

Meeting Minutes
Southwestern Regional Meeting
March 26, 2010 – Ventura, CA

1. **Call to Order**

Regional Director, Thomas Payne called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM, Marie Calendars in Ventura, CA.

1.1. **Roll Call**

Board members in attendance:

Regional Director	Thom Payne
Assistant Regional Director	Johannes Grewe
Treasurer	Karen Groh
Regional Breed Warden	Roanna Banducci
Regional Secretary	Terry Fisk

Full member clubs/delegates in attendance:

Anacapa Working Dog Association	Carl Bell
Arizona Schutzhund Club	Victoria Hall
Arizona Working Dog Club	Megan Lee
Aztec Schutzhund Club	Debbie Pluss
Dog Star GSD Club	Michael Kempkes
Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club	Daniel Yee
North County Schutzhund Club	Brenda Arao
Phoenix Schutzhund Club	Robert Johangten
San Diego Diensthund Club	Danny Craig
SoCal Working Dog Association	David Greene
Somis Schutzhund Club	Craig Groh
Southwest Working Dog Association	Molly Hessler
Sunland Schutzhund Club	Johannes Grewe
Tuscon Working K9 Club	Alethea Caldwell
Western Horizons Working Dog Club	Robert Gager

Full member clubs absent

Canyon K-9 Club
Desert Winds Schutzhund Association
El Cajon Schutzhund Club, Inc.
Golden State Schutzhund Club
O.G. Tucson Schutzhund Club
Orange County Schutzhund Club
Southern California Schutzhund Club
West Coast Schutzhund Club
Vegas Valley Schutzhund Club
Las Vegas Schutzhund Club

Terry Fisk, Secretary, stated there are 15 of 25 clubs present there is enough for a quorum as only 5 are necessary.

2. Reports

2.1. Secretary Report/approval of the 2009 minutes

Terry Fisk, Secretary read a brief report prior to reviewing the 2009 meeting minutes - See Exhibit A Minutes of the 2009 Southwest Region Meeting were presented by Secretary Terry Fisk. Terry noted that the adjournment of the meeting was incorrect on the minutes. The minutes show, seconded by Laura B, however the tape was inaudible and no second was noted.

Minutes were approved as corrected. See Exhibit B

Motion to approve the minutes by Bob Gager, Western Horizons Working Dog Club, second by Megan Lee, Arizona Working Dog Club. Approved by acclamation.

Thom reminded delegates of proper meeting protocol; please state name and club affiliation and only affiliates may speak during the meeting.

2.2. Regional Director's Report – Thom Payne acknowledged the passing of Mark P, Don Morales and Tom Riche and noted that their presence will be missed. He thanked Anacapa for hosting the Regionals this year and complimented them on a job well done. Thom proceeded to read the Regional Directors Report - See Exhibit C

2.3. Assistant Regional Director Report – Johannes Grewe read his report - See Exhibit D

2.4. Treasurer - Approval of 2009 Financial Statement and Report – Karen Groh read her report and asked for projected expenses for 2010. See Exhibit E

Molly Hessler, Southwest Working Dog Association motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as read, second, Bob Gager, Western Horizons Working Dog Club. Vote: 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, approved by acclamation.

2.5. Regional Breed Warden Report – Roanna Banducci read her report - See Exhibit F

Roanna discussed the possibility of holding tattooer seminars. Danny Craig, San Diego Diensthund Club, had questions about who could be tattooers. Roanna explained that there are a number of club tattooers and read the list. Corrections were made to Rhonda Long and Heather Grey as they were no longer USA members. Roanna explained the necessity to attend a seminar, Craig explained paperwork requirements to become a tattooer. Daniel Yee, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club asked for clarification if one had to be a USA member to participate in the breed survey. The answer was yes per Johannes as dogs over 12 months of age must be USA registered. Alethea Caldwell, Tucson Working K9 Club asked if the FCI approved long coats for breed surveys, not yet per Johannes Grewe. FCI only approves the breed standard. Alethea Caldwell, Tucson Working K9 Club questioned how the breed survey would affect the long coats. Johannes replied they proposed to separate show classes for long coats but not for breed survey. Daniel Yee, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club, asked for clarification on the USA membership requirements for the breed survey again. Roanna and Johannes explained the different types of breed survey. USA only counts for USA. Breed Survey done with SV, USA is not of interest to pursue paperwork for someone outside of the organization. If the owner does not belong to an organization by SV rules, the dog cannot be breed surveyed. If the owner leaves the organization the SV takes the breed survey away. Daniel Yee, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club, questioned Johannes explanation of SV requiring membership and repeated his previous question. Thom suggested the conversation continue at another time.

2.6. Regional Training Director Report – N/A

3. Unfinished Business

3.1 Discussion – Regional Youth Director

Terry Fisk, Secretary, discussed that at last year's meeting she and Uwe Doose (at that time RTD) were asked to contact Michelle Scarberry about forming a youth program and Regional Youth Director. Terry was unsure if Uwe followed through but she had contacted Michelle several times by e-mail with no response. Terry wanted input on how to pursue or move forward with the project. Thom said that we need to encourage young people to get involved in the sport; the natural choice would be the RTD and suggested the new RTD look into it. Bob Gager, Western Horizons Working Dog Club asked if anyone had a good youth program we could follow. Thom replied that he was not aware of any and felt we

needed to make a stab at it. No further discussion. Thom suggested the matter be tabled so the new Regional Training Director can look into it.

