



[PROPOSED] 2024 SW REGIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

DATE	February 4 2024	TIME	3:00 pm	CHAIR	Denise Scelsi
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT				
Nelli Racsko Regional Director	Denise Scelsi Asst. Regional Director	Robert Johantgen Treasurer	Stephen Romeo Regional Breed Warden	Tyler Pluss Regional Training Director

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1	<p>Call to Order / Roll Call. The requisite number of clubs were present for a quorum.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: left;">Club</th> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: left;">Present/Absent</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Anacapa Working Dog Assoc</td> <td>Absent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Danubius Club</td> <td>Present</td> </tr> <tr> <td>East Valley Working Schutzhund Club</td> <td>Present</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Galaxy Schutzhund Club</td> <td>Present</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Golden State Schutzhund Club</td> <td>Present</td> </tr> <tr> <td>High Desert Working Dog Club</td> <td>Absent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Los Angeles Working K9 Club</td> <td>Present</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phoenix Schutzhund Club</td> <td>Absent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Red Ridge Schutzhund Club</td> <td>Absent</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Club	Present/Absent	Anacapa Working Dog Assoc	Absent	Danubius Club	Present	East Valley Working Schutzhund Club	Present	Galaxy Schutzhund Club	Present	Golden State Schutzhund Club	Present	High Desert Working Dog Club	Absent	Los Angeles Working K9 Club	Present	Phoenix Schutzhund Club	Absent	Red Ridge Schutzhund Club	Absent	Denise Scelsi
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	San Diego Diensthund Club	Absent	
	Sandstorm Schutzhund Club	Absent	
	Sin City Hundesport	Present	
	Southern Arizona Schutzhund Club	Absent	
	Southern California Schutzhund Club	Absent	
	Southwest Working Dog Association	Absent	
	Western Horizons Working Dog Club	Present	
2.1	<p>Regional Director Report: Nelli Racsko explained that the board has monthly meetings with the purpose of making the region stronger. In the last year a website was created, and all board minutes are now online and viewable, all USCA sanctioned events, and seminars are available on the website. A club can also use a direct link available from the regional website to create an event. The website can be found at uscaswr.com. Steve Romeo added that the website has valuable information included all the minutes following Regional Board meetings. Terry Fisk raised her concerns that the meeting minutes should be posted and/or distributed to the club's in the Region 30-days before the annual meeting. Denise Scelsi suggested that the title of the minutes be written so the minutes show as "Proposed" for the purposes of distributing the minutes.</p>		Nelli Racsko
2.2	<p>Assistant Regional Director. Denise Scelsi announced that she, with the assistance of Tyler Pluss, created the new logo and donated the cost of said logo to the region.</p>		Denise Scelsi
2.3	<p>Treasurer. Robert Johantgen went over the bank statements for the SW Region bank account. In summary, in January, there was \$5,858 in the account. February, \$1,000 was paid to the hosting club of the 2023 Regional IGP Championship. March through July there were no transactions. August, he reimbursed monies advanced by Nelli Racsko for five (5) years of website hosting. East Valley Working Schutzhund club donated \$350 to the region to off-set the cost of website hosting. September there were no transactions. In October the Region donated \$75 towards the trophy for our regional for</p>		Robert Johantgen

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	<p>Nationals. With the monies collected from the regional training workshop, plus the money received from the national board, our region collected a total of \$4,011 making a region to have a total of \$8,142.82. Robert Johantgen explained that if the region can maintain at least \$10,000 in the account that we will be in a good spot.</p>	
2. 4	<p>Regional Breed Warden. Steve Romeo explained that he looks forward to serving the board and learning more about his current position and that it is important for our dogs to have a breed survey and show rating. With the help of Denise Scelsi and Nelli Racsko, he can serve the region well.</p> <p>Denise Scelsi briefly discussed elements of the upcoming show and announced that she will be promoting it to encourage a big turnout.</p>	Stephen Romeo
2.5	<p>Regional Training Director. Tyler Pluss thanked Nelli Racsko and Oscar Mora for donating their time for the event as well as other regional members who participated in making the event great. Tyler Pluss shared photos of the regional training seminar and was happy to report its success. Tyler Pluss reported that he has already started working on new workshop and will be updating the region when he has more information. Steve Romeo suggested that the photo be put on the region’s website. Robert Johantgen shared with members that this is a group effort, and we are open to suggestions and any help we can offer. The board is trying to create an atmosphere where all clubs in the region come together and support one another, rather than doing things on their own.</p> <p>Terry Fisk suggested that we email members to keep them properly informed and that we have a responsibility to keep members updated. Nelli Racsko stated often clubs do not respond to emails that are sent. She further mentioned that emails regarding official minutes are always sent out via email.</p>	Tyler Pluss
2.6	<p>Secretary Report. Motion: Robert Johantgen makes a motion to approve the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting for the Southwest Region dated March 18, 2023.</p> <p>Second: Nelli Racsko seconds the motion.</p> <p>Chair: The motion has been made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting for the Southwest Region as dated March 18, 2023. Discussion.</p> <p>Chair: Seeing no further discussion, we will now proceed to vote on the motion to approve the minutes. All those in favor, please indicate</p>	

