

EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS

2011

E-Ballot #34-11 (Approve Updated Rules for Universal Sieger and WUSV Universal Sieger Team)

Motion by Tim Burke, second by Craig Groh, to approve the revised Universal Sieger and WUSV Universal Sieger Team selection regulations. (Regulations attached.)

Vote: YES-16 (Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Mark Hamilton, Scott Hedger, Pedro Jimenez, Vicki Keller, Dena McGowan, Kevin Nance, Mark Scarberry, **NR-4** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Thomas Payne, Don Yelle). **Motion carried 12/7/11.**

E-Ballot #33-11 (Overturn Denial of Event Waiver for Willamette Valley Schutzhund Club)

Motion by Kevin Nance, seconded by Nancy Brigham, to overturn the PNW regional director's denial of an annual event waiver for Willamette Valley Schutzhund Club for 2011.

Background: On September 13, 2011, Mary Dygert petitioned then PNW Regional Director Warren Jones on behalf of Willamette Valley Schutzhund Club for a 2011 waiver from the requirement to host a sanctioned event. Ms. Dygert indicated the following reasons:

We lost the turf farm for tracking earlier this year; with the crazy weather we've had the farmers are still busy working the fields that we would have had available. WVSC members all have young dogs and none are ready for a title. With the economy the way it is, we can't count on enough outside entries to cover or break even. In all of the years WVSC has been a full member club we've hosted anywhere from one to four events per year. The past couple years that sadly went to only one event per year. This new economy has hit the SchH/show world hard as well.

In the previous year it should further be noted that Willamette Valley Schutzhund Club hosted both the regional conformation show and a working trial. Also, in 2010 and 2011 Mary was very active in supporting USCA national events as secretary for the USCA Sieger Show. Both of these events under her guidance were presented extremely well and a testament to her dedication and talent.

Some parties in the region are adamant regarding the need to adhere to existing bylaw requirements and not grant the waiver. Others are equally adamant that "compassion" for the circumstances surrounding Ms. Dygert's request, her unwavering support for USCA national, regional, and past club events, and existing precedent call for the waiver to be granted at the regional level.

However, in the current regional climate of mutual rancor, the new regional director, Kevin Nance, has indicated a position of summarily denying all such waivers lest he be considered "favoring" one entrenched "camp" over another. Thus, it falls before the Executive Board for redress.

Vote: YES-16 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Mark Hamilton, Scott Hedger, Pedro Jimenez, Vicki Keller, Dena McGowan, Kevin Nance, Mark Scarberry), **NR-4** (Craig Groh, Nathaniel Roque, Thomas Payne, Don Yelle). **Motion carried 12/5/11.**

E-Ballot #32-11 (Approve Slate of Judges for 2012 WDC)

Motion by Nathaniel Roque, seconded by Jim Alloway, to approve the following slate of judges for the 2012 Working Dog Championships as approved by the USCA Judges Committee.

Tracking – Mike Hamilton (USCA/SV)

Obedience – Anne Marie Chaffin (USCA/SV)

Protection – Doug Deacon (CND/SV and GSSCC Head Judge)

Vote: YES-17, NO-1, NR-2. Motion carried 11/26/11.

E-Ballot #31-11 (2012 USCA-GSD National Championships)

Motion by Sean O'Kane, seconded by Nancy Brigham, to select Cumberland Valley Schutzhund & Police Club as the host club for the 2012 USCA-GSD National Championships from bid submitted to the National Events Committee (additional information attached).

Background: The NEC has reviewed and approved them as a suitable host club.

