

United Schutzhund Clubs of America

Minutes of the 2008 Southwest Regional Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2008

1. Regional Director Michelle Kutelis called the Southwest Region meeting to order at 5:12 PM at the Phoenix Schutzhund Club field, Peoria, AZ.

1.1 Roll Call

Board Members in Attendance:

Michelle Kutelis	Regional Director
Marie Weller	Assistant Regional Director
Nathaniel Roque	Regional Treasurer
Roanna Banducci	Regional Breed Warden
Terry Fisk	Regional Secretary

Board Members Absent:

Uwe Doose	Regional Training Director
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Full member clubs/delegates in attendance:

Anacapa Working Dog Association	Richard Rosen
Arizona Schutzhund Club	Victoria Hall
Aztec Schutzhund Club	Jake Makin
Der Hundesport Performance Klub	Terry Fisk
Golden State Schutzhund Club	Marie Weller
Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club	Dino Ouaddi
Orange County Schutzhund Club	Zoltan Nagy
Phoenix Schutzhund Club	Jacko Rousseau
Scottsdale Schutzhund Club	Chuck Wennerlund
So Cal Working Dog Association	Laura Bollschweiler
Somis Schutzhund Club	Craig Groh
Southern California Schutzhund Club	Candace Eggert
Southwest Working Dog Association	Nathaniel Roque
West Coast Schutzhund Club	Ha Pham

Affiliate club

Tucson Working K9 Club

Full member clubs absent:

Channel Islands Schutzhund Club
North County Schutzhund Club
O.G. Tucson Schutzhund Club
San Diego Diensthund Club
Sunland Schutzhund Club
Las Vegas Schutzhund Club
Vegas Valley Schutzhund Club USA

2. Reports

2.1 Secretary Report/approval of the 2007 minutes

Minutes from the 2007 Southwest Region Meeting were presented by Secretary Terry Fisk. Marie Weller noted necessary corrections to article 5.4., need to add motion was seconded by Kathy Corcoran, So Cal Working Dog Association and correct the spelling of Lionel Madden's name. Motion by Jacko Rousseau, Phoenix Schutzhund Club that the minutes be approved as corrected, second by Laura Bollschweiler, So Cal Working Dog Association. Approved by acclamation.

2.2 Regional Director Report. See attached Exhibit A

2.3 Assistant Regional Director Report. See attached Exhibit B

2.4 Regional Treasurer's Report. See attached Exhibit C

Treasurer Nathaniel Roque discussed income and expenses within the region and how the limited revenue does not support the expenses to reimburse the Regional Director expenses to attend the USA General Board Meeting, the Regional Breed Warden to attend the Sieger Show plus donate \$500 toward the Regional Schutzhund Championships and the Regional Conformation Show.

2.5 Regional Breed Warden's Report. See attached Exhibit D.

2.6 Regional Training Director's Report. See attached Exhibit E.

3. Unfinished Business

3.1 Marie Weller requested \$500 reimbursement as she attended the 2007 USA General Board Meeting in place of Regional Director Michelle Kutelis. Motion to approve that Marie Weller be reimbursed \$500.00 made by Terry Fisk, Der Hundesport Performance Klub, second by Dino Quaddi, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club. Vote: Yes 16, no 0, abstained 0. Motion carries.

4. New Business

4.1 Approval for expenses for Regional Director. Approve reimbursement for up to \$500.00 for the Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director or appointed alternate to attend the 2008 General Board Meeting unless USA provided funding. Motion to approve made by Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club, second by Terry Fisk, Der Hundesport Performance Klub. Vote: Yes 16, no 0, abstained 0. Motion carries.

4.2 Approval for expenses for Assistant Regional Director. No expensed submitted.

4.3 Approval for expenses for Regional Breed Warden. Approve reimbursement for up to \$500 for the Regional Breed Warden to attend the 2008 Sieger Show unless USA provides funding. Motion to approve made by Craig Groh, Somis Schutzhund Club, second by Laura Bollshweiler, So Cal Schutzhund Club. Vote: Yes 16, no 0, abstained 0. Motion carries.