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	<p>by saying "aye." Delegates respond with "aye. Chair: All those opposed, please indicate by saying "nay." Terry Fisk says "nay."</p> <p>Chair: The ayes have it, and the motion to approve the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting for the Southwest Region as dated March 18, 2023, carries.</p>	
3	Unfinished Business.	Denise Scelsi
4	New Business	
4.1	Approval of expenses for Regional Director. None reported.	Denise Scelsi
4.2	Approval of expenses for Asst. Regional Director. None reported.	Denise Scelsi
4.3	Approval of expenses for Regional Breed Warden. None reported.	Denise Scelsi
4.4	Approval of expenses for Regional Treasurer. None reported.	Denise Scelsi
4.5	Approval of expenses for Regional Secretary. None reported.	Denise Scelsi
4.6	Approval of expenses for Helper Seminar. None reported.	Denise Scelsi
4.7	Bid for 2024 IGP3 Regional Championship. None have been submitted. Sin City is working on trying to get tracking.	Denise Scelsi
4.8	Bid for 2024 Regional Conformation Show & Breed Survey. Denise Scelsi reported that Los Angeles Working K9 Club has submitted a bid for the show, which was approved. The club is working on putting on the event.	Denise Scelsi
4.9	<p>Adoption of the SWR Universal Sieger Regulations. Denise Scelsi asks for a motion to approve the new regulations. Motion: Steve Romeo moves to adopt the revised SWR Universal Sieger Regulations. Second: Robert Johantgen seconds the motion.</p> <p>Chair: The motion has been made and seconded to adopt the revised SWR Universal Sieger Regulations.</p> <p>Chair: Seeing no further discussion, we will now proceed to vote on the motion to adopt the revised regulations. All those in favor, please indicate by saying "aye." Delegates respond with "aye."</p> <p>Chair: All those opposed, please indicate by saying "nay." No delegates say "nay."</p>	Denise Scelsi

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	<p>Chair: The ayes have it, and the motion to adopt the revised SWR Universal Sieger Regulations carries. Approved by acclamation.</p>	
4.10	<p>Robert Johantgen opened a discussion regarding the Southwestern Regional trophy sponsorship for the GSD USCA National events.</p> <p>Robert Johantgen asks for a motion to approve the sponsorship of the USCA SW Regional trophy for GSD USCA National events. Denise Scelsi seconds the motion.</p> <p>Chair: All those in favor, please indicate by saying "aye." Delegates respond with "aye."</p> <p>Chair: All those opposed, please indicate by saying "nay." No delegates say "nay."</p> <p>Chair: The ayes have it, and the motion to approve the sponsorship of the USCA SW Regional trophy for GSD USCA National events carries. Approved by acclamation.</p>	
5	<p>Open Floor</p>	Denise Scelsi
	<p>Terry Fisk from Western Horizons explained that the region needs to have updated IGP Regional Policy. Nelli Racsko explained that the policy was updated and that she had previously sent it out to clubs, and a new policy is in effect. She added that she didn't change any policies, merely changed the wording from schutzhund and IPO to IGP. Terry Fisk stated she never received it.</p>	
	<p>Terry Fisk explained that in 2018 that the regional show contribution to the hosting club for championships was increased from \$500 to \$1,000, but we have nothing in writing. More research needs to be conducted to confirm this information. Denise Scelsi indicated that she was a board member at that time, and she recalls this issue being discussed and approved.</p>	
	<p>Nelli Racsko proposed to abandon the perpetual trophy due to the responsibility of maintaining the trophy, its weight, and that this trophy is not practical.</p> <p>Motion: Denise Scelsi moves to abandon the perpetual trophy due to the impracticality of maintaining it, its weight, and lack of practicality. Second: Steve Romeo seconds the motion.</p> <p>Chair: The motion has been made and seconded to abandon the perpetual trophy. A short discussion about the perpetual trophy.</p> <p>Chair: Seeing no further discussion, we will now proceed to vote on the motion to approve the abandonment of the perpetual trophy. All</p>	

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	<p>those in favor, please indicate by saying "aye." Delegates respond with "aye."</p> <p>Chair: All those opposed, please indicate by saying "nay." No delegates say "nay."</p> <p>Chair: The motion to abandon the perpetual trophy is approved. Approved by acclamation.</p>	
6	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Motion to adjourn by Denise Scelsi. Seconded by Steve Romeo. Meeting Adjourned at 3:36pm</p>	Denise Scelsi