

## Southwestern Board Meeting Minutes — January 21, 2026

Call to Order:

4:31 PM (CA) / 5:31 PM (AZ)

Roll Call / Attendance:

Nelli Racsko

Pete Medina

Lisa Yauchzee

Erin Easter — absent

Renne Foster — absent

Christian Gomez — absent

Old Business:

- The helper selection deadline will be moved to January 31, 2026 to accommodate additional submissions following the two upcoming helper seminars and classifications.
- Currently, three helpers have submitted their information.
- Golden State Schutzhund Club has received its seed money for the upcoming regional event.
- Paperwork for the educational seminar was submitted and verified by USCA; payment from USCA will take time to be received.

Pete reported on the 2026 IGP Regional event:

- Tracking is secured.
- Dumbbells and tracking articles have been ordered.
- The scaling wall and A-frame are in good condition.
- Trophies and entries are still needed.
- A request was made by a member to add a Senior Dog Trophy.
- Competitor bibs and bags are being compiled and ordered.

The event will also have two apprentice judges:

- Erin O'Shea — three-time WUSV World Champion (2× Universal Sieger & 1× IGP)
- Barbara Bordás — the Southwest Region's own upcoming judge

New Business:

- An annual meeting agenda item request from Ground Zero Schutzhund Club was discussed.
- It was agreed that additional information regarding their request is needed.
- A follow-up email will be sent requesting more specific details.

Discussion Items:

- Nelli will update the club email list to reflect recent changes.
- Los Angeles Working K9 Club has withdrawn its club status.

- Sin City Hundesport Club plans to become active in the future.
- Phoenix Schutzhund Club plans to become active in the future.
- Pete will contact San Diego Diensthund Club to inquire about its plans.
- Lisa will create a list of events for 2025 to be added to the website.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Lisa

Seconded by Nelli

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM (CA) / 6:31 PM (AZ)

Next Meeting:

February 19, 2026 — 4:00 PM (CA) / 5:00 PM (AZ)