

2017 NW Regional Meeting Agenda

1301 Nash Rd, Hollister, CA

September 16, 2017

- I. **Call to order** at 1440 by Regional Director
- II. **Officers in attendance**
 - Carissa Kuehn, Regional Director
 - Michele Clubb, Assistant Regional Director
 - Kay Koerner, Treasure
 - Ajay Singh, Regional Breed Warden
 - Mario Fernanedez, Regional Training Director
 - Lynn Ann Lohner, Regional Secretary
- III. **Roll call** by Lynn Ann Lohner

Club	Representative	Not Present
Alameda County Schutzhund & K9 Club	Nancy Wright	
Aloha Schutzhund Club		x
Bay Area Schutzhund	Seet Thang	
Central Coast Schutzhund	Deleta Jones	
Dublin Canyon Club	Not eligible to vote	
Gold Country Working Dog Club	Cheri Flores	
Golden Valley Working Dog Club	Geraldine Easton	
Menlo Park Schutzhund	Mike Ruckman	
Monterey Bay Schutzhund Club	Willi Ortner Jr	
Nor Cal Working Dog Club	Marie Miller	
Pacific Coast Working Dog Club		x
Peninsula Canine Corps	Kay Koerner	
Placer County Schutzhund Club	Jean Dean	
Sacramento Valley Working Dog Club		x
San Jose German Shepherd Dog Club	Terry Macias	
South County Schutzhund Club	Claudia Howard	
Stanislaus County Schutzhund Club	Not eligible to vote	
Utah German Shepherd Schutzhund Club		x
Way Out West Schutzhund Club	Lori Lppincot	
50 th State Schutzhund Club	Not eligible to vote	

- A. RD stated that 3 clubs within NWR are ineligible to vote due to not meeting requirements to maintain active club status with USCA (Stanislaus, 50th State, and Schutzhund Hawaii), and have been dissolved by USCA until further notice.

IV. **Review of September 24, 2016 North Western Regional meeting minutes**

Motion of Approval by Carissa Kuehn
 Motion Second by current Board
Approved unanimously by all present

V. **Officer Reports**

A. Regional Director Report presented by Carissa Kuehn

1. Welcome new Clubs to the Northwestern Region
 - a. Bay Area Schutzhund
 - b. Gold Country Working Dog Club
 - c. 50th State
 - d. Utah German Shepherd Schutzhund Club
2. USCA National Meeting
 - a. All club encouraged to attend and or have a representative/delegate at meeting
 - b. Agenda items have been mailed out to all the clubs.
 - c. GSDCA and USCA conflict discussed by Carissa Kuehn and Michele Clubb. A brief review of the concerns by USCA regarding the current allocations of unethical behaviors in recent months by GSDCA members.
3. Northwestern Region Helpers Selected for USCA Nationals
 - a. Stacy Burgan
 - b. Weston Kester

B. Treasure Report presented by Kay Korner

1. Report presented from January 1, 2017 to September 11, 2017 (see attached)
Ending Balance of \$5,309.91

C. Breed Warden

1. Brief review of Menlo Park Regional Conformation Show in 2017
 - a. Attendance well, with several entries from the Southwestern Region
 - b. Compliments extended to Menlo Park for well run show

D. Regional Training Director

1. Review of activities throughout the year
 - a. 2 Helper Seminars
 - b. 3 newly certified club level helper
 - c. 3 Helper Recertification
2. Patrick Davis
 - a. He is required to run one more Helper Seminar to be qualified as a Regional Teaching Helper. He is currently an apprentice Teaching Helper.
 - b. Club requested to consider holding a Helper Seminar to expedite process

- VI. Elections ;** description of each position previously emailed to all clubs prior to meeting
Reminder: nominations can be made from the floor, but must be seconded. If a position receives more than one nomination, then each nominee will be allowed two minutes to speak to the club delegates about their qualifications and platform. Voting will be by ballot if there is more than one candidate for a position.

A. Each position reviewed and current persons holding office. At the time for all of the following no other nominee was presented, and person in office agree to continue their responsibilities:

1. **Regional Director- Carissa Kuehn**
2. **Assistant Regional Director- Michele Clubb**
3. **Treasurer- Kay Koerner**
4. **Regional Trainign Director- Mario Fernandez**

5. Secretary- Lynn Ann Lohner

b. The position of Breed Warden

1. Nomination for Christina Clay by Mike Ruckman and second by Terry Macias
2. Ajay Sigh withdraw
3. **Christina Clay accepted nomination as Northwestern Regional Breed Warden**
Christina Clay Unanimously approved as NW Regional Breed Warden

VII. Old Business

A. **Email balloting in region - Amend to include specific circumstances in which this will be used.**

Amend Article II, Section 2.2 "Email Balloting Process for the Region", to **replace** 'f' with:

"f. Specific circumstances in which email balloting may be used include but are not limited to: in lieu of the mail balloting procedure, time-sensitive financial decisions requiring the vote of all regional full member clubs, and time-sensitive Regional decisions requiring the vote of all regional full member clubs (such as the election of a new ARD if there is a mid-term vacancy in this position, as outlined in the USCA Bylaws.)."

