The Board voted for this to be placed on the election ballot in 2014, MSP.

FORMS

1. Sanctioning Packet List - no change needed
2. Sanctioning Application form - #5 on the back page; Cheryl Martin motioned to add "Handlers Meeting Registration" to be sent to the Judges Chair, Bob Sencenbaugh second, MSP.
3. Weight Pull Sanctioning Approval form - under "In order for your pull to count for points" make "Handlers Meeting Registration" the same as above. Terry Reed made a motion for this change, Sue Ferrari second, MSP
4. Weight Pull Final Results and Organizers Report form - no change needed
5. Weight Pull Financial Report - no change needed
6. Weight Pull Finish Report - no change needed – the Sanctioning Chair to address in an article in the August Newsletter
7. Entry Form - no change needed
8. Handler Complaint form - Sue Ferrari made a motion to change "mailed to" the appropriate Committee Chair person and address, Terry Reed second, MCP
9. Score Sheet – no change
10. Judges Report - no change
11. Application for Membership - no change
12. Membership Receipt – Sue Ferrari made a motion to "make checks payable to IWPA" in bold, Cheryl Martin second, MSP
13. Provisional Membership Form and Receipt - no change
14. Handlers Meeting Registration form - no change
15. Judge Renewal – Sue Ferrari made a motion to change the date to 2013 and mail to the appropriate Committee Chair person and their address, change date to June 1st, 2013, back page dates 2012-2013 to 2013-2014, add the rule changes made during the board meeting, Terry Reed made the motion to accept changes, S Ferrari second, MSP
16. Judge Application/Test form - no change
17. Judge Test - no change
18. Championship Host letter - no change
19. Championship Host Application - change "mail to" name to Terry Reed with his address Sue Ferrari made the motion for this change, Rodney Martin second, MSP.

Additional changes to be made;

remove "optional" after recommended

move location of general membership meeting line to required

move adequate number of cart handlers to required and add sled after the word cart

remove holding area supervisor

move adequate weight/type to required

add "as needed" to vet/vet tech for drug testing and move to required

move Awards Ceremony to required

Standing Rules Article III Section 7(f) change "recommended" to required

Sue Ferrari made a motion to accept all changes to the form, Terry Reed second, MSP.

20. Working Dog Degree Program - remove "the following program year", verify Donna Libbey's address is correct, make bold "please make check or money order...". Terry Reed made motion to accept the changes, Sue Ferrari second, MSP

21. Hall of Fame Application - make changes as previously voted upon under new business

22. All certificates - no changes

23. Championship Entry Form - add additional line for each class and make fonts consistent and remove "#1" under 125 # class and remove rin. gg under WT, copy and paste handler agreement kennel name line along with sponsor and number of dogs entered, shaded areas should be shaded, remove weight class column, change "position" to "draw #", add footer with date of revision with initials. Brenda Lemon motioned to accept changes, Terry Reed second, MSP.

Additional New Business

Pulling Rules Section 2(D) Equipment – Barriers – The topic of snow fence as an acceptable barrier and it previously been listed in the pulling rules as not acceptable was discussed. Terry Reed made a motion to add "snow fence is not an acceptable barrier." at the end of the sentence which begins with "The following would be considered appropriate chute barriers; plywood...", Rodney Martin second, MSP.

Pulling Rule Section 2 Equipment B Wheeled -carrying a load that can exceed 4000 pounds - There was much discussion of the weight limit for a cart to be able to carry, combined with discussion of the Judges Application and Standing Rules Article VII Sections 3 and 4. This issue was discussed due to an Organizer who is also a Judge not allowing a handler to pull their dog past 4000 pounds. This issue will be noted in an upcoming Newsletter by the Judges Chair and addressed with that specific Organizer/Judge; no changes needed.

Pulling Rules Section 5 (C) (14) bait/baiting discussion – the board decided no changes are needed.

Proposed budget – Cheryl Martin proposed ordering 100 each gold and silver regional medals and 20 each of the Championship medals (gold/silver/bronze). Sue Ferrari made a motion to accept, Bob Sencenbaugh second, MSP.

Also, Cheryl Martin questioned whether the \$5.00 back to the IWPA is sufficient (\$1 to drug fund, \$1 to travel fund and \$3 to the general fund). The Board discussed and decided no change needed. Bob Sencenbaugh made a motion to approve the new budget, Brenda Lemon second, MSP.