4. Election of Regional Training Director

4.1 Kris Taylor gave a brief speech. Danny Craig had a question about what the region wants and that he could not remember more than one seminar. Thom explained the duties of the RTD and the benefits of seminars for helpers. Peter Oja mentioned there was \$2000 available from USA to host regional training seminars, Thom corrected the amount is \$1500. David Greene, SoCal Working Dog Association questioned Kris on his qualifications and what made him qualified. Johannes commented that the perfect competitor was not necessarily the candidate for the position; the position requires delegating and organizing more of a business man than trainer. Danny Craig, San Diego Diensthund Club, commented that perhaps the name of RTD needed to be changed, Johannes said it cannot, it comes from the top. Danny asked for clarification on what is it that qualifies Kris vs all of the trainers in the region to hold this prestigious position. Terry Fisk, Regional Secretary read the USA description for position of RTD. Further discussion followed. Bob Gager, Western Horizons Working Dog Club nominated Kris Taylor from the floor, Debbie Plus, Aztec Schutzhund Club, second the motion. Vote 12 yes, 3 abstained. Thom welcomed Kris Taylor as the new Regional Training Director.

5. New Business

5.1. **Approval of expenses for Regional Director** – No expenses submitted

5.2. **Approval of expenses for Assistant Regional Director** – No expenses submitted

5.3. **Approval of expenses for Regional Breed Warden to attend 2009 Sieger show**

Alethea Caldwell, Tucson Working K9 Club, motioned to approve expenses, Molly Hessler, SWDA seconded.

Discussion: Craig Groh, Somis Schutzhund Club, asked how much was being approved; Johannes stated \$500 as it always has been in the past. Craig Groh questioned reason for voting if it had been \$500 in the past. Craig had a problem with \$500 amount with projected income \$1250 and projected expenses of \$500 for RD and Regionals if in a stadium = \$1500 plus web and mailing expenses does not equal a balanced budget. He suggested handling it year by year. Thom mentioned the expenses were covered by USA for Regional Directors now and asked what generated income for the region. Karen explained income for the region was club dues. Danny Craig, San Diego Diensthund Club, asked about Regional Breed Warden reimbursement. Roanna explained the Regional Breed Warden is required to attend the Sieger Show but they are not reimbursed by USA. Craig explained that in the past the region has not always spent all that has been allocated and think about not allocating more than is coming in and that we need to be cautious. There was a question on what was needed and what the regional membership gets from Roanna attending, discussing Roanna attending as a photographer. Terry read the USA Regional Policy that Regional Breed Wardens are required to attend. Thom discussed that the \$500 would not cover all expenses. Daniel Yee, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club, agreed that the region needed to know what the additional expenses would be voted on. Upcoming expenses were explained Regional Treasurer no expenses, Regional Secretary \$37.53 for postage and regional seminars reimbursed by USA were discussed.

Vote: 17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained, motion approved.

5.4. **Approval for expenses for Regional Treasurer** – no expenses submitted

5.5. **Approval for expenses for Regional Secretary** - Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club, made a motion to approve all expenses as discussed in 5.3. in one motion, second by Daniel Yee, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club. Vote: 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained approved by acclamation.

5.6. **Bid for 2011 Regional SchH3 Championships**

Megan Lee, Arizona Working Dog Club passed out brochures for the bid for their club and gave a brief presentation. Peter Oja, Arizona Working Dog Club explained the event further. Questions were asked about the tracking conditions and Donna McGinnis, Arizona Schutzhund Club commented on the title of the event. Thom Payne, feelings need to be set aside and the title would be corrected if the bid were accepted. Terry Fisk, Secretary, had questions about the venue if artificial turf or natural grass. Peter

stated it would be held on artificial turf and their reasoning. Alethea Caldwell, Tucson Working K9 Club asked why they had not chosen natural turf. Peter Oja, Arizona Working Dog Club stated they wanted the event on artificial turf. Victoria Hall, Arizona SchH Club, Carl Bell, Anacapa Working Dog Association and Danny Craig, San Diego Diensthund Club both shared experiences of trialing on artificial turf. Molly Hessler, Southwest Working Dog Association, their club expressed an interest in hosting the event and asked for a continuation for a chance to put their bid together. Johannes asked how the voting would then proceed. Thom explained grace period and a motion from the floor would be needed to grant 30 day extension to present their proposal. Thom called for a motion to postpone the vote tonight to allow SWDA 30 days to present a bid for the 2011 Regional SchH 3 Championships. Terry Fisk, Secretary asked for a timeline on the process. Thom, 30 days then send out to the clubs and give 30 days to vote. Craig Groh, Somis Schutzhund Club, called point of order, RD cannot make a motion, has to come from the floor. The electronic voting process is in the USA by laws so no explanation is necessary. Craig Groh, Somis Schutzhund Club, made a motion to table the motion to enable SWDA and any other club a chance to submit their bid to Terry Fisk so she can forward the information to the other clubs and vote accordingly. Daniel Yee, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club, second the motion to postpone the deadline 30 days. Discussion: Peter Oja, Arizona Working Dog Club, stated that the clubs had 12 months to decide to bid and it was too late now. Danny Craig suggested it was unfair to extend the deadline. Vote 6 Yes, 9 No, 2 abstained, motion defeated. Vote to approve bid for Arizona Working Dog Club 15 yes, 0 no, 2 abstained, motion approved.

