

Southwestern regional board meeting held July 17, 2024; meeting was brought to order at 6:30pm via Facebook Messenger. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Attendees:

Nelli Racsko - Regional Director
Oscar Mora - Assistant Regional Director
Krista Hribar - Secretary
Tyler Pluss - Training Director
Steve Romeo - Breed Warren
Bob Johantgen - Treasurer

-Welcome to Oscar for joining the board as the new ARD for the rest of the term.

-Regional Education Seminar

Dates are November 22nd and 23rd

Nelli announced that Golden State Schutzhund Club, Pete Medina, will be co-hosting the seminar at their field.

Saturday presenters and times are Tracking, Nellie Racsko starting at 8:00am - 11:30am, OB, Kellie Connell 12:30-4:00pm

Sunday presenters and times are Protection, Christian Gomez at 8:00am - 11:30am, Show Handling 12:30pm - 4:00pm (Freddy Diego will be asked to present)

Also, a Q&A with a Judge was mentioned to be included with the Seminar. Tyler will ask Nathaniel Roque if he would participate.

-Regional Championship

Ground Zero has pulled from hosting the 2025 regional championship due to not being able to acquire tracking fields.

Krista will send out a request for clubs to contact the board if they are interested in hosting this event.

Steve has been in contact with David Green regarding possibly helping the SWR again, by securing tracking fields for the Regionals. Steve reported that unfortunately no decisions have been made yet.

The board discussed other ideas to obtain tracking fields; contact Southwest Working Dog Association in Palmdale and see if they have knowledge of large fields.

Bob will talk to Carl Bell in Ojai and see if he can secure tracking. If this would be possible have tracking up there for the day and use another club's field for OB and Protection on other days. If no clubs come forward other ideas; share a regional event with the Northwestern Region or look for help with schutzhund clubs up in Central California. The board decided the last two options were still premature.

-Regional Helper List

Tyler said he will be composing a list of all the helpers in the region. He said he will try to get a teaching helper certification. It was brought up that Christian's club was going to hold a helper

certification in the future Tyler said he would contact Christian and coordinate with him and his group.

It was announced that Red Ridge Schutzhund Club in Nevada will no longer be an active club.