Lynn Ann Lohner motion to approve

Kay Koerner second

Unanimously approved

B. **Regional Logo and Artwork**

1. 2 CD obtained. One given to Secretary and one kept by Regional Director
2. Logo is owned and therefore can be used and manipulated at Region's will

VIII. New Business

A. **Amendment to Regional Guidelines regarding Regional Sieger/Siegerin trophies**

Amend Article VII, Section 3 "Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey" to **add**:

"b. The designation of Regional Sieger and Siegerin can only be awarded to dogs from within the Northwestern Region. Clarification: A dog from outside the region may still take V1 placement and first place, but only the highest-placing dog and bitch from within the region may receive the award and designation of "Regional Sieger/Siegerin"."

Mike Ruckman motion to approve

Mario Fernandez second

Unanimously approved

B. **Amendment to Regional Guidelines to include an article on Discipline**

Amend Regional Guidelines to **add** a new, "Article IX: Discipline":

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1. The Regional Director has the authority to discipline a club as outlined in the USCA Bylaws and USCA Rules and Regulations. This may include withholding or withdrawing Event Authorizations for clubs not in compliance with USCA Bylaws or rules, and dropping a full member club to affiliate status.”

Mike Ruckman motion to approve

Terry Macias second

Unanimously approved

C. Amendment to Regional Guidelines regarding minutes of the Regional Meetings

Amend Article VII, Section 5 “Annual Meeting” to **add**:

“d. Consistent with USCA Bylaws, minutes of the annual Regional meeting will be provided to all clubs in the region within sixty (60) days of the meeting.”

Lynn Ann Lohner motion to approve

Kay Koerner second

Unanimously approved

D. Amendment to Regional Guidelines to clarify requirements for hosting a Regional Championship

Amend Article VII, Section 2b “Regional IPO Championship” **from**: “A club hosting a Regional Championship at a home club field may only do so once every three years”

to: “If the same club hosts a Regional Championship for three consecutive years, the home club field may only be used once during this time to host the championship event.”

A lengthy discussion was had regarding the wording of the Amendment. Many people felt that due to the limitation of money, resources, and tracking, hosting the regionals is a heavy burden. The current wording does not allow for flexibility in the region. Also noted by Regional Director, only one club will get the credit for hosting the Regionals thus, two clubs co-hosting is a challenge per USCA guidelines.

Terry Macias – motion to request that this topic be tabled until new verbiage that best fits the Northwestern Region’s needs. Suggested at this time that it may be presented for vote via E- Ballot.

Unanimously voted to be tabled by Region, and revisited via e-ballot

E. 2018 Regional Championship

1. Clubs encouraged to host events that have not in the past. However, across the

board tracking and appropriate venue are most clubs' challenge.

2. San Jose Schutzhund club will discuss with members and will respond to the Regional Director by September 30, 2017

F. 2018 Regional Conformation Show

1. Michelle Clubb - Way Out West bid to hold the Regional Conformation Show in 2018
2. Time of year will be spring due to weather conditions in the summer months
3. SV Judge will be requested

G. Regional Training Seminar, Mario Fernandez

1. Proposed Regional Training Days. Clubs could host and possibly Region could use \$1500 provided by USCA to assist clubs with cost. Michele Clubb to investigate with USCA office regarding how monies can be spent and report back to the Regional Training Director.
2. Question brought up on how the \$1500 could be spent? Possibly broken into 3 training days or tracking seminar.
3. Willi Ortner reported to Region the progress of the development of a formal USCA Track Layer program. This program would be designed to certify track layers for Regional and National level events. Once developed the Region will be informed and work towards certifying track layers in the Northwestern Region.

H. Trophy sponsorship for Universal Sieger Show

1. It is proposed that the Region sponsor a trophy for the 2018 Universal Sieger Show with the following criteria: sponsorship **of no greater than \$200.00 for trophy if USCA is holding the event in 2018.**

Terry Macias motion

Lynn Ann Lohner second

Unanimous approval from Region

IX. Adjournment at 1602