



AWCI Board of Examiners Teleconference - February 7, 2011

A Board of Examiners meeting was held by teleconference on Monday evening February 7, 2011 at 7:00pm central time.

Members present:

1. Wesley Grau (chief examiner)
2. Jack Kurdzionak (board member)
3. Harold D'souza (board member)
4. Jerry Faier (resigned board member)
5. Jim LaChapelle (board member)
6. Tom Schomaker (AWCI instructor)
7. Daniela Ott (AWCI education coordinator)
8. Jim Lubic (AWCI Executive Director)

The focus of the meeting was to review data regarding an appeal on examination #361NS. Wesley Grau opened the discussion asking if this was this a first attempt, and pointed out examinee admitted to using lubrication not called for in the technical guide. Jack asked a question regarding the proper placement orientation of the set wheel on the ETA 2824. Tom Schomaker gave the answer based on the technical guide. Wesley Grau encouraged a reform of the technical guides, as well as the possibility to create our own for examination purposes. During this review Jack Kurdzionak didn't understand why the watch was never fully assessed. There was a discussion regarding watches considered non-scoreable had the procedure for handling them. It was decided by the board unanimously that in lieu of a definite decision on the proper way to handle watches considered non-scoreable based on the preliminary questions we would allow this individual to retake the full examination without charging him for the chronograph component. Wesley Grau agreed to write a letter to the individual informing them of the decision. Jack Kurdzionak purposed that all watches be scored; stating that this is one reason why individuals pay money to take the examination is to be evaluated.

Jim Lubic presented to the board a request that he had received to allow an individual to take the exam in a location (a private workshop) due to certain circumstances that were undisclosed to the board. The board instructed Jim to have the individual fill out a variance request and present it to the board.

Discussion started on the need for written examination questions, and the need to change the test.

Wesley Grau stated that we should have another meeting in 30 days to discuss unresolved issues, and that he would give an agenda 7 days in advance of that meeting and post it on box.net. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm central standard time.