Regional Director, Gail Kendall gave a welcoming speech to the attendees.

I. **Call to Order**

Regional Director, Gail Kendall called the meeting to order on January 18, 2014 at 5:40 PM in Casa Grande, AZ.

II. **Roll Call**

Regional Director, Gail Kendall conducted a roll call. The following officers, clubs and delegates were present.

**Officers**
Regional Director, Gail Kendall  
Assistant Regional Director, Richard Rosen  
Treasurer, Victoria Hall  
Regional Training Director, Kris Taylor  
Regional Breed Warden, Roanna Banducci  
Secretary, Terry Fisk—Absent (Regional Webmaster, Curt Holstein filled in as secretary)

**Clubs and Delegates**
Nicole Williams, Arizona Schutzhund Club  
Eniko Holstein, Scottsdale Schutzhund Club  
Christian Weissman, Anacapa Working Dog Association  
Bill Szentmiklosi, Phoenix Schutzhund Club  
Jessica Vampola, Aztec Schutzhund Club  
Marie Weller, Golden State Schutzhund Club  
Janay Greenlee, North County Schutzhund Club  
Danny Craig, San Diego Diesthund Club

8 of the 19 full member clubs were present. A quorum was established.

III. **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Motion to accept minutes as sent out made by Danny Craig, San Diego Diesthund  
Second by Janay Greenlee, North County SchH Club  
No opposition, vote unanimous

IV. **Officers’ Reports**

a) Regional Director’s Report—See Exhibit B  
b) Assistant Regional Director—See Exhibit C  
c) Treasurer’s Report—See Exhibit D  
d) Regional Training Director’s Report—See Exhibit E  
e) Regional Breed Warden’s Report—See Exhibit F
V. **Old Business**

None

VI. **New Business**

a) Approval of expenses of $500.00 for Regional Director to attend the 2014 USCA General Membership Meeting. Motion to approve by Janay Greenlee, North County SchH Club, second by Bill Szentmiklosi, Phoenix Schutzhund Club. Vote unanimous to approve.

b) Approval of expenses for Assistant Regional Director, none submitted.

c) Approval of expenses of $500.00 for Regional Breed Warden to attend the 2014 Sieger Show. Motion to approve by Nicole Williams, Arizona SchH Club, second by Janay Greenlee, North County SchH Club.

11 approved with one abstention.

d) Approval of expenses for Regional Treasurer- none submitted

e) Approval of expenses for Regional Secretary- none submitted

f) Approval of expenses for Regional Webmaster. Curt Holstein requested $140.00 for web hosting service. Motion to approve by Marie Weller, Golden State, second by Janay Greenlee, North County SchH Club.

Vote unanimous to approve.

g) Approval of expenses for 2014 IPO Championship Helpers. Victoria Hall requested $600.00 to offset unusual costs of helpers traveling from CA to AZ. Motion to approve by Danny Craig, San Diego Diesthund, second by Nicole Williams, Arizona SchH Club.

11 approved with one abstention

h) Bid for 2015 Regional IPO Championship. No bids were submitted. Motion to extend the bid process for 90 days was made by Danny Craig, San Diego Diesthund, second by Nicole Williams, Arizona SchH Club

Vote unanimous to approve.

i) Bid for the 2015 Regional Conformation Show. Roanna Banducci submitted a bid on behalf of West Coast Schutzhund Club. No information about the judge or the date was available at this time. Motion to approve made by Janay Greenlee, North County SchH Club, second by Marie Weller, Golden State.

11 approved with one abstention.

j) Motion by Kris Taylor to make the date of the Regional Seminar a blackout date for all other events within our region. Gail explained that this would not affect any club that already had that date authorized for a club event. No club would be “bumped” by the Regional Seminar. Motion to approve was made by Nicole Williams, Arizona SchH Club, second by Janay Greenlee, North County SchH Club.

