

SWR Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2023
Meeting started at 6:00 pm
Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm

Attending:

Nelli Racsko
Steve Romeo
Krista Hribar
Denise Scelsi
Bob Johantgen

Absent:

Tyler Pluss

Old Business:

1. SWR Educational Seminar, November 11 & 12:
Board reviewed status of SWR Educational Seminar to be held in November. Krista reported that we had about 25 people contact her to be placed on the preregister list. Krista said she would send out an email end of the month to the people on the list giving them instructions on payment, etc. Payment options discussed by the board can be made by 1.) Zelle: uscaswr@gmail.com, via Venmo with Krista or pay the day of event. The individuals who have memberships will be entered in a raffle. Raffle prizes are Arrak vest and two other smaller prizes not determined.
Bob Johantgen will most likely give a talk during the seminar about trial rules.
At the tracking seminar individuals will be responsible for their own food. Nelli will scout the venue during the weekend to see how busy the park would be. The venue could be changed if needed. Prado would be another property we could use. However, if we use Prado; 15.00 per car to enter and it opens at 7:30 am.
2. List of clubs no longer with USCA in the SWR:
K9 Canyon, Aztec Schutzhund Club, San Diego Schutzhund Club
3. Status of etiquette document:
Denise said she is almost done with the document and will distribute to board members for review soon.

New Business:

1. Regional website exposure ideas:
The board discussed wanting to make sure all members of the region know of the new SWR website, due to concerns about regional information not getting to all club

members. At this time, the new website information was posted on SWR Facebook page, which has approximately 500 followers.

It was also discussed to send out an email with flyer regarding new website. It was mentioned that there is an old email list to use per members of the previous board, Krista said she would look for it.

No decision was made to send out announcement via email to SWR members at this time.

2. Event and seminar page on website (General website discussion):
Different information for different pages discussed. SWR Spotlight page it was suggested to have all judges in the SWR spotlighted. Bob was asked if he would send Nelli pictures and a short write up. Andrea Duggin was also mentioned to be added but it was determined that she is not in the region. She visits the region during the winter living in Arizona but resides in Canada.

Denise would like to hold another confirmation workshop, Nelli suggested we used Pete Medina's field. With the thought that a lot of confirmation people know of that field.

Nelli asked all board members to write a question and answer about IGP for people new to the sport who are visiting the website. This will be located on the home page at the bottom. It was also mentioned that this might be a good place for the etiquette document the Denise is currently writing.

USCA forms will not be on website. Link to USCA site is on the website and forms can be obtained that way.

List of helpers in our region has been requested, Tyler and Steve will generate.

It was also discussed having companies advertise on the website; a fee to advertise was not determined at this time, maybe \$100.00 to \$200.00 a year was proposed. Making an equipment needed list for new people close to advertisements was talked about but decided it was not appropriate. All companies would have to be approved by the board.

3. Spotlight tab rotation and content such as newest members, etc.
It was discussed to add names of new regional members to the Spotlight page. No decision was made.
4. New club in Las Vegas will be joining the region, Sin City Hundesport. Steve Romeo being one of the founders has reported he has turned in all the papers to USCA. He also reported that they would like to bid on the 2025 SWR Championship. Steve also said that the club will be scheduling their first event by the beginning of the year.
Due to the experience of members starting the new club the Board made a motion for a mock trial waiver, motion was seconded and passed.

5. SWR Championship February 1-4, 2024

Ideas for raffle items, Nelli asked for board cooperation to gather items. Also, a 50/50 raffle was mentioned. Bob explained how when they did the regional championship they held this type of raffle;

Their club seeded the pot with \$200.00 then sold tickets with monies going toward the jackpot. Price of ticket was not discussed. Winner is picked and paid half of the jackpot, the club hosting raffle gets the other half of the pot. He said they were very successful with this type of raffle. He thought they made about \$500.00 after the seed money.