

**United Schutzhund Clubs of America**

**Minutes of the 2011 Southwest Regional Meeting**

**March 19, 2011 – Phoenix, AZ**

1. Regional Training Director, Kris Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM in the absence of the Regional Director and Assistant Regional Director.

**1.1 Roll Call**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Terry Fisk	Regional Secretary
Roanna Banducci	Regional Breed Warden
Kris Taylor	Regional Training Director

**Board Members Absent**

**Full member clubs/delegates in attendance:**

Arizona Schutzhund Club	Victoria Hall
Aztec Schutzhund Club	Debbie Pluss
Phoenix Schutzhund Club	Lynne Hoban
San Diego Diensthund Club	Danny Craig
Scottsdale Schutzhund Club	Brad Stevens
Somis Schutzhund Club	Kathy Mocainin
Southwest Working Dog Association	Nathaniel Roque
Tucson Working K9 Club	JJ Belcher
Western Horizons Working Dog Club	Terry Fisk

**Full member clubs absent:**

Anacapa Working Dog Association  
Canyon K-9 Club  
Desert Wind Schutzhund Association  
Dog Star GSD Club  
El Cajon Schutzhund Club  
Golden State Schutzhund Club  
Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club  
Las Vegas Schutzhund Club  
North County Schutzhund Club  
O.G. Tuscon Schutzhund Club  
Orange County Schutzhund Club  
SoCal Working Dog Association  
Southern California Schutzhund Club, Inc.  
Sunland Schutzhund Club  
Vegas Valley Schutzhund Club USA  
West Coast Schutzhund Club

**2. Reports**

**2.1 Secretary Report/approval of the 2010 minutes** See Exhibit A

Minutes from the 2010 Southwest Region Meeting were presented by Secretary Terry Fisk. Correction noted; 5.3 should read 2010 Sieger Show not 2009 Sieger Show.  
Motion by Nathaniel Roque SWDA to approve the minutes as corrected, Second by Danny Craig, SD.  
Approved by acclimation.

**2.2 Regional Director Report.** See attached Exhibit B. Kris Taylor, Regional Training Director read the Regional Directors Report

**2.3 Assistant Regional Director Report.** Not submitted

**2.4 Regional Treasurer's Report.** See exhibit C. Kris Taylor read the Treasurer's report. Motion by Nathaniel Roque, Southwest Working Dog Association to approve the report, Second by Victoria Hall, Arizona Schutzhund Club. Approved by acclamation

Terry Fisk mentioned that income from the classified ads more than paid for the website expenses.

**2.5 Regional Breed Warden's Report.** See attached Exhibit D. Roanna Banducci read the Regional Breed Warden Report.

**2.6 Regional Training Director's Report.** See attached Exhibit E. Kris Taylor read the Regional Training Director Report.

### **3. Election of Southwest Region Officers**

**3.1 Regional Director** – Thom Payne, Incumbent. There were no nominations from the floor. Terry Fisk nominated Thom Payne, second by Kathy Mocainin, Somis Schutzhund Club. Nathaniel Roque, Southwest Working Dog Association, motioned to close the nominations and approve by acclamation.

**3.2 Assistant Regional Director** - Gail Kendall gave a short speech and said she and Thom could work well together for the region and she would be available to assist the club with their Trial Secretary duties. Lynne Hoban, Phoenix Schutzhund Club nominated Gail Kendall from the floor, second by Terry Fisk, Western Horizons Working Dog Club. Approved by acclamation.

At this time Kris Taylor passed the meeting over to Gail Kendall in the absence of the Regional Director.

**3.3 Regional Treasurer** – Danny Craig, San Diego Diensthund Club nominated Victoria Hall, second by Lynne Hoban, Phoenix Schutzhund Club. No other nominations from the floor. Approved by acclamation.

**3.4 Regional Breed Warden** Roanna Banducci, Incumbent. Terry Fisk, Western Horizons Working Dog Club nominated Roanna Banducci from the floor, second by Kathy Mocainin, Somis Schutzhund Club. No other nominations from the floor. Approved by acclamation.

**3.5 Regional Training Director** – Kris Taylor, Incumbent. Debbie Pluss, Aztec Schutzhund Club nominated Kris Taylor from the floor, second by Nathaniel Roque, Southwest Working Dog Association. No other nominations from the floor. Approved by acclamation.