4.4 Approval for expenses for Regional Treasurer. No expenses presented.

4.5 Approval for expenses for Regional Secretary. Terry Fisk requested reimbursement of \$26.20 for postage for mailing the regional meeting packets. Motion to approve made by Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club, second by Candace Eggert, Southern California Schutzhund Club. Vote: Yes 15, no 0, abstained 1. Motion carries.

4.6 Approval for expenses for Helper Seminar. No expenses presented.

4.7 Bid for 2009 Regional SchH3 Championships. Hah Pahm, West Coast Schutzhund Club made a bid stating the trial would be held in March 2009 at their club field in Fontana. He stated they have 80 members at the club with 40 of them being USA members so manpower was not a problem and the field had been used for a number of schutzhund championships in the past. This brought up discussion from Nathaniel Roque asking if the field was adequate in size for a Regional event since the Regionals was suppose to be a stepping stone to Nationals. The bid was tabled for further discussion, after the presentation of the Regional SchH3 Championship Guidelines. After discussing and approving the guidelines two other clubs showed interest in hosting the Regionals, Dino O, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club was unprepared to make a presentation at the meeting and John Macken, Aztec Schutzhund Club also expressed an interest in hosting the event. Michelle Kutelis will make an announcement to the region that bids will be open and for the clubs to submit their bids for consideration to be voted on by the regional clubs and Regional BOD. Craig Groh made a motion to table the selection for 90 days in order for other clubs to bid for the Regional SchH Championships, second by Laura Bollshweiler. Vote: Yes 11, no 2, abstained 0. Motion carries.

4.8 Motion to accept the Requirements to Host the SW Regional Championships

See final version - exhibit F

The proposed requirements were discussed and Craig Groh, Somis Schutzhund Club asked if minimum field size should be defined. Nathaniel Roque, Southwest Working Dog Association pointed out that many clubs in the Region do not have fields that would be considered adequate for a Regional event per USA rules and by imposing minimum field size the restrictions it would eliminate too many club fields. Stadium costs were discussed that they may be too costly for some clubs to consider although preferred for competitors working up to a National level event. Craig Groh, Somis Schutzhund Club called for a vote on the motion as amended. Jacko Rousseau, Phoenix Schutzhund Club wanted to clarify the helper selection to avoid the situation that happened this year. It was explained that the guidelines were set up to do just that. She also wanted clarification of the helper classifications of the USA helper program and it was suggested that it was a matter that could not be rectified at this meeting and needed to be addressed at the National level. Nathaniel Roque gave a brief history of the USA helper program. He also discussed the helper classification and necessity of the pre-selection process and why it was beneficial for the events and competitors. Nathaniel Roque discussed the reasons for the helper program and the pre-selection process eliminating the need for helper tryouts and how the classifications were a benefit to competitors as well. Jacko Rousseau asked why the shows received reimbursement and the trials did not. It was explained that either even will only be reimbursed if they are held in a stadium. Marie Weller reminded everyone that there was a motion on the floor. Kathy Corcoran, So Cal Schutzhund Club suggested that the helpers submit applications to be considered for the Regionals. Nathaniel Roque explained that he wanted the host club to feel empowered in the process instead of requiring applications to be submitted to the Regional Director. He suggested helpers could contact the host club or send an application to express an interest in working the trial. Jacko Rousseau asked if helpers were reimbursed by the Region and Nathaniel Roque stated there was not a standing reimbursement it was done on a year to year basis. Further amendments were made to the helper selection requirements. Victoria Hall, Arizona Schutzhund Club made a recommendation to also include the designated helper positions which was included in the revision.

Nathaniel read and clarified the final amendments to the guidelines. John Mackin, Aztec Schutzhund Club made a motion that the Requirements to Host the Regional SchH Championship be approved as amended. Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club made a second to the motion. Vote: Yes 14, no 0 abstained 1. Motion carries.