Vote: YES-15 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Scott Hedger, Pedro Jimenez, Vicki Keller, Dena McGowan, Mark Scarberry, Don Yelle), **NR-5** (Craig Groh, Al Govednik, Mark Hamilton, Kevin Nance, Thomas Payne). **Motion carried 11/24/11.**

E-Ballot #30-11 (Approve Slate of Judges for 2012 WDC)

Motion by Jim Alloway, seconded by Dennis Vander Linde, to approve the following slate of judges for the 2012 Working Dog Championships:

Tracking – Mike Hamilton (USCA/SV)

Obedience – Anne Marie Chaffin (USCA/SV)

Protection – Doug Deacon (CND/SV and GSSCC Head Judge)

Motion withdrawn 11/17/11.

E-Ballot #29-11 (Waive 21-Day Pre-Notification Period for German Shepherd Schutzhund Club)

Motion by Kevin Nance, seconded by Nancy Brigham, to waive the 21-day pre-notification period for German Shepherd Schutzhund Club's trial scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2011.

Background: On September 10, 2011 then PNW Regional Director Warren Jones issued a trial authorization to Lynne Lewis and German Shepherd Schutzhund Club for November 19, 2011. Both the USCA and regional web sites were annotated accordingly.

Due to several legitimate distractions in the days leading up to the notification, Ms. Lewis was remiss in the submission of the required notice, submitting it November 2, 2011.

Some parties in the region are adamant regarding the need to adhere to existing bylaw requirements and not grant the waiver. Others are equally adamant that "compassion" for the circumstances surrounding Ms. Lewis' oversight, the adverse affect on her club members, and the club's need for the trial before year end to avoid affiliate status along with adherence to existing precedent calls for the waiver to be granted at the regional level.

However, in the current regional climate of mutual rancor, the current regional director, Kevin Nance, has indicated a position of summarily denying all such waivers lest he be considered "favoring" one entrenched "camp" over another. Thus, it falls before the Executive Board for redress.

Vote: YES-16 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Mark Hamilton, Scott Hedger, Pedro Jimenez, Vicki Keller, Kevin Nance, Mark Scarberry, Don Yelle), **NO-3** (Craig Groh, Tim Burke, Dena McGowan), **NR-1** (Gail Kendall). **Motion carried 11/16/11.**

E-Ballot #28-11 (Move 2012 WDC Date)

Motion by Jim Alloway, seconded by Dennis Vander Linde, that the 2012 WDC be moved from the current WDC window to the weekend of April 20-22, 2012.

Background: This change of date is requested so that there is a minimum of three weeks between the WDC and the AWDF trial (which is currently slated for the weekend of May 11-13, 2012).

Vote: YES-15 (Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Jim Alloway, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Mark Hamilton, Scott Hedger, Pedro Jimenez, Vicki Keller, Dena McGowan, Kevin Nance, Mark Scarberry, Don Yelle), **NR-5** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Tim Burke, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Gail Kendall). **Motion carried 11/7/11.**

E-Ballot #27-11 (Approve Judges for 2012 USCA Sieger Show)

Motion by Tim Burke, seconded by Sean O'Kane, to approve Frank Goldlust and Johannes Grewe as our USCA Sieger Show judges for 2012.

Background: The BAC has reviewed and approved them.

Vote: YES-15, ABS-1, NR-4. Motion carried 11/7/11.

E-Ballot #26-11 (2012 Working Dog Championships)

Motion by Nancy Brigham, seconded by Sean O'Kane, to select Mid Ohio SchH Club as the co-host club for the 2012 Working Dog Championships from bid submitted to the National Events Committee.

Background: The NEC has reviewed and approved them as a suitable host club.

Vote: YES-19 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Mark Hamilton, Scott Hedger, Pedro Jimenez, Vicki Keller, Gail Kendall, Dena McGowan, Keven Nance, Mark Scarberry, Don Yelle), **ABS-1** (Jim Alloway). **Motion carried 10/24/11.**

E-Ballot #25-11 (Waive 21-Day Pre-Notification Period for Sugar Run SchH Club)

Motion by Pedro Jimenez, seconded by Nancy Brigham, to waive the 21-day pre-notification period for Sugar Run SchH Club's trial scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2011.