11 approved with one abstention.

k) Motion by Victoria Hall to clarify the wording with respect for the selection process of helpers for the IPO championship. A lengthy discussion ensued. Comments: Danny Craig, San Diego Diesthund, questioned why helpers can’t work trials multiple times if they were the safest. Objected to the change of rotation. Bill Szentmiklosi, Phoenix Schutzhund Club, stated selecting helpers outside our region does not promote helpers within our region. Victoria Hall- Regional Treasurer, can we all accept the time frame portion? We will amend this to drop the part about going outside the region. Kris Taylor, Regional Training Director, Safety should be part of the wording. Motion to accept the amended motion was made by Nicole Williams, Arizona SchH Club, second by Christian Weissman, Anacapa Working Dog Association.

10 approved with 2 abstentions
Item number 8 of the SW Region IPO Championship Guidelines will now read as follows:

8. Trial Helpers for this event should reside within the SW Region and possess the correct “Helper Classification” to work a Regional Championship.

The Regional Training Director will ask for helper applications 90 days prior to the trial. Helper applications will include an un-edited IPO3 routine including both front and back halves (can be more than one video), bio and the last 5 trial pages scanned from the helper-book. The Regional Training Director will share this information with the other members of the helper committee which will include the Regional Director and a member of the Host Club.

 Helper applications will close six weeks prior to the close of entries. The helpers will be selected and announced by the helper committee not less than 30 days prior to the close of entries.

The Helper Committee will announce their decisions regarding the selection of the helpers for the IPO3 Championship Trial to include the front and back half helpers for the IPO3 as well as the IPO 1 and 2 helper and one alternate.

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.

At all times, first and foremost, helpers selected for the Championship must display the safety, skill and intensity indicative of a Regional Championship event.

I) Motion by Roanna Banducci to modify the stadium requirement to receive the regional donation of $500.00. Roanna explained that we would be changing the wording to allow stadiums and fields approved by the Regional Breed Warden and supported by a vote of the Regional Executive Board. All references to USA would now become USCA.
Motion to accept the amended motion was made by Nicole Williams, Arizona SchH Club, second by Christian Weissman, Anacapa Working Dog Association.
11 approved with one no vote.
Changes to the SW Conformation Show Guidelines will read:

3. Conflicting Events. No other USCA events may be scheduled within our Region for the weekend of the Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey. No trial, conformation show, breed survey, or helper classification 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.

7. A stadium is recommended for the event, but in lieu of a stadium an adequate size field may be used with the approval of the Regional Breed Warden and supported by a vote of the Regional Executive Board

8. If the Regional Conformation Show is held in a stadium or a venue approved by
the Regional Executive Board, 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, ie. stadium rental, helper reimbursement, judge’s fees etc.

m) Motion by Terry Fisk (read by Rich Rosen in her absence) to increase the distance from 50 to 75 miles between clubs having events on the same day. Motion to approve the motion was made by Janay Greenlee, North County SchH Club. No second. Motion dies for lack of a second.

VII. Announcements

Gail Kendall commented on changes being made to the USCA web site. Kris Taylor spoke about the possibility of having a Regional Helpers’ College at our next IPO Championship.

VIII Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at approx. 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Minutes taken by Curt Holstein
Typed by Gail Kendall
Exhibit B
REGIONAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT 2014

I’d like to welcome the membership, judges, helpers, tracklayers as well as my Board to the annual 2014 board meeting.

Tonight, I’m going to put you to work by asking that you do a little applauding. I don’t think people in our sport often get enough recognition. There are so many people, and clubs that step up to the plate. We need to be reminded that no one is salaried here, this is a volunteer organization. There are so many competitors who may or may not ever win a championship but they’re still out there laying track at 6AM in the dusty dirt. So tonight, I’m going to put you to work doing some recognition applauding.