4.9 Motion to accept the Requirements to Host SW Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey. See final version - exhibit G

Craig Groh suggested an amendment to # 2 to include USA appointed conformation judge be added to those who can judge a practice show. Further amendments were made to "conflicting dates" and dates the show may be held and approval of the event by the Regional Executive Board. Candace Eggert, Southern California Schutzhund Club made a motion to approve the guidelines as amended. Made a motion that the Requirements to Host the Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey be approved as amended. Nathaniel Roque, Southwest Working Dog Association made a second to the motion. Vote: Yes 14, no 0, abstained 1. Motion carries.

Terry Fisk, Regional Secretary asked that all clubs check the Regional website to ensure their club contacts are correct and to contact her with any necessary corrections.

4.10 Bid for the 2009 Regional Conformation Show. Hah Pahm, West Coast Schutzhund Club presented their bid for the 2009 Regional Conformation Show. Nathaniel Roque, Southwest Working Dog Association, asked if the field was adequate size for the event and Roanna Banducci, Regional Breed Warden, commented that West Coast Schutzhund Club hosted the 2007 Regional Conformation Show and did a very good job and that the club's field was of adequate size. No other bids were presented. Motion to approve that the West Coast Schutzhund Club be awarded the 2009 Regional Conformation Show made by Nathaniel Roque, Southwest Working Dog Association. Roanna Banducci, Regional Breed Warden made a motion to second. Bid accepted.

4.11 Region to consider hosting a 2009 National event. Marie Weller said she was approached by the National Events Committee at the Nationals last year regarding the Southwestern Region hosting a national event. Marie suggested a sub committee be formed to look into the possibility of hosting such an event. Terry Fisk, Der Hundesport Performance Klub expressed concerns about being able to find available tracking fields for an event of that caliber. She mentioned in 2001 their club hosted the

North Americans and had to pay a farmer to plow a field each day so they could have adequate tracking. This was not only costly but it also did not providing the best tracking conditions for the dogs. Nathaniel Roque, Southwest Working Dog Association, also expressed concerns about guaranteed tracking and possible expenses. He also said that farmers of leafy crops now have to ensure that their fields are fenced to prevent contamination by fencing them off. Jacko Rousseau, Phoenix Schutzhund Club mentioned that with the e-coli cases many farmers are not allowing animals on their field. Any parties interested in pursuing hosting a national event should contact Marie Weller.

4.12 Regional by-laws. Michelle Kutelis, Regional Director stated that due to some events preceding the 2008 Regionals there was discussion whether bylaws were necessary. Michelle stated that bylaws were not required by USA and that most of the areas of concern that were recently brought up will be covered by the new Regional Championship and Regional Conformation Show guidelines. She also expressed concern that adopting bylaws would be a long process to create and vote them in. Candace Eggert, Southern California Schutzhund Club asked why bylaws were needed. Michelle expressed that the guidelines will cover the questions addressed over during the previous year thus omitting the need for bylaws. Jacko Rousseau, Phoenix Schutzhund Club would like copies of the current minutes after the meeting instead of a year later. It was decided that they would be available on the regional website and sent to the club contacts by the Regional Secretary within 60 days of the meeting. Marie Weller explained that it is not mandated by United Schutzhund Clubs of America that the region have bylaws. She also explained the steps necessary to draft and approve bylaws if the region wanted them.

4.13 New business from the floor.

4.13.1 Cathy Cross, So Cal Schutzhund Club stated that the USA General Education Committee would like a liaison from each club to address breed specific legislation. She also stated that the USA GEC will appoint a member of each club as liaison if they do not receive volunteers; most likely it will be the club President. Michelle Kutelis urged everyone to work on breed specific legislation and that a notice would be put up on the Regional website. Terry Fisk, Webmaster asked Cathy for additional information and she will put it on the website.

4.13.2 Terry Fisk, Webmaster requested reimbursement for the upcoming renewal on the web hosting service. She stated the fees were \$95.40 and would be happy to assume the difference between the \$75.00 granted last year. Michelle stated the website was user friendly and always current. Nathaniel Roque said that the full amount should be reimbursed. Jacko Rousseau, Phoenix Schutzhund Club made a motion to reimburse Terry Fisk the entire \$95.40. Roanna Banducci made a motion to second. Vote: Yes 12, no 0, abstained 1. Motion carries.

