**NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

Pomfret Center, CT

MINUTES

Don called the meeting to order at 5:56PM, welcoming everyone and thanking them for participating and attending.

Call of Members:

* Amherst Working Dog Club (NY)
* Berkshire Working Dog Club (MA)
* Central New York Working Dog Club (NY)
* Connecticut Working Dog Club (CT)
* First HGH Herding Club (NY)
* Hudson Valley Working Dog Klub (NY)
* Inner City Working Dog Club (MA)-Present
* Liberty Working Dog Club (NY)-Present
* Lighthouse Schutzhund Club (NY)
* Maine Schutzhund Club (ME)-Present
* Monadnock Working Dog Club (MA)-Present
* Northeast K9 ((NY)
* Ocean State Schutzhund Club (MA)
* OG New Hampshire (NH)
* Pine Barrens Schutzhund Club (NY)-Present
* Quinebaug Schutzhund Club (CT)-Present
* Schutzhund Club of Buffalo (NY)
* Schutzengal Working Dog Club (NY)
* Southern New Hampshire Working Dog Club (NH)-Present
* Vom Aariz Dog Training Club (NY)
* Whiskey Mountain Schutzhund Club (NH)

**2023 Minutes**. Motion to approve, Seconded, passed.

**Director’s Report-Don**:

This year the Nationals are being held here in Pomfret Center, CT Don is asked for a strong show of support from regional clubs. For this year’s Regional – it was the largest draw!

**Assistant Director’s Report-Scott**: Scott thanked all for a successful Training Weekend and great Helper Seminar turnout; our region has the strongest Helper Program.

**Training Director’s Report:** Nothing to report.

**Breed Warden’s Report-Ivana**: Ivana noted that the Universal Sierger/Seirgerin has seen more dogs.

**Treasurer’s Report-Judy:**

Balance as of 9/9/23: $1,055.32

USCA Dues rec’d 10/23 $1,108.34

10/12/23 Expense $500 Liberty – Regional ‘23

2024 Expenses: $500 Liberty-Regional Show ‘24

 $500 QSC - Regional ‘24

$42.98 Turbify computer Network Services fee

 $59.40 WINHOST Website Fee

9/21/24 Account Balance: $561.28 \*\*see below

 Available Balance: $ 61.28

USCA Dues expected in October, approximately $1,000+.

\*\*Additional Dedicated Account for purchase of sides for regional tent:

$500 in donations received from Whiskey Mountain; Lighthouse; Maine and Pine Barrens.

**Other Business**:

\*Regional tent - with current donations ($500) and any that come in from additional clubs, we will be able to consider the purchase of the sides to the tent (approx. $800-$1,000 total cost).

\*Don will be sending out emails for volunteers at the Nationals.

\*We are currently without a Regional Training Director. The position serves as a liaison between Helpers and the Helper Training Community. Regional elections will be next year, do we wait until then? After discussion, Claudia Hoffmann offered to take the position. Motion to approve, seconded and passed.

\*Review of two annual fees for website concluded there were reasonable.

\*Selection of Helpers for Regionals. Per last year’s meeting, Frank and Don worked on a document to bring forward this year. Should we mimic USCA pre-select via video or continue “as is” appoint helpers two weeks out?

Info from Frank & Don:

Preselection two months prior to date of event.

Selection by: Regional Director; Regional Training Director; Regional Teaching Helper and a Representative of the Hosting Club.

Following discussion included a suggestion that 4 helpers are selected, the final selection is by the judge.

The following motion came forward:

To vote annually on the process to select regional trial helpers, for 2025 to view helper candidates working four dogs in video, selection to by be Regional Director; Regional Training Director; Regional Teaching Helper and a Representative of the Hosting Club. One week prior to event, helpers cannot work trial dogs.

2025 Regional Events:

The Regional Training Weekend and Helper Seminar - Inner City.

Regional IGP Championship – Huson Valley 2025 and Inner City 2026

Regional Confirmation TBD

With no further business to discuss it was motioned and seconded to adjourn, all agreed, meeting concluded at 6:43PM.