Terry Reed made a motion to move the drug testing fund money gathered this season to savings, Sue Ferrari second, MSP.

Sue Ferrari motioned to purchase QuickBooks for Treasurer to manage the clubs finances, Bob Sencenbaugh second. Terry Reed brought up in the past the board did not purchase software for Secretary or Newsletter. A vote was taken 6 for purchase/1 abstained, MSP due to the financial responsibility to the IWPA and its budget. Cheryl Martin will attempt to get a discount when purchasing the software.

The board discussed the 2013-2014 board meeting date and decided on June 14-15, 2014 with the location being in Louisville, KY.

Brenda Lemon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Terry Reed second, MSP

President George Ferrari adjourned the meeting at 4:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Reed
Secretary to the Board



**INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION
WEIGHT PULL SANCTIONING APPLICATION**

(ALL BLANKS MUST BE FILLED IN)

Sanctioned Pull ___ Other (Novice, Fun, Etc.) ___ Wheels ___ or Snow ___
Pull will be run – Class by Class ___ or Concurrent ___ or Combined Classes ___
Title of Event _____
Street Address of Event _____
City and State/Prov. Of Event _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Region _____
Organizer (person responsible for event) _____
Organizer Address _____ Phone (____) _____
City and State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
Date of Event _____ Weigh in Time _____ Start Time _____ Entry Fee _____
Purse/Prizes _____
Date of Event _____ Weigh in Time _____ Start Time _____ Entry Fee _____
Purse/Prizes _____
Sponsor _____
Name of required I.W.P.A. member _____ Phone (____) _____
Name of Chief Judge _____ Phone (____) _____

If you would like to receive the Sanctioning Packet electronically put an 'X' in this box.

Please included your email address: _____



Send application plus fees to sanctioning director:

Sue Ferrari Phone 509-966-1133
807 Ghormley Rd Fax 509-972-2070
Yakima, WA 98908 E-mail ferrari1133@msn.com

\$35.00 Per Sanctioned Pull (U.S. Funds Only)

\$25.00 Per Other Pull (U.S. Funds Only) (NSF Check fee will be cost incurred or a minimum of \$25.00)

This application can not be processed without the signature of the organizer regarding the reading and understanding of the Sanctioning Rules printed on the reverse.

Signature of Pull Organizer _____ Date _____

For the use of the Sanctioning Director

Date this application received _____ Date and amount of Sanctioning Fees received _____

Date Sanctioning approved/rejected _____ Date information sent to Newsletter _____

Date notice of approval and sanctioning packet or rejection (must include explanation of rejection) sent to

Organizer _____ Date Sanctioning fees sent to treasurer _____ Date postmarked _____

INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION WEIGHT PULL STANDING RULES ON SANCTIONING

In order for your pull to be sanctioned and to count for points.

Any organization who wishes to put on a pull approved by the I.W.P.A. shall require the organizer or any of the officials to have an I.W.P.A. membership and use I.W.P.A. weight pull rules which include having an I.W.P.A. certified and approved judge.

A sanctioning application must be filled out by the organizer and delivered into the hands of the I.W.P.A. sanctioning director no later than the 15th of the month preceding the month in which the event is to take place, provided the event is scheduled between the 15th through the end of any given month. Pulls scheduled from the 1st through the 14th of any month must be received no later than the 15th of the month two months prior to the weight pull event. For example, an event scheduled for December 7th must be received no later than October 15th, an event scheduled for December 28th must be received no later than November 15th. **No exceptions to this rule will be made!!** It is the organizer's responsibility to ascertain if this application has been received by the Sanctioning Director.

Newsletter pull calendar information is taken from the sanctioning application; therefore, ALL questions must be answered. It may be considered false advertising for any organizer to falsify or fail to follow the information provided on the sanctioning request. False advertising will be grounds for placing the organizer on probationary sanctioning status.

