

Southwest Region Meeting August 16, 2023

Meeting started at 6:00pm via phone on Facebook Messenger

Meeting adjourned: 7:21pm

Attending:

Nelli Racsko

Steve Romeo

Denise Scelsi

Bob Johantgen

Krista Hribar

Tyler Pluss

Old Business:

1. 2023 Regional Training Seminar:

SWR educational seminar date will be confirmed when Tyler confirms with Oscar. Weekends considered are November 11th or November 18th. Grainger field (in Compton) is available for either weekend.

2. Etiquette document update:

Denise reported that regional IGP etiquette document is still in progress.

3. Regional website status:

Nelli reported that regional web site is still in progress.

New Business:

1. Renewal for SWR clubs:

Renewal for the SWR clubs that have not paid USCA dues:

Nelli reported that she contacted the following clubs, Canyon K9 will not be renewing their USCA membership. Kris Taylor reported to Nelli that Aztec's dues are in the mail to USCA. San Diego Schutzhund Club, after leaving messages to Kelly there was no response. Red Ridge reported that they are now current with USCA dues. USCA office to be contacted by next meeting to confirm status of above clubs.

2-3. Discuss offering more educational events/Denise to introduce new concepts other regions have implemented.

Denise shared with the board how regional seminars are used in a region she recently visited. Regional seminar is on the field where regional championship will be held. Example would be the region would hold seminar 6 weeks before championship. Region donates the profit made by the seminar to hosting club of the upcoming regional championship.

This provides an opportunity for dogs to use the regional championship field and helps club with expensive. Board was open to idea. Hosting club also provided food for seminar charging 10.00 per meal.

Discussion turned to monies that clubs that host regional championships can expect. \$1000.00 from the region and \$1500.00 from USCA with documentation/receipts.

Steve reminded that Las Vegas has many practice fields that could be used for a seminar and then have a regional championship with tracking close by. Geographically, Las Vegas is a central location for our region however, it is not a central location for regional club locations.

Location at this time would be between Grainger field in Compton or Whittier Narrows. Stadium used last time when Danubius hosted does not rent out for independent events anymore. They have teams using the stadium on a continuous basis.

Promotion of the regional championship should be early with good communication, one way would be via the new regional website.

Danubius is planning on having several club members compete and is hoping to get volunteers from other clubs and board members.

Discussion of regional helpers: Tyler to make a list of all regional available helpers.

Motion was made by Denise to approve the Danubius SWR Championship bid. Motion was passed with an unanimous vote.