Background: Original EAF was issued March 3, 2011. Canceled due to lack of entries on September 5, 2011. The club they were sharing the judge with has enough entries that they are willing to split the entries with Sugar Run so that they can host their yearly event. The trial date for Sugar Run SchH Club is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2011. I support this club in their efforts to host this trial. They are in good standing in my region.

Vote: YES-18 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Mark Hamilton, Scott Hedger, Pedro Jimenez, Vicki Keller, Dena McGowan, Kevin Nance, Mark Scarberry, Don Yelle), **NR-2** (Nathaniel Roque, Gail Kendall). **Motion carried 10/13/11.**

E-Ballot #24-11 (Change to 2011 USCA German Shepherd Dog National Championship Slate of Pre-Selected Helpers)

Motion by Dennis Vander Linde, seconded by Mark Scarberry, to approve Don Yelle to replace Patrick Davis as one of the four (4) pre-selected helpers for the 2011 USCA German Shepherd Dog National Championship.

Background: Patrick Davis sustained an injury and will not be able to perform the helper work in the 2011 USCA German Shepherd Dog National Championship. As such, Patrick has requested that his name be

withdrawn from the slate of pre-selected helpers for the event. The Helper Committee wishes Patrick a full and speedy recovery. Based on a review of the Helper Committee voting results of the helpers who submitted their qualifications to work this event, Don Yelle had the next highest vote total.

Vote: YES-15 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Jeff Govednik, Mark Hamilton, Pedro Jimenez, Vicki Keller, Gail Kendall, Dena McGowan, Kevin Nance, Mark Scarberry), **ABS-3** (Nancy Brigham, Sean O’Kane, Don Yelle), **NR-2** (Craig Groh, Johannes Grewe). **Motion carried 10/12/11.**

E-Ballot #23-11 (USCA Donation to AWDF Team at FCI-IPO Championship)

Motion by Craig Groh, seconded by Al Govednik, to approve a \$5,000 donation by USCA to the 2011 AWDF Team competing at the FCI-IPO Championship.

Background: This year we have five USCA members handling their German shepherd dogs on the AWDF/USA Team at the FCI-IPO Championship. The AWDF Team relies completely on donations to help their team members defer the cost of overseas travel with their dogs. We should support the entire team by making a donation.

Many of you may not be aware that funding for the trip comes primarily from the competitors themselves. Flight, airfare, hotel, rental car, etc. can easily run in excess of \$5,000 per competitor. THE TEAM NEEDS OUR HELP! All donations will be equally split among the competitors. All of the collected donations will pass directly through to the competitors—no administrative costs.

The team has not been able to gain any sort of large personal or corporate sponsorships this year. At this time the AWDF is not in a position to provide anything other than entry, trophy, and a few other misc. fees for our international team. Last year the team did quite well, finishing 3rd overall. Supporting the FCI Championship is really in our best interests, as it is also a reflection on the USCA. These are the donations for the FCI team that have been received so far by USCA:

- \$100 – Kentucky Ridge Hundesport
- \$200 – Ivana Karlsen
- \$509 – Hallmark Kennels (Jim Hill)
- \$200 – Mideast Region
- Total – \$1,009

Some other AWDF member clubs have also made donations to the team.

Vote: YES-12 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Sean O’Kane, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Jennifer Acevedo, Mark Hamilton, Scott Hedger, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Dena McGowan), **NO-3** (Nancy Brigham, Vicki Keller, Mark Scarberry), **NFD-1** (Dennis Vander Linde), **NR-4** (Nathaniel Roque, Johannes Grewe, Pia Blackwell, Gail Kendall). **Motion carried 9/13/11.**

E-Ballot #22-11 (Approve Slate of Judges for 2011 GSD National Championship)

Motion by Nancy Brigham, seconded by Tim Burke, to approve the slate of judges for the 2011 GSD National Championship as recommended by the Judges Committee with the consent of the host club.

