

Southwestern Regional Meeting

March 1, 2025

Time 3:58pm

By show of hands to record the meeting 11 approved 1 opposed

Call to Order

Nelli Racsko welcomed everyone

Roll Call & Club Delegate: Quorum Met

Danubius – Edessa George

Anacapa – no delegate

Diensthund – Tyler Pluss

East Valley – Renne Foster

Golden State – Pete Medina

Ground Zero – Jessica Lange

High Desert Working Dog – Suzanne Brown

LA working k9 – Freddy Diego

Maximum Effort – Brenda Arao

Sandstorm – no delegate

Sin City – no delegate

Southern Arizona Schutzhund - Marion Swetzer

Western Horizon – Terry Fisk

Southwest Working Dog – Esther Hamil

Oceanside Schutzhund – (affiliate status)

Officers' Report

Regional Director – Nelli Racsko

Spoke about new logo and website

5 new clubs added with 1 needing to hold mock trial

Goals – clearer policies, meetings posted on website, would like to update policies to help newcomers

organized two regional training seminars

Regional trophy – retired

Supports High Southwestern Regional Competitor

Assistant Regional Director (None Submitted)

Regional Breed Warden – Steve Romeo sent letter

Secretary (None Submitted)

Treasurer – Bob Johantgen sent letter

Training Director – Tyler Pluss

Spoke about 2 training seminars

Thanked those who donated their fields

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

13 voted to approve

Old Business

Possibility of auctioning off the regional trophy

Election of Regional Officers

Regional Director: Both Nelli Racsko and Ester Hamil spoke

Nelli Racsko was elected

Assistant Regional Director:

Erin Easter was nominated by Terry Fisk

Nelli Racsko nominated Esther Hamil – she declined

Erin Easter was elected

Regional Breed Warden

Pete Medina spoke

Freddy Diego spoke

Pete Medina was elected

Secretary

Lisa Yauchzee spoke

No other nominations

Lisa Yauchzee was elected

Treasurer

Renne Foster spoke

No other nominations

Renne Foster was elected

Training Director

Christian Gomez spoke

No other nominations

Christian Gomez was elected

Discussion on Regional Policies and Guidelines

Edessa George motions to update the language for the Southwestern Regional IGP

A second was made by Marion Swetzer

Approved with 15 votes

Vote on Updated Regional Policies

There was discussion on the topic by Terry Fisk, Nelli Racsko, Edessa George, Erin Easter, and Catherine Bunting with various opinions expressed

Motion to approve the document revised by Nelli Racsko was made by Catherine Bunting

A second was made by Marion Swetzer

The Motion was approved 10 - 4

Vote on establishing regional guidelines

Nelli Racsko explained document

There was discussion with various opinions regarding the document

Catherine Bunting made a motion to use the terminology as written by USCA and approve the document

A second was made by Edessa George

Motion is approved 10-3

It was noted that Terry Fisk opposed this motion

New Business

Andrea Duggan announced a new apprentice judge coming up from our region

Meeting Adjourned

Edessa George motions to adjourn the meeting

A second was made by Marion Swetzer

Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm

