

Southwest Regional Board Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2023

Start time: 6:30 pm

Adjourned: 7:45 pm

1. Meeting called to order
Meeting held via Facebook Messenger
All members in attendance:
Nellie Racsko
Denise Scelsi
Krista Hribar
Steve Romeo
Tyler Pluss
Bob Johantgen

2. Old Business

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes. Motion was passed.

Reports and information gathered when board members contacted SWR clubs.

Steve Romeo

Anacapa: Steve spoke to Carl Bell and he expressed he would like the region to consider one trial per weekend for the region. With the current 50 mile rule, more than one trial can take place during a weekend. This makes it hard for clubs to get enough competitors to cover cost of a trial.

Golden State: Steve spoke with Pete Medina, they discussed the region should educate handlers on the importance of confirmation shows, more local seminars for less cost, holding regional training days.

Pete offered his fields for any regional events.

Las Vegas Schutzhund: Steve spoke with club member (no name given), nothing to report.

Steve spoke about the importance of Schutzhund club etiquette. It was mentioned that Carissa Kuen had written an article that was published in Schutzhund Life. Steve said he would contact Carissa and see if we could use her etiquette article to send to the SWR clubs.

Action for Steve is to contact Carissa. It was mentioned that the training director should help promote education not only for club etiquette but trial rules.

Nelli Racsko

Galaxy Schutzhund Club:

Club member Andy Nguyen talk to Nelli and said that all was fine. Training director was out of town but would contact Nelli if she wanted to communicate any thing to the board.

Canyon K-9 Club:

They are considering American Schutzhund, leaving USCA, reasons given for leaving were cost, helpers making it a business, and stick hits removal. With continued discussion, they would like the region to create better training for new helpers is needed in the region. Work on getting new helpers.

So. California Schutzhund Club

They gave a positive response for excepting new members and are looking forward to being active in the region.

Krista Hribar

Southwest Working Dog Club

A message was left with Esther the club contact, letting her know she would be their regional board contact and asking her if they were excepting new members. There was no response from the club at this time.

Denise Scelsi

Phoenix Schutzhund Club

Contact person expressed dislike for USCA website at this time.

Los Angeles Working K9 Club

Their member, Doug Bryant said he wants to work on regional website.

High Desert Working Dog Club

No response at this time.

Sandstorm Schutzhund Club

No response at this time.

Bob Johantgen

East Valley Working Schutzhund Club

All is ok.

Southern Arizona Schutzhund Club

Western Horizons Working Dog Club

Would like region to provide communication with something like the USCA magazine. Also, would like to be able to get title for just obedience and

protection with separate title for tracking. (STP 1-3) This is due to so hard to find tracking.

Tyler Pluss

Aztec Schutzhund Club

Rhonda from Aztec said the club would probably disband due to lack of activity.

San Diego Diensthund Club

Val said nothing to report from the club.

San Diego Schutzhund Club

Message was left with no response at this time.

Regional Event Bids

Steve Romeo reported he contacted Sandstorm Schutzhund Club because they expressed interested in making bids for Conformation and IGP Regional events. Several attempts were to contact club members but no response from the club was given.

Board discussed locations available for regional events; Carson field would be available for private events, Tyler's field in Ramona, as well as Pete Medina's field with Golden State in Riverside.

Denise shared she spoke with a Freddy Diego (no sure on last name), and he could help promote confirmation show for our region. Denise will share contact info with Steve.

Regional Training and Helper Seminar

It was requested that the region has a list of qualified helpers. It was discussed that USCA has one on their web site but doesn't seem to be current. It would be nice for SWR to have a current list. Action item, Tyler will put together a regional helper list.

It was determined that for a regional seminar we would use someone local. Still no names came up for invitation to do seminar.

Seminar ideas; beginning foundation for young dogs, engagement, rules and etiquette for schutzhund. Also suggested a regional mock trial with teams, one handler and dog for each discipline, with a Dogstock theme in mind.

Discussion for seminars: Two should be held in a year. It was suggested that one be in California and one in Arizona.

Regional Pay Pal Account

To be discussed via email, per Denise Scelsi

Updating Existing SWR Logo

To be postponed till next board meeting.

Discuss New Regional Website

To be discussed via email and next board meeting.

3. **New Business**

SWR Mission Statement

To be discussed via email, Denise will review.

Meeting adjourned, next meeting will be June 7th, at 6:30 pm.