- Tracking – Al Govednik
- Obedience – Michael Caputo
- Protection - Nathaniel Roque

Vote: YES-19, NR-1. Motion carried 9/4/11.

E-Ballot #21-11 (2011 USCA German Shepherd Dog National Championship Slate of Helpers)

Motion by Dennis Vander Linde, seconded by Nathaniel Roque, to approve the USCA Helper Committee’s recommended slate of pre-selected helpers for the 2011 USCA German Shepherd Dog National Championship:

- Kevin Coombs Marcus Hampton
- Sean Murphy Patrick Davis

Final selection will be determined by helper tryouts as outlined in the USCA Helper Program.

Vote: YES-18 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nancy Brigham, Sean O’Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Pia Blackwell, Jeff Govednik, Mark Hamilton, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Vicki Keller, Gail Kendall, Dena McGowan, Mark Scarberry), **NFD-1** (Craig Groh), **NR-1** (Tim Burke). **Motion carried 8/30/11.**

E-Ballot #20-11 (Waive 21-Day Pre-Notification for Wasatch Hundesport Helper Seminar)

Motion by Mark Hamilton, seconded by Dennis Vander Linde, to waive the 21-day pre-notification period for Wasatch Hundesport SC Helper Seminar.

Background: This event was scheduled with Teaching Helper Joel Monroe and all clubs within 500 miles of the hosting club were advised of the event. Unfortunately, being a club with members that are new to the sport, they were unaware of the requirement for an Event Authorization and 21-day advance notification to the region. An Event Authorization request was submitted five days prior to the event.

I believe the club acted as diligently as they knew how and would encourage Executive Board Members to read the support-ing documentation for more details on the circumstances. As Regional Director I support the waiver and believe it is important to young helpers, this club, the region and the organization to allow the event to be official and any Helper Certifications earned to be recognized by USCA.

Vote: YES–20 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O’Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Pia Blackwell, Jeff Govednik, Mark Hamilton, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Vicki Keller, Gail Kendall, Dena McGowan, Mark Scarberry). **Motion carried unanimously 8/29/11.**

E-Ballot #19-11 (Fee for Non-USCA Apprentice Judges)

Motion by Nathaniel Roque, seconded by Al Govednik, to add a fee for non-USCA apprentice judges in the amount of \$100 per trial to apprentice either at a USCA trial or under a USCA judge.

Background: In the past USCA has always provided, at no charge to all AWDF member clubs, judges and training by way of approving apprenticeships and teaching judges to all AWDF member clubs. With the increase of clubs starting their own judges programs, we are doing more and more apprenticeships for other organizations. This uses USCA judges resources at the expense of USCA funds to directly benefit non-USCA clubs.

The reason that our judges are requested is because we are world recognized; this is due to USCA membership in the WUSV. The WUSV recognizes our Judges College because we meet their requirements; i.e., proper apprenticeship, paperwork, an active authorization process, active DOJ, as well as yearly meetings (Judges College). Currently the cost to maintain our Judges College is at or above \$20,000 a year due to the high cost of travel and that we now have 21 judges and apprentices. This cost should not be the sole burden of dues-paying USCA members if our judges resources are being used for other organizations benefits, training their judges or allowing our judges to judge their trials. USCA members will not receive much benefit in the near future from the licensing of these other organizations’ judges since these judges cannot be used to judge at a USCA trial (USCA bylaws require all judges at USCA events to be USCA, SV or FCI judges from WUSV member clubs). Our members will benefit from additional judges in other organizations by having potential availability to enter a trial and earn a title at another AWDF club, but this title will be accepted the same as we currently accept DVG earned titles—it will only count towards a sport title, not valid for Sports Medal Points, SchH3 Club or Breed Survey.