5.7. **Bid for 2011 Regional Conformation Show**

Michael Kempkes, Dog Star GSD expressed an interest in hosting the event but needed additional time. Alethea Caldwell, Tucson Working K9 Club asked what time of year the event would be held. Roanna Banducci answered that it was up to the host club. Craig Groh, Somis Schutzhund Club, asked if there was interest in tabling 30 days so other clubs can put bids together. Dan Yee, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club made a motion to extend the deadline in which to submit proposals for the 2011 Regional Conformation Show for 30 days, second by Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club. Vote: 16 yes, 2 no, 0 abstained, motion approved. Terry Fisk questioned total and found that two members of Arizona Working Dog Club voted and a recount was in order. Peter Oja receded his vote. Vote: 15 yes, 2 no, 0 abstained, motion approved

5.8. **Blackout Dates – Regional SchH Championships and Conformation Show** See Exhibits G and H

Thom Payne discussed a motion presented by Johannes Grewe to remove blackout dates prior to and after a regional event. Roanna Banducci, Regional Breed Warden, suggested that opening up the weekend prior may limit show entries. Craig Groh, Somis Schutzhund Club, asked about conflicting event dates. Thom explained that it was past practice not a steadfast rule. Thom read the blackout dates from the Regional Championship Policy. Dan Yee, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club asked for clarification. Thom stated “no other USA event may be scheduled within our region for the weekend of the Regional Championships or Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey”. Discussion followed about hurting entries or not for conformation shows. Terry Fisk, Secretary suggested if it did not work that the policy could be amended next year. Bob Gager, Western Horizons Working Dog Club second the motion. Daniel Yee, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club, asked for the motion to be re-read, Thom Payne; revoke paragraph 2 of conflicting events from the Regional Championship Policy, delete phrase *as well as the weekends immediately prior to and following*. Vote: 18 yes, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, approved by acclamation.

5.9. **Discuss Conflicting Event Dates**

Thom explained the past practice of avoiding scheduling trials within 100 miles on the same. Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club, explained that with all the clubs now in the region that the practice is restrictive and people will attend the trials they want. Danny Craig, San Diego Diensthund Club, made a motion to allow clubs to hold trials on the same day. Thom explained the difficulty scheduling trials and that there is no standing rule but he followed past practice. Carl Bell, Anacapa Working Dog Association, discussed the possibility of reduced entries and not covering expenses. Thom suggested that clubs could be contacted for consideration before double booking. Dan Yee, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club felt it important that a policy be published written rule vs following past practice as clubs rely upon it if

there is nothing in writing and a club receives a waiver it might give an impression of bias or favoritism. We should eliminating this so we as a club can rely on the rules that are established. Danny asked about of 100 mile Dan, might elicit a waiver from the other club if not in the 100 miles there is no conflict. Carl Bell, Anacapa Working Dog Association, mentioned that many small trials don't encourage others to enter or support other trials, it would be nice for clubs in the region to open up and support each other. Terry asked if Danny Craig wanted to rescind his motion, yes. Craig Groh, Somis Schutzhund Club, agreed with Carl and encouraged the clubs in the region to open up more and support other members and suggested the 100 mile limitation and number of clubs and weather restrictions makes it restrictive. Motion by Danny Craig and clarified for language by Dan Yee, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club: No club shall schedule an event on the same weekend as another club that is within a 50 mile radius of said club unless a waiver is provided by the club that has secured that weekend. Second by Victoria Hall, Arizona Schutzhund Club. Vote: 13 yes, 5 no, 0 abstained, motion approved.

5.10. Any new business from the floor

- 5.11. Megan Lee, Arizona Working Dog Club, proposes two series of awards at regional events. See attached Exhibit I. As event open to all breeds but separate recognition for the top 3 German Shepherd Dogs. Danny Craig asked for clarification, Peter Oja, Arizona Working Dog Club wants to recognize the breed. Craig Groh, Somis Schutzhund Club, called point of order, addressed two delegates from Arizona Working Dog Club speaking at the meeting; they can only have one delegate. Terry Fisk, Secretary verified the delegate of record for the club as Megan Lee. Danny Craig, San Diego Diensthund Club asked for further clarification from Megan. Bob Gager, Western Horizons Working Dog Club, asked about guidelines for awards and trophies and mentioned that the host club could present what they might want to offer. Thom said there are no restrictions on awards however Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club said there needs to be clarification on the trophy wording. Discussion; the regional champion and ancillary trophies are up to the host club, Auslander trophies and awarding regional champion to competitors outside the region ensued. Megan Lee withdrew the proposal.
- 5.12. Terry Fisk, Webmaster, requested reimbursement for 2010 web hosting expenses \$59.40. Danny Craig, San Diego made a motion to reimburse, second Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club. Vote: 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstained, approved by acclamation.
- 5.13. Johannes proposed to call the Southwestern Region Championship any team competing in this event with with an additional trophy for high SW Region member. Danny Craig, San Diego Diensthund Club, discussed that there should be on trophy, whoever wins, wins and they are the champion. Brenda Arao, North County Schutzhund Club, asked if there were conflict if someone wins and they are not a club member if that was still acceptable. Past practice was discussed as well as a question if someone outside the region enters the trial if they are members of the region. Craig Groh, Somis Schutzhund Club, moved to table the motion until further guidance from USA could be obtained Vote: 16 yes, 0 no, approved by acclamation.

6. Announcements

No announcements

7. Adjournment

Craig Groh, Somis Schutzhund Club, motioned the meeting be adjourned, second Johannes Grewe, no opposition. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM

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

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

Exhibit A

2009 Southwestern Region Secretary Report 2010 Southwestern Region Meeting

I wanted to thank the region for supporting me over the past few years. As you know many of our officers, their positions do not come with instruction manuals so it has been a definite learning experience. I've had to rely on the USA office to ensure I've maintained the requirements.