Terry Fisk, Webmaster mentioned that the website was for the benefit of the region and urged members to submit anything of interest as long as it did not reflect vicious dogs and was politically correct.

Adjournment of Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Laura Bollshweiler, So Cal Schutzhund club at 7:04 PM, second by Roanna Banducci, Regional Breed Warden.

To the best of my knowledge, these are the minutes of the Southwestern Regional Meeting held in Peoria, Arizona.

Minutes submitted by: Terry Fisk, Secretary, United Schutzhund Clubs of America, Southwestern Region.



**United Schutzhund Clubs of America
Southwest Region**

Michelle Kutelis- Regional Director



2008 Regional Directors Report

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2008 Regional Meeting, with special thanks to Phoenix Schutzhund Club for hosting this Regional Event.

I would like, first of all, to thank the Assistant Regional Director, Marie Weller, for helping me out since Christmas with running the region. It takes time and patience to do this, and I greatly appreciate her help. Marie will continue to handle the scheduling of trials, so please continue to send all requests for trial authorizations to her.

I would also like to give special thanks to Terry Fisk, our Regional Secretary and Regional Webmaster for her time and dedication this past year. She has put together and maintained a fantastic website with up to the date information in an easy to navigate format, and this is all in addition to her duties as Regional Secretary.

To my remaining officers, Nathaniel Roque, Uwe Doose, and our Regional Breed Warden Roanna Banducci, thank you for your hard work.

We had delegates from 11 full member clubs last year:

Anacapa Working Dog Association
Aztec Schutzhund Club
Der Hundesport Performance Klub
Golden State SchH Club
Lake Matthews SchH Club
Orange County SchH Club
Phoenix SchH Club
Somis SchH Club
Southwest Working Dog Association
West Coast Schutzhund Club
SoCal Working Dog Association

A very special thank you to these clubs for attending.

The Southwest Regional currently has 21 full member clubs, and has had 20 trials in this region since the last Regional event, and five helper seminars.

Three clubs, Lake Matthews SchH Club, Arizona Schutzhund Club, and Golden State Schutzhund Club were unable to meet their annual trial commitment and the clubs were granted a waiver. Lake Matthews SchH Club and Arizona Schutzhund Club have both already held their trials for this year, and Golden State SchH Club has one scheduled for later this month.

This year is an exciting one for all of us; the United Schutzhund Clubs of America is hosting the 2008 WUSV World Championships in Florence, Kentucky in October.

Every region was asked to sponsor a trophy for this event, and I am happy to report that our member clubs voted in support of this, and as a region we have sponsored a trophy.

Marie Weller attended the General Board Meeting this past November in my place, so she will report on that next.

Assistant Regional Directors Report 2008 Regional meeting

This was my first year in office and I want to thank the region for voting me into this position.

As ARD I have judged one (1) affiliation trial in our region this year. This was for Las Vegas SchH Club in Las Vegas on 4/1/07. They had a total of 5 dogs- one SchH 1 and 4 BH's. This is a group made up of a majority of SchH newbie's and we all wish them the best of luck.

I attended the USA Nationals in the Atlanta area as a SW Regional representative for Michelle Kutelis our Regional Director this past November. I had provided a summary of the highlights and this was posted to our regional website for your review, if you have not done so already. Also representing our region were Howie Rodriguez and Nathaniel Roque, as directors at large. Out of our 21 full membership clubs- only 2 clubs seated Delegates; West Coast SchH Club and Scottsdale SchH Club (<1%).
****see addendum****

One of the highlights I would like to report on a little more in depth is the decision to combine the Youth Championship, HOT tournament and the North American / FH Championships into one event that will be called the USA Working Dog Championships beginning in 2009. The goal of this change was to try and take 3 poorly attended events and combine them into one much larger event.

I was approached by the National events committee and we were asked (Southwest region) to consider hosting a national event in the coming year (2009) since a majority of the last few years events have been on the east coast. Our region had hosted a North American Championships, a club hosted it, DHPK, in 2001?. I think. I believe, we as a region have the personal resources to put on a National level event and hope to have this will be discussed in depth later in the meeting under new business.

