

Northwestern Regional Meeting
Saturday September 24, 2016
Location: California Pizza Kitchen
Meeting minutes by Lynn Ann Lohner

Meeting called to order by Carissa Kuehn at 4:45pm and concluded at 5:55pm

Officers in Attendance:

Carissa Kuehn, Regional Director
Michele Clubb, Assistant Regional Director
Kay Koerner, Treasurer
Ajay Singh, Regional Breed Warden
Mario Fernandez, Regional Training Director

Clubs in Attendance & Representative –

Alameda County Schutzhund & Police K9 Club-Nancy Wright
Central Coast Schutzhund Club-Deleta Jones
Dublin Canyon Shepherd Dog Club-Camilla Hart
Golden Valley Working Dog-Geraldine Eaton and Patrick Davis
Gold Country Working Dog Club- Cheri Flores
Menlo Park Schutzhund Club- Mike Ruckman
Monterey Bay Schutzhund Club-Willi Ortner Jr.
Nor Cal Working Dog Club- Mike Flores
Pacific Coast Working Dog Club- Chee Lam
Peninsula Canine Corps.-John Koerner
Placer County Schutzhund Club- Gerri Lempner
San Jose German Shepherd Dog Club Inc.-Victor Ayala
South County Schutzhund Club-Robin Eales
Stanislaus County Schutzhund Club-David Neese
Way Out West Schutzhund Club-Lori Lippincott

Clubs Absent –

Sacramento Valley Working Dog Club
Aloha Schutzhund Club
Schutzhund Hawaii
50th State Schutzhund Club

Officers Reports

Secretary Report: Lynn Ann Lohner

Minutes of the Regional Meeting held September 12, 2015

The following were emailed and provided at the meeting:

- a. Minutes to NWR meeting from September 12, 2016
- b. Financial Report provided by Kay Koerner
- c. Proposed amendment changed to Regional Helper Selection Guidelines provided by Mario Fernandez

Motion by John Koerner to approve minutes

Motion second by current board_.

Report approved unanimously by all clubs present

Regional Director Report & Announcements: by Carissa Kuehn

1. New Clubs to NWR
 - a. New Affiliate Clubs to Region- 50th State Schutzhund Club and Gold Country Working Dogs
 - b. 2 more clubs completing paperwork to become Affiliate Clubs
2. Waivers
 - a. Several clubs have had to submit waivers due to circumstances such as loss of training fields, membership, finances.
 - b. If a waiver is needed, clubs must submit a request to Regional Director for approval.
3. USCA has awarded every region funds to support with regional activities. More to be discussed in New Business of how to allot monies.
 - a. Regional Conformation Show - \$1000
 - b. Regional Championship - \$1000
 - c. Regional Training Seminar - \$1500
4. USCA Annual General Board Meeting
 - a. Delegate Letter due date is October 1,2016. This letter is a notification to USCA who will be representing clubs at the National Meeting.
 - b. Discussion occurred regarding the importance of attendance due to the topics to be addressed. Deleta Jones encouraged and warned the attendees of the seriousness. These issues not addressed at this time due to time and appropriateness.
 - c. Kay Koerner voiced concern about Club Contacts not forwarding the emails and communications from USCA. This can affect how clubs vote. Reminder that it is the responsibility of Club Contacts from each club to forward communication and to have dialogue with members.

Treasurer Report: by Kay Koerner . See attached report

1. **Current Financial report recap of income and expenses**
 - a. As of ledger dating from January 1, 2016 to September 19,2016
 - i. Total income \$1200.04 with \$739.00 in debit resulting in \$461.04 income
 - ii. Balance \$7,687.91
 - iii. Outstanding debits to be paid include:
 1. NWR Championship Trophy
 2. NWR Conformation Show High in Male and Female for following year Sieger Show 2017
 3. NWR Championship German Shepherd for USCA National championship 2016

Regional Breed Warden: by Ajay Singh (see attached report)

1. 2016 NWR Conformation & Breed Survey show was held by Menlo Park on June 11, 2016.