Last year we had some challenges. We had quite a few clubs come on board we lost a few clubs, we also lost some friends and fellow Schutzhund enthusiasts. The club contact list has been revised and distributed numerous times throughout the year. I thank everyone for their patience and want everyone to realize how important the club contact list is even though it seems minute. Not only does the list allow a flow of communication within the region but it is a requirement of USA is that trial and show fliers have to go out to all full member clubs within the region. USA is very specific about this and if they do not go out to all of the club contacts there could be consequences. We are not harping on the clubs just reminding them as a preventative measure.

As a reminder; any changes in club officers and bylaws must be sent to the USA office, Debbie Sweeney.

Reminder trail secretary information on SW Region website Trial Secretary page. Terry put together all trial forms and requirements on one page. Anyone who is a seasoned trial secretary and willing to help mentor new clubs is welcome to request adding their contact information.

Respectively Submitted,

Terry Fisk
Secretary
Southwestern Region, United Schutzhund Clubs of America

Exhibit B

United Schutzhund Clubs of America
Minutes of the 2009 Southwest Regional Meeting
February 7, 2009

1. Regional Director Michelle Kutelis called the Southwest Region meeting to order at 5:07 PM at the San Diego Diensthund Schutzhund Club, club house in San Diego California. Michelle welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised there was a mistake on the printed agenda and that the election of officers would follow the old business.

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
Uwe Doose	Regional Training Director

Full member clubs/delegates in attendance:

Anacapa Working Dog Association	Carl Bell
Arizona Schutzhund Club	Shawn Thompson
Aztec Schutzhund Club	Kris Taylor
Der Hundesport Performance Klub	Terry Fisk
El Cajon Schutzhund Club	Bob Simmons
Golden State Schutzhund Club	Marie Weller
Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club	Darryl Jones
North County Schutzhund Club	Wade Wild
Phoenix Schutzhund Club	Gail Kendall
San Diego Diensthund Club	Sunny Baik
San Diego Schutzhund Club	Daniel Elias
Scottsdale Schutzhund Club	Peter Oja
SoCal Working Dog Association	Cathy Cross
Somis Schutzhund Club	Kathy Moacanin
Southwest Working Dog Association	Molly Hessler
Sunland Schutzhund Club	Johannes Grewe
West Coast Schutzhund Club	Ha Pham

Full member clubs absent:

Channel Islands Schutzhund Club
Las Vegas Schutzhund Club
O.G. Tucson Schutzhund Club
Orange County Schutzhund Club
Southern California Schutzhund Club
Tucson Working K9 Club
Vegas Valley Schutzhund Club USA

2. Reports

2.1 Secretary Report/approval of the 2008 minutes

Minutes from the 2008 Southwest Region Meeting were presented by Secretary Terry Fisk. Marie Weller questioned the abbreviation BOD and Terry Fisk clarified that it referred to Board of Directors. No corrections, Motion to approve the minutes as read by Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club, second by Molly Hessler, Southwest Working Dog Association. Approved by acclamation.

2.2 Regional Director Report. See attached Exhibit A Michelle Kutelis read her report.

2.3 Assistant Regional Director Report. Summarize from the recorded meeting minutes as no report submitted. Assistant Regional Director Marie Weller; 2008 was a busy year. On February 23rd Marie judged Tucson Working Dog affiliation trial with Johannes judging their first trial shortly thereafter. Marie welcomed back San Diego Schutzhund Club judging their affiliation trial on August 23rd. Marie summarized the number of events she sent authorizations for in 2008; 17 trials, 4 helper classification seminars, 4 breed survey/conformation shows and 2 affiliation trials. She attended the 2008 WUSV, noting the improvement over the last WUSV she attended in 1998 and thanked Johannes Grewe and Craig Groh for their hard work on the event. Marie also noted that Craig Groh was the new USA Vice President and we were fortunate to have them in our region. She thanked everyone who helped defeat AB1634 and recommended that everyone visit the USA and SW Region websites for updates including rule updates. Marie mentioned that there would be several USA positions open in the fall. Parties interested in running for office should contact her or other members of the nomination committee.

2.4 Regional Treasurer's Report. See exhibit B.

Nathaniel Roque read his report and discussed income and expenses within the region. Beginning balance \$ 2770.30 income \$1700 ending balance \$2748.70. Nathaniel mentioned that USA opened up education funds for the regions for training seminars through the clubs or Regional Training Directors. The projected income for 2009 is \$1200.00. Nathaniel stated that he closed the bank account and drafted a cashier's check for the new Treasurer as the account had been using his social security number. He discussed methods to obtain EIN number to open a regional account. He said it had been a pleasure to serve the region and will still be involved at the national level. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club, second by Molly Hessler, Southwest Working Dog Association. Approved by acclamation.

2.5 Regional Breed Warden's Report. See attached Exhibit C. Roanna Banducci read her report and explained changes in the working dog tests and new trophy categories for working dog performances. There were questions and discussion on how and why the Sieger Show continued to lose money.

