

Southwest Regional Board Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2023

Start time: 6:30 pm

Adjourned: 7:40 pm

1. Meeting called to order

Meeting held via Facebook Messenger

All members in attendance:

Nelli Racsko

Denise Scelsi

Krista Hribar

Steve Romeo

Tyler Pluss

Bob Johantgen

2. Old Business

New ideas for the region:

Create a continuous dialog with clubs.

Action: Currently, there are 17 active clubs in the region. Clubs were assigned to board members to contact and continue communications.

Steve Romeo

Anacapa Working Dog Association, Ventura, CA

contact: Carl Bell

805-658-2233, email: bellpowder@aol.com

Golden State Schutzhund Club, Riverside, CA

contact: Pete Medina, Jr.

950-237-9739, email: training k9@hotmail.com

Red Ridge Schutzhund Club, Mesquite, NV

contact: Jeanine Tucker

702-306-7840, email: jtucker247@yahoo.com

Tyler Pluss

Aztec Schutzhund Club, Romona, CA

contact: Rhonda Dee Long

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San Diego Diensthund Club, La Mesa, CA

contact: Val Mojica

619-370-8735, email: vomojica@hotmail.com

San Diego Schutzhund Club, Romona, CA

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Nelli Rascko

Canyon K-9 Club, Thousand Oaks, CA
contact: Kasia Byrska
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Galaxy Schutzhund Club, Ontario, CA
contact: Duc Nguyen
909-503-3930, email: ducn1967@yahoo.com

Southern California Schutzhund Club, Long Beach, CA
contact: Steve Garvin
562-370-6808, email: southerncaliforniaschutzhundclub.com

Krista Hribar

Southwest Working Dog Association, Palmdale, CA
contact: Esther Hamil
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Bob Johantgen

East Valley Working Schutzhund Club, Chandler, AZ
contact: Bob Johantgen
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Southern Arizona Schutzhund Club, Marana, AZ
contact: Marion Burcham-Switzer
520-682-2629, email: kennelvonarizona@yahoo.com

Western Horizons Working Dog Club, Phelan, CA
contact: Terry Fisk
760-868-0676, email: firecreek@earthlink.net

Denise Scelsi

High Desert Working Dog Club, Huachuca City, AZ
contact: Suzanne Browne
301-520-1315, email: smbrowne87@gmail.com

Los Angeles Working K9 Club, Chino, CA
contact: Denise Scelsi
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Phoenix Schutzhund Club, Phoenix, AZ
contact: Lynn Brand
602-509-6379, email: phxschhclub@yahoo.com

Sandstorm Schutzhund Club, Queen Creek, AZ
contact: Eliza Collins
802-999-2140, email: colli108@gmail.com

Regional Website

New domain name: USCASWR.com

WIX will be the platform used to create the website.

Nelli and Denise will begin to build website.

Website will contain; SWR mission statement, goals and regional board meeting minutes.

First year website fees will be paid for by region, approximate cost is \$12.00-16.00 per month.

SWR Conformation Show 2023

Reported no bids have been given to the board to date.

Steve will reach out to Sandstorm Schutzhund Club and Golden State Schutzhund Club per previous communications about bids.

Judges: discussion on SV Judges and USCA Judges to be used for a conformation show and the confusion with the difference. Denise, Nelli and Steve volunteered to reach out to individuals who would attend a conformation show and gather more information.

SWR IGP Championship 2024

Per previous conversations with clubs; Sandstorm and Golden State, Steve will reach out and determine if they are interested in bidding to host.

3. New Business

Approval of minutes for regional meetings, 3/18/2023 and regional board meeting, 3/21/23.

No approval was made at this time. Denise wanted to review, making changes to the 2/21/23 minutes which she sent out to the board for review and said she would edit 3/18/2023 minutes and send out changes made for board review.

Communications with clubs.

It was discussed and agreed upon that email would be the best way to make announcements for the region. Posting of regional information would be best via SWR website. All members were in agreement.

Regional policy document.

After review of regional information via files sent in by previous secretaries, Krista said that a SWR Policy document that was dated 2008 was found. It was reported that a more current policy document for the region was authored, but the board agreed that an up to date regional policy document should be developed. No action was discussed.

It was reported that procedure policies for conformation shows and IGP championships can be found on the USCA website.

4. Announcements

Due to WDC in May, it was agreed that the next meeting will be held on 4/26/23. Proposed meeting agenda will be sent out on 4/23/23. Please make additions and get back to Krista by end of day 4/25/23.

