

Minutes

New England Region of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America

September 6, 2008, 3:30 PM

Devens, MA

1. Welcome

Regional Assistant Director Ken Murphy welcomed and thanked the members that were in attendance. He also thanked Outkast Schutzhund Club for hosting this year's Regional Championship. He informed the membership that currently there was one club pending full membership status and welcomed Niagara Working Dog Club as a new full member of the region.

2. Role Call

Acting Secretary Tracy Stowers called role call. The following clubs were represented at the meeting:

Empire Dog Club

Interstate Schutzhund Club

Liberty Schutzhund Club

Niagara Frontier Working Dog Club

Bay State Police and Schutzhund Club

Inner City Schutzhund Club

Merrimack Valley Schutzhund Club

Southern New Hampshire Working Dog Club

Outkast Schutzhund Club

Ocean State Schutzhund Club

There were enough clubs represented to constitute a quorum.

3. Treasurer's Report

Stowers reported to the membership that there was approximately \$2,3000.00 in the treasury. Baystate Schutzhund Club and Southern New Hampshire Working Dog Club both donated back the money they received from the region for holding a regional event. She reported to the membership that the expenses for the year consisted of the Regional Trophy, Regional Universal Sieger Trophy and the website.

MOTION: A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report.

ACTION: The motion was seconded and was unanimously passed.

4. By Laws

Murphy informed the membership that the Regional By Laws had passed by email ballot. He informed the membership that a proposed amendment to the By Laws had been brought to his attention. It was felt that the paragraph referring to the reimbursement of expenses to the Regional Director was too broad and non-specific.

MOTION: Article VIII, Section 2, Subsection B will be eliminated from the Regional By Laws.

REASON: This clause does not take into account such situations as reimbursements by USA or the regional representative competing in the National. Expenses may be submitted for reimbursement under Article VIII, Section 2, Subsection A.

ACTION: The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by role call vote.

5. World Trophy Donation

Murphy asked the membership if they were interested in sponsoring a trophy for the WUSV Championships being held in the United States this October.

MOTION: To spend \$150 of the Region's funds to sponsor a trophy, to be determined, for the upcoming WUSV Championship.

ACTION: The motion was seconded and was voted on and unanimously passed.

6. Next Year's Events

Murphy informed the membership that Liberty Schutzhund Club was interested in holding the 2009 Regional Schutzhund Championship.

MOTION: To allow Liberty Schutzhund Club to hold the 2009 Regional Schutzhund Championship.

ACTION: Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Murphy informed the membership that Niagara Frontier Working Dog Club was interested in holding the 2010 Regional Schutzhund Championship

MOTION: To allow Niagara Frontier Working Dog Club to hold the 2010 Regional Schutzhund Championship.

ACTION: Motion was seconded and unanimously passed

Murphy informed the membership that Merrimack Valley Working Dog Club was interested in holding the 2009 Regional Conformation Show.

MOTION: To allow Merrimack Valley Working Dog Club to hold the 2009 Regional Conformation Show.

ACTION: Motion was seconded and unanimously passed

7. New Business

The membership expressed concern that the only incoming monies to the region were from the club membership dues and they discussed potential fundraising ideas. It was suggested to solicit sponsorships for events and the region, increasing membership dues and taking a percentage of entry fees for regional events and giving it to the region. Roger Hatfield volunteered to put together a committee to look into fundraising ideas and opportunities.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the annual meeting

ACTION: The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.