First, I’d like to thank Victoria Hall and the members of ASC for hosting our 2014 Regional. Let’s give them a round of applause. Our judges Mr. Deacon and Ms. Duggan- and all the USCA judges in the room- Mr. Bob Johantgen and Mr. Bill Szentmiklosi—our helpers, Lionel Madden, Kris Taylor, Rodd Proctor and alternate Erik Freitag-- our tracking coordinator, Dre Hastings and his assistant Curt Holstein.

2013-3 REGIONAL EVENTS
Our 2013 SW IPO Regional Championship was held in Feb. hosted by Thom Payne and the Aztec SchH Club. His team really stepped up with back to back Regional events. Thank you Aztec. Chris Kutelis our 2013 Regional Champion was not able to be here to defend his title but wanted to wish everyone the best of luck.

Our 2nd Regional event was the Regional Seminar in June with Mr. Mike Diehl. (I’ll let Kris elaborate later on that). But again, I want to thank Anacapa Working Dog Association for hosting the event, providing the facility, meals, transportation and the presenter’s dinner.

At this Regional Seminar, I called for a first time meeting of training directors. The 11 directors that showed began a dialog between clubs that have been very successful and some still struggling. All shared some common concerns. I’d like all the Training Director’s that we have here tonight to get a round of applause. It takes a special person to donate their time and care about each and every member of their club.

Our 3rd regional event was in October of 2013. I want to thank the Scottsdale Schutzhund Club for hosting our 2013 SW Regional Conformation Show, Breed Survey and AD. This was a first time event for Scottsdale and the they proved in spite of date changes, judges changes and their newness, a successful show can still be had. So, I’d like to thank Curt Holstein, show secretary, who worked countless hours with Roanna Banducci, our Regional Breed Warden. Let’s give some applause for the entire Scottsdale Schutzhund Club membership.

REVIEWING THE REGIONAL STATISTICS
We have: 19 Full Member Clubs
3 Affiliates
I unfortunately had to place El Cajon SchH Club, Inc. and OG Tucson Schutzhund Club back to affiliate status. West Coast Schutzhund Club was given a one time waiver for bereavement. We lost two clubs, Tucson Working K9 and an affiliate Club, Vegas Valley in Nevada. However, we picked up one new club- Danubius Schutzhund Club in CA. We also have two new clubs that turning in their paperwork this week, Red Rock in Nevada and East Valley Working Schutzhund Club in Chandler, AZ. Total we had: 20 IPO Trials
3 Helper Classifications
2 Conformation Shows
1 Practice Show
1 Regional Seminar
We’re on the move- and still growing.

2013 GSD IPO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND GENERAL BOARD MEETING

In November of this last year I attended the General Board Meeting in Merced, CA. We had 39 delegates. Nathaniel Roque introduced the new apprentice judges including Robert Johantgen from our region. Nathaniel also introduced Ms. Andrea Duggan (our Regional tracking judge) as having completed her apprenticeship.

Several financial motions were approved but much of the discussion centered around motions dealing with memberships in competing GSD clubs. All these motions failed. The status quo will remain.

The Southwest Region put forth a five man team at the championship: Teresa Cowart, Kris Taylor, Nathaniel Roque, Thom Payne- who won high scoring SW Regional dog, and Gail Kendall. I humbly accepted the sportsmanship award. Our region was well represented as all members of our team turned in a passing score.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR
This year I was privy to rewriting the National Events Manual with President Jim Alloway. We successfully reformatted the document to be more user friendly and precise in the expectations.

REGIONAL BOARD AND COMMITTEES
Finally, I want to thank my Board members: Rich Rosen, Kris Taylor Roanna Banducci, Victoria Hall, and Terry Fisk. This year Terry’s busy schedule would not allow her continue as Regional Webmaster. So, I’d like to introduce you to our new Regional Webmaster- Mr. Curt Holstein, could you please stand. I believe we were able to make a smooth transition, so thank you Curt.

We also want to continue to thank Ms. Kathy Mocanin for being our facebook moderator.