I believe that the fees being introduced for USCA services to non-USCA members and clubs are very fair, both for the other clubs and for our members. There is no reason to support USCA as a member if you can get all of the benefits for free. In order for USCA to continue to provide support to our membership and to our AWDF member clubs, services must be compensated. USCA has long been supporting all AWDF member clubs through supporting the lions share of the dues to support AWDF activities and by providing access to USCA events, providing judges and training and will continue to do so.

Vote: YES–19 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O’Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Jeff Govednik, Mark Hamilton, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Vicki Keller, Gail Kendall, Dena McGowan, Mark Scarberry), **NR–1** (Pia Blackwell). **Motion carried 8/2/11.**

E-Ballot 18-11 (Amend USCA Aggressive Dog Policy)

Motion by Warren Jones, seconded by Craig Groh, to adopt the amendments made to the USCA Aggressive Dog Policy.

Background: With the recent incident at the Working Dog Championships (2011), it became apparent that USCA lacked a mechanism to prevent a handler from entering a truly dangerous animal in subsequent trials. The Aggressive Dog Policy is proposed to be amended by making some minor typographical changes and adding the following two sentences:

"If a dog bite incident is sufficiently severe or there is reason for the Director of Judges to believe that the dog represents a significant menace to the public, the DOJ may refer the incident to the Judges Committee, who may upgrade the offense to a second or third offense level. Any such increase in penalty must be approved by the Executive Board."

Vote: YES–15 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O’Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Jeff Govednik, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Vicki Keller, Gail Kendall, Dena McGowan, Mark Hamilton), **NR–5** (Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Pia Blackwell, Mark Scarberry). **Motion carried 6/21/11.**

E-Ballot #17-11 (USCA Recognition of WPBTCA Judges Program and Titles for the American Pit Bull Terrier ONLY)

Motion by Nathaniel Roque, seconded by Al Govednik, to amend E-Ballot #10-09 (Recognition of WPBTCA Judges Program and Titles) to:

USCA will recognize WPBTCA (Working Pitbull Terrier Club of America) judges, judges program, and titles awarded by their judges only when awarded to the American Pit Bull Terrier in a WPTCA/AWDF–issued scorebook. These titles will be recognized by USCA for the American Pit Bull Terrier exclusively for sport purposes and will not count toward any USCA–based program (Sports Medals, SchH3 Club).

Titles earned at WPBTCA events under WPBTCA judges will not be recognized by USCA when awarded to any other breed of dog.

Background: The WPBTCA has a judges program in place, but this program does not meet the requirements to receive reciprocity with the USCA judges program as it was previously approved. At this time, the WPBTCA does not have any affiliation with a recognized WUSV, FCI, or AZG organization; and, therefore, cannot be properly recognized by WUSV or FCI member clubs.

Currently AWMA and DVG also have set precedence to not accept WPBTCA judges for their events or titles.

By allowing the acceptance of WPBTCA-awarded titles exclusively for the Working Pit Bull Terrier, we continue to support our AWDF member club without impacting the validity of our, or any other, FCI/WUSV-recognized program. This motion will also help establish a precedence for future "non-recognized" organizations that may join the AWDF.

Vote: YES-17 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Jeff Govednik, Mark Hamilton Warren Jones, Vicki Keller, Gail Kendall, Dena McGowan, Mark Scarberry), **NR-3** (Johannes Grewe, Pia Blackwell, Pedro Jimenez). **Motion carried 6/10/11.**

E-Ballot #16-11 (Approve the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget)

Motion by Sean O'Kane, seconded by Craig Groh, to approve the fiscal year 2012 budget with total income \$561,025.00, total expenses \$560,550.00 (including taxes), and net income of \$475.00.