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

Uwe Doose presented his report and also mentioned the newly formed GEC awards and asked Terry Fisk to explain a bit more about the awards. Terry explained that the awards were open to every USA club and nominations may be made by the Regional Director of the club may nominate itself. She also mentioned that it is a good way to promote the clubs and for them to be more interactive rather than be satisfied with simply training and encouraged clubs to demonstrate that our dogs can be family members and members of the community. Terry and Uwe encouraged the clubs participate in the upcoming GEC Regional Director awards. Uwe also mentioned that Der Hundesport Performance Club was the winner of the Southwest Region. Cathy Cross, SoCal Working Dog Association, is a member of the GEC and stated that the criteria on the program is available on the USA website and the criteria is changing, they want to add more things they are looking for input to make improvements and that there was little, late or no involvement from some regions. They want to see what the clubs are about, do they have youth involvement, if they have hosted regional or national events what the club is like at the regional level and above. Cathy mentioned even though the monetary value was not large it is a good way for the club to achieve recognition.

3. Unfinished Business

3.1 Cathy Cross clarified the spelling of the SoCal Working Dog Association. Terry Fisk will fix it on the Regional website. Terry mentioned that corrections can be made only if she is notified. There was no official unfinished business.

4. Election of Southwest Region Officers

4.1 Regional Director

Kris Taylor, Aztec Schutzhund Club nominated Thom Payne. Sunny Baik, San Diego Diensthund Club seconded the motion. Molly Hessler, Southwest Working Dog Association nominated Marie Weller. Darryl Jones, Lake Matthews Schutzhund club seconded the motion. Kathy Moacanin, Somis Schutzhund Club nominated Gail Kendall, second by Kathy Cross, SoCal Working Dog Association. Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club motioned to close the nominations,

second by Daniel Elias, San Diego Schutzhund Club. Nominees were each given a chance to speak and votes collected. Vote: Thom Payne 8 votes, Gail Kendall 7 votes Marie Weller 5 votes.

The meeting was handed over at this time to the new Regional Director Thom Payne. Thom thanked the clubs for electing him and said that all of the candidates were well qualified and hoped they would all pull together for the region.

4.2 Assistant Regional Director

Molly Hessler, Southwest Working Dog Association nominated Marie Weller. Marie declined the nomination. Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club nominated Johannes Grewe, Roanna Banducci, Regional Breed Warden seconded the motion. There were no other nominations from the floor. Molly Hessler, Southwest Working Dog Association motioned to close the nominations, Roanna Banducci, Regional Breed Warden seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation.

It appeared that delegates may have left the meeting so roll call was performed. Be it known that Anacapa Working Dog Association is no longer present at the meeting at 6 PM.

4.3 Regional Treasurer

Kathy Moacanin, Somis Schutzhund Club nominated Karen Groh, Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club seconded the motion. No other nominations from the floor and Karen Groh had submitted a letter of acceptance in her absence. Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club motioned to close the nominations. Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation

4.4 Regional Breed Warden

Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club nominated Roanna Banducci, Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club seconded the motion. Not other nominations from the floor. Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club made the motion to close the nominations. Shawn Thompson, Arizona Valley Schutzhund Club seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation.

4.5 Regional Training Director

Cathy Cross, SoCal Working Dog Association nominated Uwe Doose, Roanna Banducci, Regional Breed Warden seconded the motion. No other nominations from the floor. Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club made the motion to close the nominations. Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation

4.6 Regional Secretary

Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club nominated Terry Fisk. Roanna Banducci, Regional Breed Warden seconded the motion. No other nominations from the floor. Daniel Elias, San Diego Schutzhund Club motioned to close the nominations. Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation

5. New Business

5.1 Approval for expenses for Regional Director. No expenses presented. USA now reimburses the Regional Director to attend the annual General Board Meeting.

5.2 Approval for expenses for Assistant Regional Director. No expenses submitted.

5.3 Approval for expenses for Regional Breed Warden. Approve reimbursement for up to \$500 for the Regional Breed Warden to attend the 2009 Sieger Show. Motion to approve made by Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club. Darryl Jones, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club, seconded the motion. Vote: Yes 15, no 0, abstained 1. Motion carries.

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

5.5 Approval for expenses for Regional Secretary. Terry Fisk requested reimbursement of \$36.24 for postage for mailing the regional meeting packets. Motion to approve made by Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club. Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club, seconded the motion. Vote: Yes 18, no 0, abstained 1. Motion carries.

5.6 Approval of expenses for Regional Webmaster. Terry Fisk requested reimbursement of \$95.40 for 2009 web hosting service. Motion to approve made by Cathy Cross SoCal Working Dog Association, Kathy Moacanin, Somis Schutzhund Club, second the motion. Approved by acclamation.

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

5.8 Approval for projected Regional Director Expenses. Thom Payne requested approval of expenses up to the sum \$500 in order for him to attend the 2009 General Board Meeting if no reimbursed by USA. Motion to approve by Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club. Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation.

6. Bid for the 2010 Regional Schutzhund Championships

6.1 Darryl Jones, Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club made a bid from the floor. Nathaniel Roque asked what the club would provide. No formal bid was ready for presentation and Mr. Jones summarize where they might hold the trial, at Golden State Schutzhund Club field. Thom Payne suggested the bids be tabled for to enable the club to come up with a proper written proposal and also allow additional clubs to submit bids. Johannes Grewe agreed and it was discussed that 60 days would be adequate. Nathaniel reminded everyone of the policy to submit bids policy voted on last year. Terry Fisk will post a notice on the regional website and asked Kathy Moacanin to also post a note on the regional Yahoo Group. Motion to table the bids made by Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club, Roanna Banducci, Regional Breed Warden seconded the motion. Vote: Yes 16, No 1 Abstained 0. Motion carries.

7. Bid for the 2010 Regional Conformation Show.

7.1 Daniel Elias, San Diego Schutzhund Club made a bid from the floor. Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club suggested the same procedure be in place for accepting bids as adopted for the schutzhund championships. Bids are to be submitted to the Regional Breed Warden. Hah Pahn, West Coast Schutzhund Club also made a bid from the floor.