MOVING FORWARD
Moving forward, for 2014, we hope to continue to provide quality events for our membership and continue to dialog with our training directors. Furthermore, I have asked Roanna Banducci to start formatting a “how to manual” for new clubs wanting to put on a Conformation Show, Breed Survey and AD. I am working on putting a team together to promote fundraising ideas for the region and I will be calling on members to help start drafting Regional Guidelines (By-Laws).

We are working for you and I thank you for the opportunity. Thank you.
Welcome everyone. Tonight I’d like to speak to you about a fundraising idea. I’ve had several conversations with the Regional Director about generating revenue for the region. The idea I would like to see is to create a Regional T-shirt. On the front of the T-shirt we could have a Regional Logo. The Logo could be part of a region wide contest with each club submitting an entry. The back of the T-shirt would list all member clubs. I believe if we charge a reasonable fee and encourage all members to show their support by purchasing a shirt, a profit could be made. The profit would be placed in the regional treasury to off set needed expenditures.

I am also in the process of trying to compile a regional helpers’ list. This will help us to contact helpers for needed seminars/trials. We need access to information in order to make better decisions.

Thank you
Richard Rosen
# Exhibit D

Treasury’s Report

Southwest Region

February 2013 through December 2013

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Total Ending Balance: $5,458.92

Net Gain of: $683.09
Helper Selection 2013
Helpers for the 2013 SW Region IPO Championship were Lionel Madden doing the front half and Tyler Pluss on the back half.

In 2013 we held a Regional Seminar with Mr. Mike Diehl. The main emphasis of the seminar was to work with training helpers. We want to thank Anacapa for hosting this event. There was an excellent spectator turnout along with a large number of helpers.

Helper Selection 2014
This year the selection was a bit different. We had a helper from outside the region apply. While this is not against the rules, it is clear that helpers within our own region will always have first shot. This year, I decided to enter myself. The helper selection committee is made up of the chairman of the host club, the Regional Director and the Regional Training Director. Since I was a candidate, the Assistant Regional Director stepped in to complete the voting process. The result for 2014 was:
Kris Taylor- Front half IPO3’s,
Lionel Madden- Back half of the IPO 3’s,
Rodd Proctor- IPO 1’s and 2’s,
Erik Freitag- alternate

The 2014 Regional Seminar will be in Ramona CA on February 8th and 9th hosted by Aztec Schutzhund Club. Wallace Payne, the 2013 National Champion will be covering tracking and protection.
Again, it will be very affordable at $25.00 per day for working spots and $20.00 per day for spectators.

Thank you
Kris Taylor
1). This past year our Region had one Affiliation Conformation Show, a Handler’s Seminar, and two Conformation Shows & Breed Surveys.

2). On September 28th & 29th Scottsdale Schutzhund Club held a Handler’s Seminar put on by Rachelle Salerno and also, their Affiliation Conformation Show in which I acted as the judge so that their club would be able to qualify for and host the 2013 SW Regional Conformation Show. On Saturday, Rachelle put on a very informative and detailed hands-on seminar for our Region. Around 25 people attended her lecture and were given handouts put together Rachelle. She then individually took each person’s dog or dogs and showed them how to stack them, present them to the judge, and ran the ring with each person and their dog. I want to thank Rachelle for hosting this very educational seminar and also, Jack Bolado & his son who drove all the way from San Diego, CA to bring some of Rachelle’s personal show dogs to demonstrate how ring trained dogs should perform in the ring.

Then on Sunday the Scottsdale Schutzhund held their Affiliation Conformation Show. I want to thank the all of their club members for putting on such a nice practice show. Moreover, they were willing to listen, learn, and participate in putting on the show. Rachelle again helped handle several exhibitors’ dogs along with other people who came out to help & support this club. A special thanks to the show secretary, Curt Holstein, who put together a great first time catalog, was organized dealing with the tremendous amount of required paperwork involved in a show, and was eager & willing to learn from me. I also want to thank our Regional Director, Gail Kendal, and Regional Secretary, Victoria Hall for supporting both events.