**3.6 Regional Secretary** – Terry Fisk, Incumbent. Victoria Hall, Arizona Schutzhund Club nominated Terry Fisk from the floor, second by Kathy Mocainin, Somis Schutzhund Club. No other nominations from the floor. Approved by acclamation

### **4. Unfinished Business**

**4.1 Discussion** – Regional Youth Director. Kris Taylor, Regional Training Director asked if a program that mirrored the USCA Youth Program was of interest. Kathy Mocainin, Somis Schutzhund Club suggested that because the number of youths is so small that the current Regional Training Director could do that job. Kris Taylor said he was interested and would talk to Craig Groh about moving forward.

## 5. New Business

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

**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 2011 Sieger Show. Discussion: Roanna Banducci mentioned she declined reimbursement in 2010 as the host, club paid for her motel room. That would not be the case this year. Motion to approve by Nathaniel Roque, Southwest Working Dog Association, second by Terry Fisk, Western Horizons Working Dog Club. Approved by acclamation.

**5.4 Approval for expenses for Regional Treasurer.** No expenses submitted.

**5.5 Approval for expenses for Regional Secretary.** No expenses submitted.

**5.6 Approval of expenses for Regional Webmaster.** Terry Fisk requested reimbursement in the amount of \$107.40 for web hosting for the regional website. Motion to approve by Victoria Hall, Arizona Schutzhund Club, second by Nathaniel Roque, Southwest Working Dog Association. Approved by acclamation.

**5.7 Approval for expenses for Helper Seminar.** No expenses submitted.

**6. Bid for the 2012 Regional Schutzhund Championships.** Nathaniel Roque, Southwest Working Dog Association presented a verbal bid with a projected date between January 14 and February 25, 2012. The reasoning was to prevent conflict with the AWDF and Working Dog Championships. The event would be held in a high school stadium or stadium size field with dirt tracking and it be a two judge event. The regional meeting would be Saturday evening at a local 4 star steak house and 3 helpers would be selected from within the region. Terry Fisk, Western Horizons Working Dog Club commented that due to the past history and clubs experience in hosting like events, the club's experience and that there were no other bids she didn't see any reason it couldn't be brought to a vote now. Kris Taylor agreed. Kathy Mocainin, Somis Schutzhund Club motioned to accept the bid, second by Brad Stevens, Scottsdale Schutzhund Club. Approved by acclamation.

**7. Bid for the 2012 Regional Conformation Show.** No bids submitted. Danny Craig, San Diego Diensthund Club made a motion to table for 30 days to enable clubs to submit bids. Second by Roanna Banducci, Regional Breed Warden. Approved by acclamation. Gail mentioned that an e-mail would be sent out to all of the clubs in the region notifying them of the motion.

Discussion; Terry Fisk asked Nathaniel Roque what are the consequences if no club submits a bid. Nathaniel said it would continue to be deferred, if no clubs submitted a bid and if a club hosted a conformation show it could be deemed the Regional conformation show without the host club going through the process.

**8. New business from the floor.** Motion by Gail Kendall to allow all board members to vote. Gail clarified the reason behind the motion. Due to the lack of written bylaws in the region and the only people on the regional board who currently had a vote were the Regional Breed Warden, Regional Training Director and Regional Director. Gail Kendall had discussed this with Tom Payne and suggested they need to at least get it in the minutes, second by Terry Fisk, Western Horizons Working Dog Club. Clarification that the voting would be just for regional matters such as delicate matters relating to individuals, regional events, emergency situations, more representation on issues, etc. Approved by acclamation.

Danny Craig asked if there were a reason to having regional bylaws. Nathaniel Roque discussed the USCA Regional policies were developed about 8 years ago, prior to that there was really no input and regions were pretty much left to do what they wanted. If they had bylaws they had to follow their bylaws if not they stayed the course. He stated that the USCA Regional Policy states there must be a Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, Regional Training Director and Regional Breed Warden, Secretaries and Treasurers are optional. Bylaws are based on each regions needs and precedence they set down. In the event that the regions participate in an executive vote USCA only recognized the Regional Director, in the absence the Regional Director the Assistant Regional Director, in the absence the Assistant Regional Director the

Regional Breed Warden in the absence the or the Regional Breed Warden the Regional Training Director and no other officers. Anything that changes club status in the region comes down to simple majority of the clubs and having bylaws may be too restrictive.

9. **Announcements** Kathy Mocainin mentioned the availability of the publication "The Sport of Schutzhund" and that a carton of books could be obtained by the clubs to promote the sport only for shipping cost. If anyone wanted to make a donation to cover the cost of the publications they could make a donation to the region. She said to contact [bj@bjspanos.com](mailto:bj@bjspanos.com) to request the books.