A question was made about the Schutzhund Championships as to why it was not awarded to Lake Matthews as they were the only club bidding and they did not understand why they needed to wait 60 days when they were willing to host the event. Someone mentioned that Anacapa was also interested but no longer present. Terry Fisk spoke up in regards to the proposed site that she helped at the 2008 Regional Conformation Show hosed by Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club and it was poorly organized and the grounds not adequate for the proposed event. She stated that several regional officers were at the event and witnessed the situation, the club members even admitted that their own members committed to help and never showed up. Nathaniel reiterated that a solid proposal is necessary to make an informed decision and hold the club accountable. Darryl Jones said there had been three regional events at the proposed field and he had contributed to the Nationals in Reno and it had been Cathy Cross asked if there are provisions in place to prevent one club from having to shouldering the burden of the regional events. It was agreed that there needs to be more communication to assist the host clubs but the host needed to be selected first.

Johannes Grewe, Sunland Schutzhund Club made a motion for all interested clubs to submit bids in writing within 60 days. Discussion: bids are to be submitted to Roanna Banducci, Regional Breed Warden. Marie reminded everyone that the response was not very good last year and delegates need to advise the clubs of the process and respond. She also advised that they need to respond to the proper party in the proper manner. Molly Hessler, Southwest Working Dog Association seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation.

8. Discussion of adding a "Regional Youth Director" to the regional board.

Uwe Doose, Regional Training Director mentioned that it would be nice to get the youths involved and perhaps adding a director. Thom Payne asked if it needed to be a committee or a member of the board. Johannes advised that liability needed to be considered and investigated. Kris Taylor, Aztec Schutzhund Club said there are a lot of youth organizations that involve contact sports more so than schutzhund. Nathaniel Roque discussed liability and possible law suits for alleged sexual misconduct. Cathy Cross mentioned that Michele Scarberry was the head of the USA youth committee. Thom

asked how to proceed and Johannes suggested Uwe and Terry research this a bit more perhaps contacting Michele Scarberry on how to proceed. Tabled for further discussion.

9. Guidelines/timeframe for helper submissions for Regional Schutzhund Championships.

Michelle Kutellis stated there are no timelines or guidelines for helpers to submit to the host club and she had been approached several times during the year about clarification. Uwe Doose agreed and there was discussion that it needed to be defined and a timeframe set. The following clarification was drafted to be added to the regional championship policy: After a club has been awarded the Regional Schutzhund Championships, all properly classified helpers will have 30 days to submit their resumes to the host club. Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club made a motion to approve, Molly Hessler, Southwest Working Dog Association seconded the motion. Approved by acclamation.

10. New business from the floor.

10.1 Nathaniel Roque, outgoing Treasurer asked how the board wanted the transition of the cashier's check and Treasurer's records to take place. Kathy Moacanin said she could take them to Karen Groh, the board did not have any objections.

10.2 Motion by Peter Oja, Scottsdale Schutzhund Club that any event outside a USA event be charged a \$10.00 fee. Discussion and clarification was made to state all adds posted on the Southwest Region website will be \$20.00 unless they are a non-profit event hosted by a Southwest Region Club. Fees to be submitted to the Regional Treasurer Karen Groh. Approved by acclamation.

10.3 Gail Kendall, Phoenix Schutzhund club said it was her understanding that the board does not meet on a monthly basis. She stated that there was a lot of regional business and wanted to know why the board could not meet on the first of the month to take care of business. Thom suggested perhaps conference calls might be arranged but it was discussed that e-mails were the simplest way. To be considered.

10.4 Sunny Baik, San Diego Diensthund Club request \$500 to help defray general trial costs as well as \$200 for travel expenses for helper Jim Laubmeier as they flew him in from Arizona. Marie Weller questioned the request based on the guidelines for the Regionals covering financial issues passed at last years meeting. Nathaniel Roque asked if they needed an additional \$700.00 or the \$500.00 allotted and an additional \$200.00. Sunny stated an additional \$200.00 to help defray the helper costs as she was not aware of the \$500.00 allotment. Marie discussed the expenses of the region being more than income and we needed to consider the additional \$200.00 over and above the \$500.00 which was already factored into the budget. Danny Craig, San Diego Diensthund Club said that over the past 5-6 year other clubs had received over \$500.00 and they incurred additional expenses of a non-local helper. Discussion was made about previous allotments and the passing of the guidelines in 2008 and that donations from regional clubs helped defray expensed last year. Nathaniel discussed the projected regional expenses and with available USA funds the possibility of contributing another \$200.00 or to request donations on the Regional website. Cathy Cross, SoCal Working Dog Association made a motion that the clubs each contribute toward helper costs at regional events. Nathaniel discussed pros and cons of assessing the clubs and Cathy Cross withdrew her motion. Danny Craig discussed the cost of the regional championship trophy and unexpected expenses of procuring a different tracking field. Johannes stated that this problem is presented every year and Thom suggested that we needed to come up with a system to reimburse the clubs for helpers. Cathy Cross suggested that information such as trophy sources could be shared with other clubs. Discussion was made about increasing entry fees, pooling resources, requesting donations from each club in the premium, unforeseen circumstances causing additional expenses, etc. Many of the clubs in attendance made donations to San Diego Diensthund Club on the spot others pledged funds. It was suggested that the board look into ways to start fundraisers to help defray costs of hosting the region.