The following list of information from your weight pull must be sent to the **Sanctioning Director** with a postmark no later than 5 days after the last day of your pull:

1. Weight Pull finish report
2. Organizer's report
3. Financial report with ALL monies due the IWPA for the \$5.00 per dog fee. For pulls held in Canada \$5.00 are payable in U.S. funds only. (Motion6/07)
4. All regular and provisional membership monies received at your pull with completed membership forms must be sent to the **Membership Director** with a postmark no later than **5 days** after the last day of your pull. New members are to be given the membership receipt included in your packet as proof of membership until their card is sent to them.
5. Send **Judge's Reports and Handlers Meeting Registration** to the **Judge Chairperson**
(The penalty for failure to meet the 5 day postmark requirement will result in a fine of not less than \$20.00 and \$5.00 per day for each day after 6 days that the pull results are not postmarked. Failure to pay a fine may result in loss of sanctioning and/or points). **Exception—Organizers of pulls held the last two weeks of the season are required to submit finish reports to the sanctioning director and FAX or OVERNIGHT their finish report, finance report, and organizer report to the statistician within one working day. (motion 5/98)**

Any grievances by an organizer or judge should be in writing, postmarked no later than 72 hours after the end of the weight pull event, and sent to the Sanctioning Director who will present the written grievance(s) to the I.W.P.A. Board of Directors **within two weeks of the receipt of the grievance**, for deliberation.

Sanctioning applications that do not include the sanctioning fees will not be accepted. Exception-When faxing application a copy of the check/money order for sanctioning fees must be faxed with the application. The original application and check/money order for sanctioning fees must be postmarked within one working day of the fax. The original application and payment for sanctioning fees must be received by the sanctioning director no less than one week prior to the event or the sanctioning may be canceled.

Organizers of events which have had sanctioning suspended after the pull will be required to mail a reimbursement to all entrants of the \$5.00 per dog fee. This reimbursement must be mailed within 72 hours of the receipt of written notice by the Sanctioning Director of suspended sanctioning. (Failure to reimburse funds when sanctioning has been suspended may mean loss of future sanctioning of event by the organizer)

The Board of Directors may not make a decision on sanctioning a pull but will make a decision regarding any grievance filed in regard to sanctioning.

If the Sanctioning on a pull is refused or the sanctioning is withdrawn from a pull, the sanctioning director will notify the organizer in writing within 2 days. A phone call or fax is a courtesy but the "in writing" is a requirement.

Cancellations of a pull will be accepted with no penalty as long as there is ample time to report the cancellation in the newsletter with the same deadlines as for sanctioning a pull. If these deadlines are not met, the organizer shall (at their own expense) send out postcards to all members to notify them of the cancellation. If this is not one, an organizer may be subject to loss of sanctioning fees. There will be no provisions for "Rain Dates". I have read and understand the above rules regarding sanctioning.

Signature of Organizer _____ Date _____

New Member

Renewing Member



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\$5.00 Discount for memberships paid prior to September 1.

\$5.00 Discount for PDF Newsletter.

Choose only one form of newsletter

Application for Membership

(Please print clearly in black ink)

DUES MUST BE PAID IN U.S. CURRENCY. Both Discounts may apply.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (An individual membership consist of one adult 18 years and older at the start of the pull season).	
Name _____	Date of Birth _____
\$40.00 Paid by check number _____	Paid by cash _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (A family membership consists of two head of household adults or one or two parents and children under 18 years of age at the start of the pull season).	
Name of Primary _____	Date of Birth _____
Name of Second Adult _____	Date of Birth _____
Family _____	Date of Birth _____
	Date of Birth _____
\$45.00 Paid by check number _____	Paid by cash _____

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (A member under the age of 18 at the start of the pull season, and has a sponsor who is a member of the IWPA in good standings.)	
Name _____	Date of Birth _____
Sponsor's Name _____	Sponsor's Signature _____
\$40.00 Paid by check number _____	Paid by cash _____

M a i l i n g A d d r e s s _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

For returned checks the IWPA will charge the check writer for cost incurred or a MINIMUM of \$25.00

Please submit Application with fees (make checks payable to the IWPA, do not mail cash) to:

Rodney Martin
Membership Chair
3407 17th Ave

Evans, CO 80620 USA

[E-mail: M5MKennel@aol.com](mailto:M5MKennel@aol.com)

Signature _____ Date _____

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PULL CALENDAR

September 14 - 15, 2013

Season Opener

Region: 6 Kalkaska, Michigan (2489 Co. Rd 571 NE)
Wheels : Sat 9/14/2013 Weigh-in: 10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM Pull Start: 11:00 AM
Wheels : Sun 9/15/2013 Weigh-in: 10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM Pull Start: 11:00 AM
Fees: \$12 first dog, \$7 ea additional
Contacts: Shirley Webber, 231-258-2358 [sandtrapmutts@hughes.net]
Chief Judge: James Webber, 231-258-2358 [sandtrapmutts@hughes.net]
Prizes: TBA
Sponsors: Northern Great Lakes Weight Pullers

