

Southwest Regional Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2023

Start Time: 6:30

Adjourned: 7:10

Attendees via Zoom:

Nelli Racsko

Steve Romeo

Krista Hribar

Tyler Pluss

Denise Scelsi

Bob Johantgen

Krista explained that the Zoom meeting would only last for 40 minutes, then Zoom disconnects.

Nelli turned the floor over Denise to share her ideas.

Denise expressed that the board should decide, how often we should meet and everyone should come up with 3 things we should change in the region or like to see the region do. Set goals for the region.

Bob felt we should

- 1) a phone conversation once a month
- 2) Work on SW Regional Championship for 2023
- 3) Work on SW Region Conformation Show for 2023

Erin Easter had previously shared that his club would like to do both.

Other ideas;

Training seminars, use them to promote the region by using SW Region members to donate their time and instruct at the seminar. Names mentioned were Oscar Mora, Nelli Racsko. Seminar on tracking was mentioned as well as lacking space to hold a tracking seminar. Denise said she had talked to a Prado employee and we would be able hold a workshop there. Nelli shared that Prado cost about \$500.00 for the use of that park which many agreed that the cost might make it hard to hold something there.

Tyler shared his idea of saving money for a seminar by bring in someone for a two day seminar and then have them hold regional training seminar for the third day. He also felt that Ramona might have an area around Ramona High School that would be good for tracking.

Bob continued that SW Region has \$4,800.00 currently in the account and we can only charge \$25.00 per member for a regional seminar. So when holding a seminar the region would have to watch cost.

Once again it was discussed to pull people from our region to train at a regional seminar.

Nelli felt that Oscar would conduct a seminar for free.

Target training might be for region members who are newer to the sport. Steve suggested maybe groups could be put together. Everyone thought attendees no matter what level and experience they had.

Another idea for a seminar was half day of instruction with free style training in the afternoon. Tyler shared to reduce cost; again dove tail a traditional seminar with one day regional seminar. To reduce cost Tyler described his property and attendees could camp and stay using his field.

Nelli, Bob expressed training targeted to younger dogs. OB, protection and tracking.

Nelli changed the subject to the SWR website and the building of it and to have a page that is dedicated to business advertising, breeders and regional sponsors. That would cover the yearly expense of the website.

Per Bob, website cost are minimal. We would need to pay for the domain. (Doug Bryant had previously shared it might be \$40.00) and yearly cost are around \$15.00. Bob cautioned about not bringing in too much money. He would like the regional account to stay around \$7,000. Taxes would become an issue with a bigger balance in the SW regional bank account and tax forms might be requested from people who donated to the region. Denise felt that maybe a tax person would be beneficial and asked if we had a nonprofit status. Bob thought he could open a second account, Denise added a pay pal account might be also beneficial and hold monies in there.

Krista reminded that Zoom would be ending our meeting in 10 minutes.

Board used remainder of meeting time to discuss meeting time options. Agreement was for the first Wednesday of every month. A time was not decided upon.

No motions were introduced.