

Southwest Regional Board Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2024

Start time: 6:00 pm

Adjourned: 7:18 pm

Meeting called to order

Meeting held via Facebook Messenger

Members in attendance:

Nelli Racsko -Regional Director

Krista Hribar -Regional Secretary

Steve Romeo -Breed Warden

Tyler Pluss -Regional Training Director

Bob Johantgen -Treasurer

Absent: Denise Scelsi -Asst. Regional Director

Old Business:

1. Roanna's Report per Denise

Due to Denise's absent report was not presented.

2. Regional Educational Funds Distribution

No final decision was made on distribution of regional funds of \$1,500.00 given yearly from USCA. Denise had previously requested the board approve half of educational money, \$750.00, be used for breed showing education & handling education. Denise was not present to continue discussion for this request.

3. SWR Educational Seminar for 2024

Dates were discussed for the seminar and determined that the weekends of either November 16 & 17 or November 23 & 24 would be chosen.

Seminar format was discussed and consensus was, having 4 sections, two a day. Example: on Saturday- Obedience & Breed Conformation education, on Sunday - Protection and Tracking.

Potential presenters:

-Obedience, by Kellie Connell.

Explanation of new USCA registration tiers, educating the region about the value of breed surveys/conformation shows, and how to get dogs ready for such – Nelli Racsko and Denise Scelsi.

-Tracking seminar taught by Nelli Racsko

-Protection would be presented by Christian Gomez.

Seminar fees were discussed and it was suggested that we increase the fee from \$25.00 each day to \$40.00 a day. The \$40.00 fee being the same for USCA

members and nonmembers. Bob Johantgen said he would find out if \$25.00 is a binding cost for regional educational seminars from the USCA office. Seminar locations were discussed; Athena Kepler's field in Riverside, Chris Libb's field in Oceanside, Pete Medina's field in Riverside and the Compton field, Steve Garvin, which we used last year. Nelli said she would contact the above people and see what options we have. Tyler will contact Kellie and get a date approved from her.

New Business:

1. Review SWR clubs joining and leaving the region in 2023 to present. The region has gained three new clubs, Danubius Club, Pasadena, CA joining in 2023, Sin City Hundesport Club, Las Vegas, NV joining in 2023 and Ground Zero Schutzhund Club, CA joining in 2024. Three clubs left the region in 2023.

Next meeting May 22, 2024 at 6:00pm.