Nathaniel Roque, Southwest Working Dog Association, asked for volunteers for the 2012 Regionals and anyone interested should contact him

10. **Adjournment of Meeting.** Motion to adjourn the meeting made by JJ Belcher, Tuscon Working K9 Club second by Kathy Mocainin, Somis Schutzhund Club. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM

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

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

## Exhibit A

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
Tucson 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 2010 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. 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 is 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 B

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

### 2011 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 one of our sports friends in the last year: Candice Eggert. Candice was a longtime member of the Schutzhund community and a member of the Southern California Schutzhund Club.

I would like to thank Brad Stevens, Peter Oja and the members of the Scottsdale Schutzhund Club 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 Carson City, Nevada. I would like to thank the SW Region clubs who were able to send delegates.

Craig Groh was reelected as vice President of USCA, Nathaniel Roque was selected to be the Director of Judges, and Johannes Grewe was elected to be a Director at Large. Our Region continues to be well represented on the Board of USCA. I would like to personally thank them for their tireless work on our behalf.

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.

- Lyle Roetemeyer was elected to another term as President of USCA.
- Membership dues increase individual membership \$100, Family membership \$150, and Youth membership \$25. This was the first dues increase in since 1996. The dues increase was necessary to continue with the service provided, revamp the web site, and offset the costs of seminars.
- There were a number of other items that were on the agenda for attention but were withdrawn due to lack of time.
- We have 25 full member clubs in this region. We have a new club forming in the Laguna Niguel area the name will be South Coast Schutzhund Club. We have two more clubs with affiliate status.

Three clubs did not hold a trial this year; The North County Schutzhund Club, the Tucson Working K9 Club, and the SoCal Working Dog Association, they asked for and were granted a waiver. All three clubs cited membership and organizational issues as their reason for the waiver.

This is an election year for our Board. I would like to thank each the Regional Board members, Johannes Grewe, Terry Fisk, Karen Groh, Roanna Banducci, and Kris Taylor for all their help, and support.

I would like to especially thank Terry Fisk for the website and its timely update. Terry is a member of the GEC committee and is working on several projects that will aid in the function of our Region.

I am not present at this meeting because of a family emergency that came up at the last minute.

I wish all of the competitors the best of luck and a great trial.

Thom Payne  
SWRD

**Exhibit C**  
**United Schutzhund Clubs of America**  
**Southwest Region – Treasurers Report**  
 Prepared by: Karen Groh, SW Regional Treasurer

**March 2010 – March 2011**

<b>Account balance forward</b>		
<b>Feb 2009</b>	\$3,824.00	<b>\$3,824.00</b>
<b>Income</b>		
(club dues 27 clubs)		
April 22, 2010 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr Dues	\$ 666.67	
July 21, 2010 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr Dues	\$ 229.15	
October 21, 2010 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr Dues	\$ 220.82	
February 10, 2011 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr Dues	\$ 162.48	<b>\$ 1,279.12</b>
<b>Regional Website Ads ( 6 @ \$20.00)</b>		
J-C Balu 07/23/10	\$ 40.00	
Danny Craig 07/22/10	\$ 20.00	
Karen Groh 07/06/10	\$ 20.00	
DeLisle 05/31/10	\$ 20.00	
Teresa Cowart 07/12/10	\$ 20.00	
		<b>\$5,223.12</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
ostage 2009 Regional meeting club mailing	\$ 37.53	
Regional website expenses 2009/2010	\$ 59.40	
2010 Stadium expense - Anacapa	\$ 500.00	
<b>Total Expenses ending March 23, 2010</b>	\$ 596.93	<b>&lt;\$596.93&gt;</b>
<b>Ending account balance</b>		<b>\$4,626.19</b>

<b>Projected income</b>	
24 clubs @ 50.00 per club	\$1200.00
<b>Projected Expenses</b>	
Regional Breed Warden Sieger show	\$ 500.00
Postage	40.00
Regional Website	60.00
Regional Stadium	\$ 500.00
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	\$1,100.00
<b>Projected income</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>