Vote: YES-14 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Mark Hamilton, Vicki Keller, Dena McGowan, Mark Scarberry), **NFD-2** (Warren Jones, Gail Kendall), **NR-4** (Al Govednik, Pia Blackwell, Jeff Govednik, Pedro Jimenez). **Motion carried 6/8/11.**

E-Ballot #15-11 (Enforce Dog Aggression Policy 3rd Offense)

Motion by Nathaniel Roque, seconded by Al Govednik, to enforce the USCA Dog Aggression Policy regarding the incident at the 2011 WDC involving USCA member Dennis Green, USCA Member #16624, and his GSD Gabe vom Geistwasser, USCA Scorebook #26745, and USCA Member and Apprentice Judge Bill Bimrose.

Background: It is the recommendation of the USCA Judges Committee after reviewing the reports of the incident that the USCA Dog Aggression Policy 3rd level of sanction be imposed on this member and dog due to the unreported previous incidents involving this team as well as the member's apparent lack of responsibility and disregard for the safety of those exposed to them and the severity of the "bite."

In investigating this incident it was stated by the handler that this dog has bitten at least two other people at a local pet store; it has also been stated that this handler is aware of the aggression problems with this dog and does not responsibly handle the issue.

This incident was also witnessed at the WDC by prospective sponsors from John Deere for our events and severely damaged our position with this sponsor.

Additional background reports may be disbursed to EB members under confidentially from the Judge, and witness if requested.

Vote: YES-17 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jeff Govednik, Mark Hamilton, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Vicki Keller, Dena McGowan, Mark Scarberry), **NFD-1** (Gail Kendall), **ABS-1** (Jennifer Acevedo), **NR-1** (Pia Blackwell). **Motion carried 6/8/11.**

E-Ballot #14-11 (Waive 2011 Regional Requirement for USCA GSD National)

Motion by Nathaniel Roque, seconded by Jim Alloway, to waive the 2011 regional requirement to attend the USCA GSD National for those handler/dog teams that participate in the inaugural 2011 WUSV Qualification Trial.

Background: With the added qualification trial each year for those attempting to make the WUSV Team it is important to lessen the burden on these handler/dog teams by not making them attend a regional event prior to the USCA GSD National. These handler/dog teams have already met the minimum score of 270 by virtue of being in the Qualification Trial. (This is a minimum score to participate in the Qualification Trial as well) This motion will lessen this burden effective for the first year only. The USCA EB will develop an updated qualification process for 2012 and beyond to address this situation.

Vote: YES-20 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Pia Blackwell, Jeff Govednik, Mark Hamilton, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Vicki Keller, Gail Kendall, Dena McGowan, Mark Scarberry). **Motion carried unanimously 6/4/11.**

E-Ballot #13-11 (Waive 21-Day Pre-Notification Period for MPSC)

Motion by NW Regional Director Mark Hamilton, seconded by Nathaniel Roque, to waive the 21-day prenotification period for MPSC previously scheduled Conformation Show and Breed Survey.

Background: This event was previously scheduled and proper notice was sent to the region. Due to the original judge canceling, the event was canceled and notice sent to the region. USCA liaison Steff Dunion was later able to obtain a SV Judge for these dates and the club would like to hold the event. New notice (15 days) has been sent to the region to notify them that the event is going to take place.

As Regional Director (*NW Regional Director Mark Hamilton*), I support the waiver and believe it is important to the region and organization to allow the event to take place.

Vote: YES-20 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Pia Blackwell, Jeff Govednik, Mark Hamilton, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Vicki Keller, Dena McGowan, Gail Kendall, Mark Scarberry). **Motion carried unanimously 6/4/11.**

E-Ballot #12-11 (Amend 2011 Budget)

Motion by Sean O'Kane, seconded by Craig Groh, to amend the 2011 Budget to include budgeted revenue of \$3850.00 and expenditures of \$3955.00 for the upcoming WUSV Qualification Trial in Kentucky.

Background: With the new qualification process set forth by the WUSV we must now conduct a Qualification Trial. This was not known at the time this year's budget was set. USCA will be hosting this in odd number years. Future events will be included with the yearly budget.