September 21 - 22, 2013

14th Annual Lake Placid IWPA Weight Pull

Region: 5 Lake Placid, New York (5514 Cascade Rd)
Wheels : Sat 9/21/2013 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:30 AM Pull Start: 11:00 AM
Wheels : Sun 9/22/2013 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM
Fees: \$15 first entry, \$10 ea additional
Contacts: Daniel Plosila, 518-891-4413
Chief Judge: Steve Jackson, 717-487-2941 [WendyL3@comcast.net]
Prizes: Ribbons 1st-4th; Rosettes & prizes for most wt & most %
Sponsors: North Elba Park District
Lodging:
Directions: North Elba Show Grounds

September 28 - 29, 2013

Birthday Bash Pull

Region: 2 Nine Mile Falls, Washington (6497 Stone Lodge Rd)
Wheels : Sat 9/28/2013 Weigh-in: 10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM Pull Start: 12:00 PM
Wheels : Sun 9/29/2013 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 9:30 AM Pull Start: 10:00 AM
Fees: \$20 first dog, \$15 ea additional
Contacts: Sue Ferrari, 509-966-1133 [ferrari1133@msn.com]
Chief Judge: George Ferrari, 509-966-1133 [ferrari1133@msn.com]
Prizes: Ribbons & birthday goodies
Novice Info:
Comments: There will be a Region 2 meeting after the pull on Saturday
Sponsors:

January 11 - 12, 2014

4th Annual Canine Snowfest Pull

Region: 5 Lake Placid, New York (5514 Cascade Rd)
Snow : Sat 1/11/2014 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:30 AM Pull Start: 11:00 AM
Snow : Sun 1/12/2014 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM
Fees: \$15 first entry, \$10 ea additional
Contacts: Daniel Plosila, 518-891-4413
Chief Judge: Steve Jackson, 717-487-2941 [WendyL3@comcast.net]
Prizes: Ribbons 1st-4th; Rosettes for most wt and most % pulled
Sponsors: North Elba Park District, Saranac Samoyeds
Lodging:
Directions: North Elba Show Grounds

January 25 - 26, 2014

8th Annual Adirondack Snow Pull

Region: 5 Lake Placid, New York (5514 Cascade Rd)
Snow : Sat 1/25/2014 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:30 AM Pull Start: 11:00 AM
Snow : Sun 1/26/2014 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM
Fees: \$15 first entry, \$10 ea additional
Contacts: Daniel Plosila, 518-891-4413

Chief Judge: Steve Jackson, 717-487-2941 [WendyL3@comcast.net]
Prizes: Ribbons 1st-4th, Rosettes and prizes for most wt and best %
Sponsors: North Elba Park District
Lodging:
Directions: North Elba Show Grounds

February 8 - 9, 2014

Annual Tug Hill Challenge

Region: 5 Lorraine, New York (CCC. Winona State Forest)

Snow : Sat 2/8/2014 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 10:30 AM
Snow : Sun 2/9/2014 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 10:00 AM

Fees: \$15 for first entry, \$10 ea additional

Contacts: Diane Geitzenauer, 908-475-5447 [sambits@juno.com]

Chief Judge: Steve Jackson, 717-487-2941 [WendyL3@comcast.net]

Prizes: Rosettes, ribbons, dog treats, TBA

Novice Info:

Comments: ** The Start time may vary. The pull will start both days after the last sled dog race entry leaves the chute.

Sponsors:

February 22 - 23, 2014

9th Annual Lake Placid Snow Pull

Region: 5 Lake Placid, New York (5514 Cascade Rd)

Snow : Sat 2/22/2014 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:30 AM Pull Start: 11:00 AM
Snow : Sun 2/23/2014 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM Pull Start: 9:30 AM

Fees: \$15 first entry, \$10 ea additional

Contacts: Daniel Plosila, 518-891-4413

Chief Judge: Steve Jackson, 717-487-2941 [WendyL3@comcast.net]

Prizes: Ribbons 1st-4th, Rosettes & prizes for most wt and best %

Sponsors: North Elba Park District

Lodging:

Directions: North Elba Show Grounds

From the Championship Chair

Terry Reed

Hello IWPA Members,

Well it's that time of year again. We are just a few weeks from the start of the 2013-2014 IWPA season. With the new season comes time for planning for the next IWPA International Championships.