As a member of the nominating committee, I also spoke at the meeting and reminded everyone next year (2008) will a year with a lot of positions to be voted on and requested regions to begin recruiting and referring interested persons to the members of the nomination committee for consideration for available positions.

Other up coming events- I will be judging an affiliation trial for Arizona Working K-9 Club on 2/23/08 in the Tucson area, if you are in need of a practice trial and in the area I would encourage you to contact this new club.

The WUSV Championship (worlds) will be in the Kentucky, Ohio area this coming 10/9-10/12/08. I would encourage anyone and everyone to take an opportunity to try and attend. From what the event coordinator and assistant have been sharing this should be some event. Make hotel reservations early because I think the host hotel is already booked. If you are wanting to or are available to offer any help I am sure Karen Groh would be glad to talk to you. Also visit the link from the USA website.

The 2008 Nationals will be in Texas at the Triple Crown Facility in Hutto, Tx. I would like to strongly encourage all of our full membership clubs (we will have 22 by then) to send a delegate for the meeting that will occur on 11/6/08. Please, it would be very nice to have a strong showing at this next years meeting. Let's shot for 11 clubs or 50% attendance. Begin planning now.

Thank you and I look forward to our next year.

****3/1/08: Addendum- I apologize but I inadvertently omitted 2 regional clubs that were also present at the 2007 National Meeting reporting on the WUSV, Craig Groh- Somis SchH Club and Johannes Grewe- Sunland SchH Club. This means 4 out of our 21 full member clubs were present (<2%). Thank you**

Exhibit C

**United Schutzhund Clubs of America
Southwestern Region
2007 – 2008 Treasurer Report
Nathaniel Roque, Regional Treasurer**

➤ Account beginning balance	\$ 2462.31
➤ Expences Feb. 2007 – Jan. 2008	
2007 Regional Championship	
(DHPK stadium)	- \$ 500.00
Helper expense	
(J. Laubmier)	- \$ 200.00
(S. O Brian)	- \$ 50.00
(L. Madden)	- \$ 150.00
Secretary misc.	
(H. Gray)	- \$ 42.09
Regional Website (M. Kutelis)	- \$ 44.90
New Regional Website (T. Fisk)	- \$ 75.00
Regional B. W. SS expense (R. Banducci)	- \$ 500.00
WUSV Trophy Donation	- \$ 250.00
	<i>Total Expense</i>
	<i>\$1811.99</i>
➤ Income Feb. 2007 – Jan. 2008	
Helper Seminar (USA)	+ \$ 500.00
(SWDA)	+ \$ 130.00
AWDA Helper Seminar	+ \$ 360.00
1st Qtr Dues (USA)	+ \$ 200.00
2nd Qtr Dues (USA)	+ \$ 200.00
3rd Qtr Dues (USA)	+ \$ 200.00
4th Qtr Dues (USA)	+ \$ 350.00
Donation from K. Chelsey (photo \$)	+ \$ 180.00
	<i>Total Income</i>
	<i>\$ 2120.00</i>
➤ Net Difference (income vs expenses)	+ \$ 308.01
➤ <u>Account Ending Balance</u>	<u>\$ 2770.32</u>

Summary:

Clubs dues received:

SD Diensthund	Phoenix SchH	Vegas Valley SchH
SC SchH	NC SchH	DHPK
Aztec SchH	AWDA	Sunland
LV SchH	C I SchH	Sc WDA
OC SchH	Somis SchH	Golden State
Scottsdale	W C SchH	OG Tucson

Currently we have 21 full member clubs @ \$ 50.00 per club for annual club dues income = \$ 1050.00

There are no USA Education Funds budgeted for 2008

Projected income for 2008 = \$ 1050.00

Helper Seminar ?