Peter Oja, Scottsdale Schutzhund mentioned that USA, Lyle started a Ways and Means committee that he was a part of along with Craig Groh and the Shaw the Treasurer. The committee would look at educating regions on ways to earn money.

11. **Announcements** – No announcements.

12. **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.~~(TF) Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club at 7:00 PM, second by ? (party did not identify themselves).

To the best of my knowledge, these are the minutes of the Southwestern Regional Meeting held in San Diego, California.

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

Exhibit C



United Schutzhund Clubs of America Southwest Region
Thom Payne- Regional Director



2010 Regional Directors Report

Before we begin with the officer's report's I would like us to take a

Moment to acknowledge the passing of three of our sports friends in the last year:

MARK PRZBYLSKI

DON MORALES

TOM RICHE

Their absence will be felt by all of us.

I would like to thank the Anacapa Working Dog Association for hosting the Regional Championships this year. They have done a great job. The web site is excellent.

This last November, I attended the General Board Meeting in

Davenport Iowa. I would like to thank the SW Region clubs who were able to send delegates. There were seven clubs present.

We have a new Director of Judges, from our region, Nathaniel Roque.

I will go over a few key points from the meeting, but I urge you all to read the full meeting minutes. Each club contact was sent a copy.

The bylaw requiring each full member club to hold an annual trial has been changed to read each full member club shall hold at least one (1) USA-sanctioned event per calendar year...Every other year the USA-sanctioned

event must be a USA-sanctioned trial.

The most controversial by laws change was the prohibition of USA members from being members of, or be affiliated with, any competing German shepherd organization in the United States.

Members clubs shall not be members of, or be affiliated with, any competing German Shepherd organization in the United States.

We have 24 full member clubs in this region. New clubs for this year are Canyon K9 club, Dog Star GSD Club, Western Horizons Working Dog Club

Three clubs did not hold a trial this year; Canyon K9 Club, Aztec Schutzhund Club and Southern California Schutzhund Club asked for, and were granted a waiver. Canyon K9 was forced to cancel their trial due to heavy rain. Aztec and Southern California Schutzhund had difficulty scheduling their trial. Aztec held their trial on February 19th.

Canyon K9 and Southern California Schutzhund Club are scheduled for April.

We have one newly forming club in Las Vegas, who is in the process of sending their paperwork to the USA Office. We have two clubs with affiliate status.

I would like to thank the Regional Board for all the help, support. I would like to thank Terry Fisk for the website and the timely update.

**Assistant Regional Director Report
February 2009 to March 2010**

The primary responsibility of the Assistant Regional Director is to take over the responsibilities of the Regional Director when he is unable to do so.

In the past business year our Regional Director had to consult me only one time for this purpose. Unfortunately I was scheduled to leave the country and therefore unable to take care of the Regional Directors business.

Our Secretary Terry Fisk stepped in and represented the Regional Director.

I would like to thank all officers who donated their time to serve our Region.

Johannes Grewe

United Schutzhund Clubs of America Southwest Region – Treasurers Report

Prepared by: Karen Groh, SW Regional Treasurer

February 2009 – March 2010

Account balance forward Feb 2009	\$2,998.72	
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Income		
2-Jun-09 1 st Qtr Dues	\$500.00	
30-Jul-09 2 nd Qtr Dues	\$200.00	
15-Oct-09 3 rd Qtr Dues	\$350.00	
20-Jan-10 4 th Qtr Dues	\$354.17	
Total Income ending March 23, 2010	\$1,404.17	\$1404.17
Expenses		
Postage 2009 Regional meeting club mailing	\$36.24	
Regional Breed warden Sieger show	\$447.25	
Regional website expenses 2009/2010	\$95.40	
Total Expenses ending March 2010	\$578.89	<\$578.89>
Ending account balance		\$3824.00

Summary of Income

1 st Qtr Dues	2 nd Qtr Dues	3 rd Qtr Dues	4 th Qtr Dues
Arizona Valley SchH club	Orange County SchH Club	Temecula Valley SchH club	Scottsdale SchH Club
West Coast SchH club	Blue Tahoe SchH Club	Der Hundesport Performance Club	O.G. Tucson SchH Club
Lake Mathews SchH club	Phoenix SchH Club	Somis SchH Club	Tucson Working K9 Club
Aztec SchH Club	San Diego SchH Club	Vegas Valley SchH	Southern California WDA
Southern California SchH club		Golden State SchH Club	San Diego Diensthund Club
San Diego Diensthund club		Sunland SchH Club	Arizona Valley SchH Club
El Cajon SchH club		Southwest WDA	
Las Vegas SchH club			
Canyon K-9 Club			
Anacapa WDA			

Projected Expenses and Income 2010-2011

Projected income \$1300 (26 clubs @ 50.00 per club)

With our estimated projected expenses of

Regional Breed Warden Sieger show	\$500.00
Postage	\$40.00
Webpage	\$60.00
Stadium	\$500.00
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Exhibit F

2010 Regional Breed Warden Report

Just passed this month by the Executive Board regarding Conformation Shows Regulations:

1. For Local and Regional Conformation Shows --

Dogs 12 months and older must present proof of FCI or WUSV recognized registration. Dogs born in the United States must present an AKC registration. In other words, you no longer have to be a USA member or have USA registration for your dog for our USA Local and Regional Conformation Shows.

2. For our USA Sieger Shows all dogs 12 months and older must be registered with USA when being exhibited in the USA Sieger Show if owned by a resident of the United States. Entry is limited to German Shepherd Dogs' listed in the USA Breed Registry, FCI, or WUSV recognized breed registries. Resident members of the other WUSV organizations are exempt from this requirement (proof of membership required).