This season the first opportunity to host the Championships goes to the East District consisting of Regions 5, 7 and 11. Anyone from these regions interested in hosting the Championships has until September 15, 2013, (postmarked or email dated) to submit their bid.

Interested parties need to contact me to request a Championship Host Application Packet. My contact info is in the front cover of the newsletter.

Per the IWPA Standing Rules, if no bid is received by the deadline the opportunity will be transferred to the Mid-West District, Regions 3 and 9, which would have until December 1, 2013 to submit.

Let's prepare for the new season and I hope to make an announcement in the October Newsletter on the location for the 2014 IWPA International Championships.

Terry Reed

Natura Again Recalls Innova, EVO, California Natural and Others

BY MIKE SAGMAN

June 18, 2013 – Natura Pet Products of Fremont, Nebraska, [has today announced](#) it is voluntarily recalling specific lots of dry pet food because they may be contaminated with **Salmonella**.

The recall includes specific lots of these **brands**...

Innova
EVO
California Natural
Healthwise
Karma
Mother Nature



No canned food is affected by this announcement.

The news of the event has been confirmed in a [news release posted by the FDA](#).

What Products Are Recalled?

BRAND	LOT CODE/UPC/SIZES	EXPIRATION
Innova Dry dog and cat food and biscuits/bars/treats	All Lot Codes, All UPC's, All package sizes	All expiration dates prior to 6-10-2014
EVO dry dog, cat and ferret food and biscuits/bars/treats	All Lot Codes, All UPC's, All package sizes	All expiration dates prior to 6-10-2014
California Natural dry dog and cat foods and biscuits/bars/treats	All Lot Codes, All UPC's, All package sizes	All expiration dates prior to 6-10-2014
Healthwise dry dog and cat foods	All Lot Codes, All UPC's, All package sizes	All expiration dates prior to 6-10-2014
Karma dry dog foods	All Lot Codes, All UPC's, All package sizes	All expiration dates prior to 6-10-2014
Mother Nature biscuits/bars/treats	All Lot Codes, All UPC's, All package sizes	All expiration dates prior to 6-10-2014

Where Were They Distributed?

The affected products are sold in bags through...

Veterinary clinics
Select pet specialty retailers
Online in the USA and Canada

These products were packaged in a single production facility. During routine FDA testing, a single lot tested positive for the presence of Salmonella.

There have been no reports of pet or human illness associated with this product. In an abundance of caution, Natura is voluntarily recalling all products with expiration dates prior to June 10, 2014.

What to Do?

Consumers who have purchased the specific dry pet foods listed should **discard them**.

For further information or a product replacement or refund, call Natura toll free at 800-224-6123, Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM CT.

You can report complaints about FDA-regulated pet food products by calling the [consumer complaint coordinator in your area](#). Or go to <http://www.fda.gov/petfoodcomplaints>.

Abady Dog Food Recall

BY MIKE SAGMAN

June 19, 2013 – The Robert Abady Company of Poughkeepsie, New York, [has announced](#) it is voluntarily **recalling** two of their frozen dog food products due to contamination with **Salmonella** bacteria.



Where Were the Products Sold?

The affected dog foods were distributed in retail stores and kennels in the following states:

Connecticut

New York

New Jersey

Massachusetts

The company claims there have been no reports of pet or human illness reported to date.

What's Being Recalled?

The **recalled** products include...

Abady Frozen High Stress/High Performance Dog Food (3 lbs)

Abady Frozen Growth Formula for Puppies of the Large and Giant Breed (3 lbs)

The affected dog foods were packaged in **uncoded** frozen 3 pound chubs.

About Salmonella

Salmonella can affect animals eating the products and there is risk to humans from handling contaminated pet products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products or any surfaces exposed to these products.

Healthy people infected with Salmonella should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms:

Nausea

Vomiting

Diarrhea or bloody diarrhea

Abdominal cramping

Fever

Rarely, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments, including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.

Pets with Salmonella infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.

What to Do?

Consumers who have purchased the affected products should discard them or return them to the place of purchase.

Those with questions may contact the Robert Abady Dog Food Company at 845-473-1900 or 877-992-2239.

You can report complaints about FDA-regulated pet food products by calling the [consumer complaint coordinator in your area](#). Or go to <http://www.fda.gov/petfoodcomplaints>.



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