Projected expenses for 2008 Total = \$ 2000.00 (- \$ 950.00)

ARD Travel for 2007 GBM	\$ 500.00
RBW for SS 2008	\$ 500.00
Rd for GBM	\$ 500.00
Regional	\$ 500.00

Exhibit D

2008 Regional Breed Warden Report

1. This past year our Region had one show or korung. This was our Reg. Conf. Show hosted by West Coast SchH Club on March 24th & 25th. I am very please to say that this was one of the best Regional Shows that I have been to in a long time. Under the direction of Ted Hartman, the club put on a fantastic show with 82 entries & 13 breed surveys which tells me that within our region with such a large entry, there is a definite need & interest for more conformation shows. The SV Judge was Lothar Quoll with whom everyone was pleased by his judging. Also, our USA Judge Karen MacIntyre was there to assist him during the Show & Breed Survey.
2. The 2008 Regional Conformation Show will be put on by Lake Matthews SchH Club. On November 4th this club did their Practice Conformation Show at which I was the presiding judge. The club put on a very nice show with 16 entries. I made them run through not only the show but also the breed survey procedure to ensure what they had knowledge of all necessary paperwork and how it is to be properly filled out. We also discussed all aspects of a show and the importance of every detail to make a show successful. The club has contacted SV Judge Klaus Gothe to judge the 2008 Reg. Show on November 28th, 29th & 30th, 2008.
3. Somis SchH Club also put on a Practice Conf. Show this past year on November 25, 2007. Johannes Grewe was the presiding judge & he highly recommended their approval to hold future shows & breed surveys.
4. I have just turned in an updated list of our Region's Breed Wardens & Tattoosers to the USA web site staff. I have turned in a new list every year, but the web site has not been updated since 2005. So hopefully, the new list will be on the web site within the new few weeks. We currently have 13 Breed Wardens and 10 Tattoosers representing 11 of the 21_clubs in our SW Region
5. At this last General Board Meeting it was voted to approve the use of artificial insemination only with USA registrations as the SV still prohibits the use of artificial insemination.
6. The 2007 Sieger Show was held in Danbury, Conn. The show had a total of entry of 342 entries this past year. There were 8 different countries last year represented in the breeding of the GSD's at this Sieger Show.

In the performance test out of 51 males 46 or 90% and of 31 females 26 or 81% passed with pronounced showing that the working ability of the show dog is improving compared to past Sieger Show performance tests.

7. I did the photography for the 2007 USA's Sieger Show and I have been asked to do the photos for the 2008 Sieger Show. This will be the 8th Sieger Show that I have done the photography for and I am looking forward to once again having this honor for such an important USA event.
8. Last year the exhibitors from the SW Region with "V" placings in the Working Classes shown at the Sieger Show were Rachele Salerno with Zasko placing V6 in the Wk. Male Class with a dog that was the bred by her & Pete Media with Yappo placed V2 in the Wk. Male Class. Others in our region who entered dogs were Michael & Jennette Kempkes, Andrea Micheals, Eric Fitucci, & Guenther Hanschke.

9. This year's 2008 Sieger Show will be held on April 11th, 12th & 13th in San Jose. The judges for the show will be: SV Judge Klaus Gothe judging the Wk. Males, 9-12 & 18-24 Male Classes & Progeny Groups, SV Judge Wilfried Scheld judging the Wk. Female, 9-12, 7 18-24 Male Classes & Kennel Groups, our USA Judge Ricardo Carbajal judging 4-6, 6-9, & 9-12 Female Classes and USA Judge Johannes Grewe judging 4-6, 6-9, & 9-12 Male Classes. The Performance Test for all the Working Males & Females will be judged by our Head of Judges, Mark Przybylski. Deadline for entries is March 3rd & the late deadline is on March 17th.
10. Our National Breed Warden, Tim Burke, has informed the BAC that all of the registry paperwork for all past individual dogs' & litters registered with USA should finally be in the hands of the owners. I have been told that they are still working through a few glitches in the system but they are continuing to work these out.
11. I plan see if there is any interest for training new BW's or Tattoos this year and invite all of the existing BW's & Tattoos to go over the forms of the new USA registry and review existing and updated rules in our registry.
12. As some of you may have heard, as of January 1, 2008 the SV is requiring that all dogs born in 2004 and after must have elbows certified by the SV for a Breed Survey. Also, the SV will not accept OFA elbow certifications. This does not affect USA breed surveys. This is for all breed surveys sent to the SV Office regardless of the country of origin. The SV Kormeisters have done breed surveys for our USA organizations system according to the standards that we have set as a breed club. Clarification will be made on this at a meeting in March as to whether or not this will change and as to why OFA elbow certifications are not accepted by the SV.
As for now, dog entered in our USA Sieger Show in April do not have to have an elbow certification for a VA rating.

