

Southwestern Region Board Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2023

Meeting Started 4:36pm

Meeting adjourned: 5:40pm

Attendees: Krista Hribar
Nelli Racsko
Bob Johantgen
Denise Scelsi
Tyler Pluss

Old Business

November's SWR Educational Seminar Overview:

Denise will submit the invoice from the Carson Field from David Mott's and/or Steve Garvin, Nelli Racsko will submit one for the Tracking Fundamentals Seminar and Oscar Mora for the Obedience and Protection Seminar. Bob will submit all documentation to USCA for the region to get a refund. Total of invoices is \$1,500.00.

Total amount collected from the two day seminar is \$2,114.00.

The Board was happy to discuss that by opening the seminar to non USCA members as spectators there was a significant increase overall in interest and revenue. Nelli reported knowledge of seminar attendees signing up for new usca membership after the weekend. It was also discussed that "working spots" at these annual educational seminars (if offered) need to remain being only available to current USCA members. The Board also discussed that the SW Region should make these educational events more inclusive in the future by allowing non-members to attend as spectators, possibly for a slightly higher cover charge (\$5.00-10.00 extra?). Planning to add this issue to the annual SWR Meeting agenda.

New Business

SCSC waiver for 2023

SCSC's December Trial had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. However, the club did put on an educational seminar earlier in the year but did not fill out an EAF. Waiver was granted by Nelli with the board in agreement.

Regional Breed Show

December 2, 2023 hosted by Sandstorm Schutzhund Club.

Little information was given to the Board regarding the event. Steve will attend event and shadow the judge and the ring steward. Up to \$1000.00 will be reimbursed to Sandstorm Schutzhund Club when the Board receives an invoice from the club after the event.

Agenda for the Regional Meeting; February 2 or 3, 2024 (TBD).

The Board will send out an emails to the clubs asking for agenda items that they would like to vote on at the regional meeting.

Preliminary agenda for this meeting is:

1. SWR Board would like the approval of a reoccurring commitment to sponsor a trophy at the USCA Nationals each year.
2. Replace the current regional Universal Sieger requirements by following the national/international selection process. Nelli would like these new requirements received from Heidi Theis to be distributed to all the clubs for review before the regional meeting.
3. Vote on allowing non USCA members to participate as spectators at the annual SWR educational event. Possibly charging more.

Krista will send everything out to all clubs for review.

Ways to promote Schutzhund dog sport in the SWR.

Discussion on promoting sport; Denise currently gives a presentation for dog related careers in a school district career day event. She includes a Schutzhund demo in her presentation.

Other venues; pet expos, sponsor another regional event but have flyers in dog related businesses. Have some type of regional Schutzhund team that could go to public event and give a presentation. Steve, Tyler and Nelli will get together and continue to work on promotion ideas.

Next meeting scheduled for December 27, 2023