

**NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2017  
MERRIMACK, NH**

**MINUTES**

Don called the meeting to order at 5pm. Don welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending

Call of Members:

- Berkshire Working Dog Club
- Central Mass Working Dog Club
- Empire Working Dog Club
- First HGH Herding Club
- Inner City Working Dog Club
- Maine Schutzhund Club
- Merrimack Valley Working Dog Club
- Monadnock Working Dog IPO Club
- North Boston IPO Club
- Northeast K9
- Ocean State Schutzhund Club
- Quinebaug Schutzhund Club
- SouthCoast Working Dog Club
- Southern New Hampshire Working Dog Club

2016 Minutes were approved by Northeast K9 and seconded by Ocean State Schutzhund Club.

There were no matters arising from the 2016 Minutes

Regional Director's Report – it was reported that Vadim is working hard with the USCA regarding money allowance for the region - \$1,500 for education, \$1,000 for IPO Championship and \$1,000 for the Conformation Show. It has been voted on and approved.

Assistant Regional Director's Report – Vadim asked that all clubs send delegates to attend the General Board Meeting at the Nationals in November. They need a quorum as there are very important items that will be discussed and voted on.

Training Director's Report – no report

Breed Warden's Report – Ivana reported that Deb Perks did a very nice showing at the Seiger Show with her bitch that was bred by Marriann McCormack.

Ivana reminded everyone that this year's NE Conformation Show will be hosted by MVWDC and that they have a very good judge and for everyone to support the Show. Ivana suggested to MVWDC to have their entries online and to advertise!

Ivana reported the following information regarding dogs entered in the 2017 NE Region IPO Championship:

- 32 GSDs
- All dogs entered are from titled parents
- 21 dogs USA bred
- 14 dogs bred in region
- 8 dogs BHOT

The region has a lot to be proud of.

Treasurer's Report – Maggie reviewed the transactions for the year, September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017. Don advised that the USCA had not forwarded funds to the region as yet.

Any Other Business –

- Helper Selection – Lance Woodley stated that helpers in the region should have the opportunity to try out for the Regional Event. It is the responsibility is for each helper to attend the try-outs and if no one shows up then it is up to the Club hosting the Championship to pick their helpers.

A heated discussion took place and it was decided by Don that every Club have one month in which to forward their suggestions in writing to the Board their opinion for the best way to select helpers. There are currently three options available per the Regional Policy -

1. Helper Selection. The Regional Director has to be notified within 30 days of the Regional Championship which of the following 4 options the hosting club is choosing
  - Open tryouts at the event.
  - Open tryouts at the Regional Helper Seminar.
  - Pre-selection of up to 4 helpers by the club, with placement tryouts at the event. The pre-selection has to be approved by a majority vote of the Regional Director, the Regional Training Director, and Regional Teaching Helpers that are not entered in the event.
  - Straight pre-selection with the same approval process as # 3.

- Regional Events –
  - Conformation Show – 2017 - MVWDC  
2018 – MVWDC  
2019 - QSC
  - Helpers Seminar - 2018 - SCWDC  
2019 – ICWDC
  - Training Weekend 2018 – Central Mass Working Dog Club  
2019 – MVWDC
  - IPO Championship 2018 – SouthCoast WDC/Berkshire WDC  
2019 – Central Mass WDC

Election of Officers – The present Board was approved by all.

The meeting then ended at 6:05pm.