

Southwestern Regional Board Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2025

Location: Messenger Video Call

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM (CA) / 4:00 PM (AZ).

Roll Call

Present: Nelli Racsko; Erin Easter; Renne Foster; Lisa Yauchzee; Pete Medina

Absent: Christian Gomez

Old Business

2025 Regional Show and Breed Survey

The 2025 Regional Show and Breed Survey had 20 entries and was a successful event. Pete, on behalf of the Golden State Schutzhund Club, provided the Board with a brief summary.

2025 Regional Seminar

The 2025 Regional Seminar was also successful. Nelli and Pete provided a brief report. It was noted that future seminars should be planned further in advance to allow more time for promotion and increased participation. Invoices from the event will be processed and submitted to USCA by Renne. In 2026, the Board will consider splitting the Regional Educational Seminar between California and Arizona to better accommodate regional members.

2026 Regional IGP Championship

The 2026 Regional IGP Championship will be hosted by the Golden State Schutzhund Club. Tracking has been secured, and entries will open on December 20, 2025. Judge Mike Caputo has been secured, with the possibility of adding a second judge if needed. The Annual Regional Meeting will be held during this event. Clubs have already been notified and invited to submit items for the meeting agenda. Due to the Regional Training Director being unreachable, Nelli assigned Erin (Assistant Regional Director) to begin recruiting helpers for the Regional Championship.

Motion

A motion was made by Nelli and seconded by Erin to provide seed money to the Golden State Schutzhund Club in January 2026. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Discussion Items

- Increasing club funding from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for a two-year term, subject to re-evaluation and vote based on finances.
- Selling sweatshirts for the 2026 Southwestern Regional IGP Championship to help replenish funds.
- Lisa will send a follow-up email to clubs regarding Annual Meeting agenda items with a submission deadline.
- Erin will provide information to begin recruiting helpers for the 2026 Regional event.

- Possible tracklayer and rules seminars prior to the 2026 Regional event; further information to be gathered.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 PM (CA) / 5:08 PM (AZ). Motion to adjourn made by Nelli; seconded by Erin.

Next Meeting

January 7, 2026 — 4:00 PM (CA) / 5:00 PM (AZ)