That concludes my report!

Roanna Banducci

South Western Regional Breed Warden

Exhibit E



**United Schutzhund Clubs of America
Southwest Region**

Uwe Doose- Regional Training Director
44531 37th St. West, Lancaster, CA 93536



2008 Regional Training Directors Report

First I would like to apologize for not being able to attend the 2008 Region Board meeting.

I want to thank all the members of Phoenix Schutzhund Club for all the hard work they put in to host this event. I want to thank our distinguished Judges, Elmar Mannes and Doug Deacon.

I want to thank my fellow board members Michelle Kuttellis, Marie Weller, Roanna Banducci, Terry Fisk and Nathaniel Roque for all the time and work they have contributed to the S/W Region.

We had 5 Helper seminar and Certifications last year.

April 15, 2007 ANACAPA Working Dog Assoc with Uwe Doose

July 8, 2007 SWDA Regional Helper Seminar and Evaluation
With Nathaniel Roque, Craig Groh and Bill Szentmiklosi

August 24-26, 2007 West Coast Schutzhund Club With David Deleissegues

September 22, 2007 Phoenix Schutzhund Club with Bill Szentmiklosi

October 28, 2007 Scottsdale Schutzhund Club with Craig Groh

I will be working on having the Regional Helper Certification and Seminar tentatively scheduled for Spring of this year.

I have had a few requests from clubs to have a Training Helper Seminar. Although we have had quite a few Helper certifications, what clubs are asking for is a seminar that will cover things that will help club **training helpers**.

This seminar will not address trial helper work, but instead will concentrate on the development and training of dogs in the protection phase from puppy to adult. I am working on getting someone out to give this seminar sometime during the summer/fall.

In closing I want wish all the competitors entered in this years Regionals the best of luck.

End of Regional Training Directors Report.

Exhibit F

Requirements to Host the SW Regional Schutzhund Championships

1. Full-member regional clubs in good standing may bid to host the Regional Schutzhund Championship for the following year at the annual regional meeting held in conjunction with the Regional Schutzhund Championship. Bids shall be in writing and shall include the proposed dates, judge, and location for each phase, as well as any other pertinent information, that will assist member clubs in determining which bid to accept. In the event there is more than one bid to host the Regional Schutzhund Championship, there shall be a vote to determine the winning bid at the regional meeting where the bids are submitted. In the event that no bids are presented at the Regional meeting the Regional Director may declare a reasonable time period to recruit host clubs for the event. A regional vote will be conducted at the end of the set time period. This vote may be conducted either by e mail ballot or USPS.
2. Conflicting Events. No other USA events may be scheduled within our Region for the weekend of, as well as the weekends immediately prior to and following, the Regional Schutzhund Championship. No trial, conformation show, breed survey, or seminar may be scheduled the weekend of the Regional Schutzhund Championship within our Region.
3. The Regional Championship must be scheduled between the dates of January 1st and May 31st (due to temperatures and available tracking in the SW Region).
4. A stadium is recommended for the event, but in lieu of a stadium a club field may be used with the approval of the Regional Training Director and supported by a vote of the Regional Executive Board.
5. Tracking must be of any natural terrain but must be disclosed in the bid to host the event.
6. The Judge or Judges selected for the event will be recommended by the host club but must receive final approval from the Regional Executive Board.
7. The event must be able to host a minimum entry of 24 dogs (for a one judge, 2 day event). It is recommended that the Championship event not have an entry limit and if necessary two or more judges should be scheduled and the event extended to three days.
8. Trial Helpers for this event should reside within the SW Region and possess the correct "Helper Classification" to work a Regional Championship. All properly "Classified" Helpers (Club or above) residing in the region may apply to the Regional Training Director to be considered for the event. Final selection of the Helpers including their position in the trial (i.e. Schutzhund1 – 2, Alternate, Schutzhund 3 front, Schutzhund 3 Back) will be made with a vote from a "Regional Helper Selection Committee" consisting of 1. Regional Director 2. Regional Training Director 3. Host Clubs' Trial Chairperson. The Helper pre-selection will be uncontested by the Judge or Host Club. It is recommended that if possible the Helpers should be rotated from year to year and the same Helpers should not repeat working the event in the same position to allow other SW Regional Helpers to advance in experience and skill. Should there be no helpers available with the appropriate classification; recommendations from outside the region will be considered. At all times helpers selected for the Championship must display the safety, skill and intensity indicative of a Regional Championship event.