Report provided with specific statistics regarding

- a. attendance
 - b. Age group
 - c. Coat Type
 - d. Entries
 - e. Winner
2. Discussion with various questions
 - a. regarding the differences between SV and USCA hips and elbows evaluation. Ajay encouraged working line GSD to be breed surveyed. Deleta Jones participated in the discussion, commenting the need for US to continue to shop and bred at home rather than depend on GSD from outside the US.
 - b. Ajay shared that the SV had indicated acceptable line breeding of GSD to be no less than 3:3

Regional Training Director: Mario Fernandez

1. 2 Helper certification seminars held
3. Dog Stock 12 helpers & Alameda; 7 helpers (Upcoming helper certifications: December 17, 2016 DVG and December 18, 2016 USCA)
4. USCA Track Layer Certification program
 - a. NWR had discussed previously the desire to have a list of persons that met specific criteria to lay tracks for Regional and National level competitions
5. Despite establishment of USCA Tracklayer Program, there has be no official certification process from USCA established, and/or list of persons with qualifications to lay track for high level competitions. There was conversation of a committee established to develop a tracking laying certification program. However, Mario has had little success with establishing a clear line of communication with anyone from USCA regarding tracking program/certification. The intent was for the NWR to hold a track laying certification event.
6. NWR has not utilized funds available for the year 2016 for regional training. Mario will report back by December 1, 2016 to the board the possibility of either having a tracking seminar and or a helper seminar.

Old Business: Carissa Kuehn

1. Adoption of Regional Guidelines

Motion by John Koerner to approve Regional Guidelines, motion second by current board, & report approved unanimously by all clubs present

2. Regional Logo
 - a. Logo is property of NWR and can be used by all clubs
 - b. Concern at this time is that there is no physical disc in the possession of anyone from the region
 - c. At this time, Carissa to further investigate and obtain a hard copy of disc of the logo.
2. Emailing Ballot
 - a. Was used by the board with a unanimous feeling of success by board
 - b. Question arise whether email ballot voting should be used as a standardized form of communication and voting for the region
 - c. Concern voiced regarding use for club voting. It was suggested that email ballot only used for emergency items. Chee Lam, Lynn Lohner, and John Koerner discuss the need for guidelines and process for the use of email balloting in the region prior to being put for vote by the region
 - d. Carissa to author guidelines and process for email ballot in the region and to voted on next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. USCA Nationals Michele Clubb

- a. Hosted by WOW on November 4-6, 2016
 - i. Website is up and registration in process
 - ii. Brief discussion of agenda and layout of the event
 - iii. Volunteers needed for anyone interested
 - iv. As of October 14, 2016, which is last day of competitor registration, NO competitor may work their dog on Kyle and or Weston, per USCA rules. This is considered an unfair advantage for those competitors that are unable to do so.

2. 2017 NWR Championship

- a. Deleta Jones from Central Coast cohost with South County
- b. Date for the NWR Regional to be presented to the board by October 31, 2016

Lynn Lohner motion to approve & Patrick Davis second, approved unanimously by those present

3. NWR Breed Survey Show 2017

- a. Discussion between those present about the experience needed for hosting the Conformation and Breed Survey show. Mike Ruckman offer for Menlo Park to host.
- b. Possible date to be in June of 2017

Chee Lam motion to approve, Victor Ayla second, approved unanimously by those present

4. Amendment for Regional Helper Selection Guidelines by Mario Fernandez

- a. Amendment emailed out and available for viewing at meeting
- b. Motion for approval by David Neese, second by Michele Clubb, approved unanimously by those present.

5. USCA Allocation of funding for Regions

- a. USCA has awarded every region funds to support with regional activities. At this time no monies have not been utilized by the NWR. The host club of the event must submit evidence to the Regional Director the necessity of the funds. Once approved by the Regional Director the funds may be allocated to the club. The following is the schedule of monies available based on type of event.
 - i. Regional Conformation Show - \$1000.00
 - ii. Regional Championship- \$1000.00
 - iii. Regional Championship- \$1500.00

TOPICS NOT PRESENT ON THE AGENDA

- 1. Bibs for the Regional for NWR Championship and Conformation Show and Breed Survey by Kay Koerner
 - a Artwork purchased and in ownership of the NWR
 - b Discussion where region desire to purchase? Would be further discussed when physical cd obtained.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55p.m.