

## **New England Regional Meeting Minutes**

**September 17, 2011 Lancaster, Ma**

Clubs Attending:

Quinebaug Schutzhund Club	Maine Schutzhund Club
Baystate Police and Schutzhund Club	Inner City Schutzhund Club
Ocean State Schutzhund Club	Merrimack Valley Working Dog Club
Outkast Schutzhund Club	Southern New Hampshire Working Dog Club
Empire Working Dog Club	Liberty Schutzhund Club

### **Old Business:**

Pia told the clubs present that the Universal Sieger rules that were voted on and approved at last year's meeting for the Regional Universal Sieger program were never distributed to the region. Therefore, this year the old rules will apply.

### **New Business:**

The term of the present Regional Officers are up and new officers need to be voted in. The votes went as follows:

Regional Director: Don Yelle was nominated for Regional Director and accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded. John Horan was nominated for Regional Director and accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded. A closed ballot was done and a majority of the clubs present voted Don Yelle as the new Regional Director.

Assistant Regional Director: Pia Blackwell said that she would run for Assistant Regional Director. The motion was seconded. Scott Carlson was nominated also. He accepted the nomination and the motion was seconded. John Horan was nominated also. He accepted the nomination and the motion was seconded. A closed ballot was done. Inner City abstained from the voting and the results were a three way tie. Scott Carlson stepped down from the nomination and another closed ballot was held. The results were that a majority of the clubs present voted Pia Blackwell as the Assistant Regional Director.

At this point in the Pia handed over the meeting to Don Yelle. He continued to run the remainder of the meeting.

Regional Breed Warden: Kandi Jacopino was asked if she would like to run again and she declined. Ivana Karlsen was nominated as Regional Breed Warden. Ivana accepted the nomination and the motion was seconded. A majority of the clubs present voted Ivana as the Regional Breed Warden.

Regional Training Director: Claudia Romard was asked if she would like to run again and she declined. Ronny Burmer was nominated but declined the nomination. John Horan was nominated and accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded. Frank Phillips was nominated and accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded. John Horan stepped down from running and a majority of the clubs present voted Frank as the Regional Training Director.

Regional Secretary / Treasurer: Karen Pellegrino was asked if she would like to run again and she declined. Kristen Boentgen was nominated and accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded. Maggie Every was nominated but was not present at the meeting as she was doing trial paperwork. An attempt was made to reach her to see if she would accept the nomination but was unsuccessful. The majority of clubs present voted Kristen as the Regional Secretary / Treasurer.

#### **Regional Events for next year:**

Regional Schutzhund Championships: Don asked if any of the clubs would be willing to host the Regional Schutzhund Championships next year. Merrimack Valley Working Dog Club said they would do it. The motion was seconded. The majority of clubs present voted and Merrimack Valley will be hosting the regionals. Ken Murphy stated that he would like to hold the event in early September next year and will notify the region as soon as possible as to dates/venues.

Regional Confirmation Show: Don asked if any of the clubs would be willing to host the Regional Confirmation Show. Ivana Karlsen asked the members present if anyone would object to having a USA judge. As there was no objection Quinebaug Schutzhund Club volunteered to host the event. The motion was seconded. It was noted that they may not have a USA judge but that it could be an option as it is so expensive to hold the show and there has not been many entries in the last two years. Don made a plea to the region to support the show (trophies, etc) and urged as many people as possible enter.

Regional Helper Seminar: Don mentioned that funds are available from USA for this event. Merrimack Valley volunteered to host the event. The motion was seconded. Ocean State volunteered to hold the event. The motion was seconded. The majority of clubs present voted to have Merrimack Valley host the event.

A question was brought up about the funds available from USA and if it had to be a helper seminar or do other events qualify. Don stated that it could be something other than a helper seminar but that the Regional Director has to approve the event, no money can be charged for the event, and that it has to be open to everyone in the region.

Regional Training Weekend: Southern New Hampshire Working Dog Club and Merrimack Valley Working Dog Club volunteered to host the Regional Training Weekend (one day at each club). The motion was seconded. The majority of clubs present voted to have Merrimack Valley and Southern NH host the event.

**\*\*Note – the following was approved by Frank Phillips in an email on September 19, 2011**

Helper Selection for the Regional Championships: 4 options were agreed to and voted on by the clubs at last year's regional meeting. However, this was never distributed to the region. It was voted on and decided that they are to be included in this year's minutes with an addition that the region has to be notified within 30 days of the Regional Championship which of the following 4 options the hosting club is choosing and that Frank Phillips look over the options and approve the wording:

1. Open tryouts at the event.
2. Open tryouts at the Regional Helper Seminar
3. 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.
4. Straight pre-selection with the same approval process as # 3.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and a majority of the clubs present voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Pellegrino