Requirements to Host the SW Regional Schutzhund Championships (cont.)

9. The SW Region will support this event with a \$ 500.00 donation. This money may be used by the Host Club as they see fit, i.e. stadium rental, Helper reimbursement, judges fees etc.
10. As this is Championship Event, from the close of entry until the start of the event, no competitors may practice on the trial field except during scheduled practice times made available to all competitors. Selected Trial Helpers may not work any dogs entered in the event from close of entry until the event.
11. Final review of the Trial Field set up and equipment will be approved by the Regional Training Director.

Exhibit G

Requirements to Host the SW Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey

12. Full-member regional clubs within the SW Region and that are in good standing may bid to host the Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey. Bids are to be submitted for the following year at the annual regional meeting held in conjunction with the Regional SchH Championship. Bids shall be presented in writing and shall include the proposed dates, judge, and location, as well as any other pertinent information that will assist member clubs in determining which bid to accept. In the event there is more than one bid to host the Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey, there shall be a vote to determine the winning bid at the regional meeting where the bids are submitted. In the event that no bids are presented at the Regional meeting the Regional Director may declare a reasonable time period to recruit host clubs for the event. A regional vote will be conducted at the end of the set time period. This vote may be conducted either by e-mail ballot or USPS.
13. Any full member regional club who has never hosted a conformation show must first do a practice conformation show before being able to host any club show or Regional Conformation Show and a Breed Survey. The practice show must be organized and run like an actual show with all the necessary paperwork, a minimum of 15 dogs shall be entered, etc. The Regional Breed Warden, Regional Director or USA Conformation Judge appointed by the Regional Director should officiate the practice show so that the club can be evaluated as to its understanding and ability of hosting the actual event and they are the ones who give the go ahead to set up an actual event.
14. Conflicting Events. No other USA events may be scheduled within our Region for the weekend of, as well as the weekends immediately prior to and following, the Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey. No trial, conformation show, breed survey, or seminar may be scheduled the weekend of the Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey within our Region. An exception may be granted for a trial or seminar to be held in conjunction with the Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey.
15. The date of the Regional Conformation Show is to be chosen by the Region sponsoring the show and the Regional Breed Warden.
16. The Judge or Judges selected for the event will be recommended by the Host Club but must receive final approval from the Regional Breed Warden.
6. The Helpers for the Breed Survey should reside within the SW Region. Helpers for this event will be recommended by the Host Club but must receive final approval from the Regional Breed Warden. Helpers must be available for a practice session for all dogs that are being Breed Surveyed. At all times helpers selected for the Breed Survey must display the safety, skill, and intensity indicative of a Regional Breed Survey.
7. A stadium is recommended for the event, but in lieu of a stadium an adequate size club field may be used with the approval of the Regional Breed Warden and voted on by the Regional Executive Board.
8. If the Regional Conformation Show is held in a stadium, the SW Region will support this event with a \$ 500.00 donation. This money may be used by the Host Club as they see fit, i.e. stadium rental, Helper reimbursement, Judges Fees etc.

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9. Final review of the flyers, entry forms, catalogs, set up, show grounds, helpers, judges, equipment and all other aspects of the Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey must be approved by the Regional Breed Warden. The Regional Breed Warden will assist the Host Club of the Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey and serve as the Regional Conformation Show Chairperson.