## Exhibit D

### 2011 Regional Breed Warden Report

1. This past year we had three conformation shows & breed surveys. The first show was hosted by Dog Star GSD Club on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There were 55 entries and 8 breed surveys with SV Judge Herr Bernd Weber. For there first USA conformation show, it was well organized with many in attendance
2. The 2010 Regional Conformation Show was hosted by Somis SchH Club on May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 with USA Judge Ricardo Carbajal. I am glad that Somis supported one of our own USA Conformation Judges for our annual regional event. There were 49 entries and 5 breed surveys. Although the entries were lower than expected, Somis put on an excellent show for our region with everything being very well organized, exhibitor and spectator friendly, and a it was a real first class regional event.
3. West Coast SchH Club hosted a show and breed survey on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> with SV Judge & Koermeister Wilhelm Nordsieck. There were 33 entries and 13 breed surveys.
4. The 2011 Regional Conformation Show will be hosted by the Dog Star GSD Club sometime in the fall of this year. Plans are currently in the process of being made for the show.
5. A reminder for those clubs planning on hosting an AD with their conformation show & breed survey. The SV now requires that the AD be specifically requested when the club is hosting a Show/Kormeister Judge. Make certain that your SV Judge request and event authorization notes the request for an AD when preparing the paperwork for your conformation show and breed survey.
6. The 2010 Sieger Show was held on June 4<sup>th</sup> through & 6<sup>th</sup> in Geneva, Wisconsin. The judges for the show were: SV Judge Hans Peter Schweiner for all of the Female Classes and our own USA/SV Judge Johannes Grewe judge all of the Males Classes. The Performance Test for all the Working Males & Females was judged by our own Head of Judges, Nathaniel Roque. Lionel Madden from our SW Region was again the helper for the Performance Test. And, our own Craig Groh, USA's Vice Pres., was a tremendous asset at the Sieger Show helping the judges and the ring. Although entries were down from previous years, as the economy has affected the conformation show entries, it turned out to be one of the nicest Sieger Shows that I have attended.
7. From our SW Region we had quite an outstanding showing of high placing dogs at this Sieger Show:  
  
VA1 Male: Titan vom Mittlewest II is owned by Julie Martinez & co-owned by our region's Shannon O'Donnavan. VA2 Male: Jaro von Avenir owned by Howard Deshong who lives in our SW Region. VA4 Male: Quartz vom Wustenberger-Land bred & owned by Jeannette Kempkes. And: VA2 Female: Nikola vom Wustenberger-Land bred by Jeannette Kempkes and owner by Michael Kempkes.
8. The 2011 USA Sieger Show will be held in Dallas, Texas on April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be the first year that Long Coated GSD's will be awarded a show rating at our Sieger Show and the Veteran's Class is also back in Sieger Show again. The judges will be: SV Judge Bernd Weber for all of the Male Classes and USA Judge Karen MacIntyre will be judging all of the Female Classes. The Performance Test for all the Working Males & Females will again be judged by our own Head of Judges, Nathaniel Roque. The first entry deadline was March 16<sup>th</sup> and the late deadline is on March 29<sup>th</sup>. As of the first deadline, there are already over 175 entries and we are expecting over 200 entries for the show.
9. We have already received a bid for the 2012 Sieger Show from Mike Dieh & Sean O'Kane from Indianapolis, interest for the 2013 Sieger Show from Ventura, CA, and for the 2014 Sieger Show from Jeff Lund in Kentucky.

10. I have done the photography for the past 10 USA Sieger Shows and I have been again asked to do the photos for the 2011 Sieger Show & magazine. I am looking forward to once again having this honor of covering such an important USA event.

11. This year the WUSV will be hosting a World Universal Sieger Competition in June 2011 in Austria. USA will be sending 3 team members to this event to represent USA.

High Plains SchH Club with Anne Marie Chaffin will be hosting the first USA Universal Sieger Team Qualifier Trial on May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in Denver, Colorado. USA's Judge/Koermeister Karen MacIntyre will be judging the SchH Trial & Breed Show. The top three qualifying competitors will earn a spot on the team.

12. We are down in our Region's Breed Wardens & Tattooers. We currently have 10 Breed Wardens and 6 Tattooers representing 8 of the 25 clubs & 2 affiliate clubs in our SW Region. Microchips are now accepted in place of the tattooing of the dog but, it is important that we have more tattooers & bw's trained within our region. I had planned to hold a seminar last year, but was ill most of last year. I do plan to contact the clubs this year to see if there is any interest in me putting on a Tattooer –BW Seminar to see if we can train more people for these positions so that those needing these services will not have to travel so far.

That concludes my report!

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South Western Regional Breed Warden

## **Exhibit D**

### **Southwest Region – Regional Training Director Report**

This past year we had the regionals hosted at Anacapa Schutzhund Club. I'd like to thank them for putting out a very well run event.

Regional training seminars were not held this year for a few reasons. Financial reasons were the largest of them. Roland Siebel and Sandro Sechi seminar was held but I decided to not have it become a regional training seminar because of the heavy financial losses projected.

Other seminars are slated for future dates now but weren't hosted yet because of logistical and financial purposes. Many exciting ideas and options are on the table for this upcoming year.

A goal for this year's regionals was to involve and develop a newer crop of young helpers to participate in the event. I feel this was accomplished this year as two out of the three regional helpers are, although not new as helpers, but they are new to the regional level. It is my goal to continue to develop young helpers for the future regional and national events.

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