3). On October 25th through the 27th Scottsdale Schutzhund Club held the 2013 SW Regional Conformation Show with SV Judge and Koermiester Wilfred Scheld. There were 37 show entries and 5 breed surveys. We had entries from 6 states and 3 countries.

Our SW Regional Sieger for the Working Class Long Coat Males went to Rikkor von Salerno bred and owned by Rachelle Salerno.

Our SW Regional Sieger for the Working Class Males went to Milan Vom Markt Wernberg owned by Rachelle Salerno.

And our SW Regional Siegerian for the Working Class Females went to Emster V Bullinger owned by Tracy Bullinger.

The support shown to this Club putting on their first real show and a Regional Show at that from exhibitors and spectators from all over is what it is all about. I have to say it is one of the best shows I have been to not only because of all of the hard work all of the members did but, also the camaraderie I experienced at this show from everyone who attended. There are too many club members, other clubs, and individuals that deserve a “special thanks” for working at and supporting this show. I don’t want to miss anyone so I am just going to sincerely say thank you to everyone who helped support our Regional Show and you all know who you are!!!

4). Our second show for the year was held on December 15th hosted by Dog Star GSD Club. It was a nice club show with USCA Judge & Breed Survey Judge, Johannes Grewe, with 3 breed surveys and 28 entries for the show.

5). This 2013 Sieger Show was held in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin on May 10th, 11th & 12th. There were 366 entries. There were 10 USCA members from our region that entered a total of 21 dogs at the Sieger Show. People from our region with notable success were:

Nicole Riley with her Working Class Male Raul von Godalis who received a V7,
Jeanette Kempkes with her Working Class Male, Hugo vom Wustenberger-Land who received a V11 of which she is the breeder and owner.
Jack Tsai with his Working Class Male Cobra d’ Ulmental who received a VA2 and Fanta du Domaine de Faune Working Class Female receiving a V1,
And, Rachelle Salerno with a dog she bred and owns, Rikkor von Salerno, received the honor of Sieger in the Long Coat Working Male Class with a V1 rating. This dog also received the Highest American Bred Award for a Male Long Coat.

6). The 2014 SW Regional Conformation Show, was scheduled to be held on March 28th through the 30th by West Coast Schutzhund Club. The SV Judge, Lothar Quoll, they had booked had to cancel because he was elected as the new SV National Breed Warden in Germany and other commitments came up due to his new position. But, he really wants to come and judge our Regional Show so it has been rescheduled. The new dates are November 19th through the 22nd.

7). The 2014 Sieger Show will be held in St. Louis, MO at Purina Farms on May 16th through the 18th. The Judges will be SV Judge Wilhelm Nordsieck judging all of the Male Classes and USCA Judge Karen MacIntyre who will be judging all of the Females Classes and our own USCA/SV Judge Nathaniel Roque who will be judging the Performance Test.

8). We are currently looking at two bids for the 2015 Sieger Show and will be voting on these bids when more information is received on them.

9). I received a notice with some good news from our USCA President, Jim Alloway. USCA will be reimbursing their Regional Breed Wardens up to $750.00 for attending and working at the Sieger Show.

10). I am still working on finalizing and updating a detailed explanation on “How to Put on a Local and Regional Conformation Show”. When finished and approved, this will be placed on our web site for any club interested in hosting a conformation show to simplify the complex process of hosting a show.

11). Over a year ago I sent in an updated Breed Warden, Tattooer, and Breeders List for USCA’s web site for our region. I have continued to try to get this information corrected and updated but, they still have not done so on the new USCA web site. Hopefully, it will be done soon. We currently have 6 Breed Wardens and 7 tattooers.

That concludes my report,
Roanna Banducci
Southwestern Regional Breed Warden