Therefore, to enter our USA Sieger Show you need to be a USA member or belong to a WUSV member organization. Thus if you are a GSDCA member you can enter the USA Sieger Show because the GSDCA is a WUSV member organization. AKC/GSDCA and USA are both members of the WUSV.

3. Long Stock Coat Classes – Dogs with a long stock coat with undercoat may be shown in separate classes. The same class and age designations apply to the long stock coat with undercoat classes as the standard classes.

3. Herding Dog Classes – Only includes dogs actually serving in a herding capacity. The adult herding dog class is limited to dogs that have earned a HGH title.

4. There is no USA rule that prohibits USA members from showing or trialing in GSDCA or GSDCA-WDA conformation shows & trials.

More updates of rules & regulations within the conformation and breeding for the GSD are being reviewed at this time.

5. This past year our Regional Conformation Show & Breed Survey was hosted by West Coast SchH Club on Oct. 9th-11th. There were over 80 entries and 10 Breed Surveys. The judge was SV Judge Lothar Quoll. It was a very successful event with many nice dogs presented.

6. I had a new club, Dog Star GSD Club, contact me to see if I would waive the club from having to put on an affiliate conformation show & breed survey. After reviewing an extensive packet of the club's history of holding several conformation shows, I did give the club a waiver from having to put on an affiliate show and breed survey. This new club has already put on a show earlier this month with an

impressive 55 entries and 8 breed surveys with SV Judge Herr Bernd Weber. I attended the show and it was well organized with many in attendance.

6. (continued) Two members of this new club showed at our 2009 USA Sieger Show. In the Working Males Class with a dog Jeannette Kempkes bred and owns, Nikolas vom Wustenberger-land received a V5. Also, in the Working Females Class Jeannette Kempkes bred and Michael Kempkes co-owns Nikola vom Wustenberger-land which received a V9.

7. The 2010 Regional Conformation Show will be put on by Somis SchH Club with the dates of May 22nd & 23rd, 2010. The judge will be USA Judge Ricardo Carbajal.

8. The 2009 Sieger Show was held in Chicago. The show had a total of entry of 362 entries. We endured sun shine, hail, thunderstorms, & high wind warnings plus some tornado warnings in the area. Despite the unpredictable weather, the show was a great success.

9. This year's 2010 Sieger Show will be held on June 4th thru & 6th in Geneva, Wisconsin. The judges for the show will be: SV Judge Hans Peter Schweiner for all of the Female Classes and our own USA/SV Judge Johannes Grewe who will be judging all of the Males Classes. The Performance Test for all the Working Males & Females will be judged by our own Head of Judges, USA/SV Judge Nathaniel Roque. Lionel Madden from our SW Region will again this year be a helper for the performance test and Charles Ottensen from Texas is the other helper. This year the Performance Test has been moved from Saturday to Friday to allow more time for the show on Saturday. Deadline for entries is April 12th & the late deadline is on April 26th.

10. I have done the photography for the past nine USA Sieger Shows and I have been again asked to do the photos for the 2010 Sieger Show. Once again, I am looking forward to being the official photographer for such an important USA event.

11. We are down in our Region's Breed Wardens& Tattooers. We currently have 11 Breed Wardens and 8 Tattooers representing 9 of the 25 clubs in our SW Region. I will contact clubs to see if there is any interest of having a Tattooer –Breed Warden Seminar to recruit more people into these positions.

That concludes my report!

Roanna Banducci

South Western Regional Breed Warden

Exhibit G

Requirements to Host the SW Regional Schutzhund Championships

(revised March 26, 2010)

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. *Added at 2009 Regional Meeting the following:* After a club has been awarded the Regional Schutzhund Championships, all properly classified helpers will have 30 days to submit their resumes to the host club.

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 H

Requirements to Host the SW Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey (revised March 26, 2010)

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The date of the Regional Conformation Show is to be chosen by the Region sponsoring the show and the Regional Breed Warden.
5. 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.
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.

Proposal for a policy change for SWR

From Scottsdale Schutzhund Club/Arizona Working Dog Club

Proposal to Offer Two Series of Awards at Regional Events

Current Situation: Currently the USCA National Championship is open to only German Shepherd Dogs as a breed specific organization. However at the Regional and Club Level the events are open to all breeds. This open arrangement has a benefit in that it enables people with various breeds to participate in the sport of Schutzhund. And it has the additional benefit that the local club events and Regional events can have sufficient numbers of dogs to make them viable. At the same time the competition of various breeds for the USA Regional championship title detracts from the ability of the GSD to achieve these recognitions.

Proposal Objectives: A proposal that will meet the needs of all of the groups and interests would need to (1) continue to support various breeds in the USA Local and Regional events (2) enable the GSD to achieve the titles needed for breed recognition and support of the GSD breeding program and (3) continue to grow the USA membership at the local and regional levels.

Proposal: To meet all of these goals it is proposed that the USCA SW Working Dog Regional Championship will be open to all breeds. However there will be a separate recognition/trophy for the 3 top GSD's as we are obligated to recognize our organization as breed specific.

Benefits: We believe this approach would (1) put a stronger focus on the recognition of the performance of the GSD breed (2) provide additional incentives for all breeds to compete in the USA events (3) enable the local and regional groups to realized additional growth by attracting more dogs from all of the breeds (4) provide the opportunities for all breeds to get event recognition at the regional level and (5) help to grow USA membership and participation at the local, regional and national levels.