Vote: YES-14 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Jim Alloway, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Jeff Govednik, Warren Jones, Vicki Keller, Dena McGowan, Mark Scarberry), **NR-6** (Tim Burke, Al Govednik, Pia Blackwell, Pedro Jimenez, Thomas Payne, David Witmer). **Motion carried 4/29/11.**

E-Ballot #11-11 (Allow SchH2 Teams to Compete for SchH3 Title at the 2011 WDC)

Motion by Al Govednik, seconded by Nathaniel Roque, to allow SchH2 teams the opportunity to compete for SchH3 title at the Working Dog Championships in Davenport, IA, May 13-15, 2011.

Background: Due to the late winter in the northern part of the country, there simply have not been the same opportunities for members in that part of the country to trial. This motion is to help boost entries and support for the Working Dog Championships for 2011.

Vote: YES-17 (Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Jeff Govednik, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Vicki Keller, Dena McGowan, Thomas Payne, Mark Scarberry), **NO-1** (David Witmer), **NR-2** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Pia Blackwell). **Motion carried 4/28/11.**

E-Ballot #10-11 (Approve Updated USCA Breed Survey Regulations)

Motion by Tim Burke, seconded by Sean O'Kane, to approve the updated regulations to our existing USCA breed survey regulations. (See attached revised Breed Survey Regulations.)

Background: This document was revised by USCA National Breed Warden Tim Burke, USCA judges Johannes Grewe and Ricardo Carbajal, and USCA office manager Pam Niccum. The BAC has reviewed the changes and their revisions have been incorporated into this document. The new regulations clean up some of the language and are in keeping with the new SV regulation allowing long stock coated GSDs to be breed surveyed.

Vote: YES-16 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Jim Alloway, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Jeff Govednik, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Dena McGowan, Mark Scarberry, David Witmer), **NR-4** (Tim Burke, Pia Blackwell, Vicki Keller, Thomas Payne). **Motion carried 4/28/11.**

E-Ballot #9-11 (Increase Expense Reimbursement for Helpers at USCA National Events)

Motion by Dennis Vander Linde, seconded by Sean O'Kane, to increase the expense reimbursement limit for helpers pre-selected to perform the helper work at USCA National Events from \$500 to \$750.

Background: At present, the expense reimbursement limit is \$500, based on the receipts received, for the helpers who are pre-selected to tryout and perform the helper work at USCA National Events. Over the past several years the travel, lodging and meal expenses for the majority of the helpers has exceeded the \$500 limit. This motion is to increase the expense reimbursement limit to \$750, which is consistent with the limit provided to USCA Line Officers for attendance at the USCA General Board.

Vote: YES-14 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Sean O'Kane, Nancy Brigham, Nathaniel Roque, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Jeff Govednik, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Dena McGowan, Mark Scarberry, David Witmer), **NO-2** (Craig Groh, Johannes Grewe), **NR-4** (Tim Burke, Pia Blackwell, Vicki Keller, Thomas Payne). **Motion carried 4/26/11.**

E-Ballot #8-11 (2011 USCA Working Dog Championships Slate of Helpers)

Motion by Dennis Vander Linde, seconded by Nathaniel Roque, to approve the USCA Helper Committee's recommended slate of helpers for the 2011 USCA Working Dog Championships:

Don Yelle
Marcus Hampton
Kevin Coombs

Final selection will be determined by helper tryouts as outlined in the USCA Helper Program.

Vote: YES-20 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Pia Blackwell, Jeff Govednik, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Vicki Keller, Dena McGowan, Thomas Payne, Mark Scarberry, David Witmer). **Motion carried unanimously 3/28/11.**

E-Ballot #7-11 (FCI Declaration Form Approval)

Motion by Craig Groh, seconded by Dennis Vander Linde, to accept the 2011 FCI Declaration Form.

Background: The AWDF/FCI Declaration Form changes were presented by Committee Chair Mike Diehl of the World Championship Committee for consideration. The FCI and WUSV Declaration forms have been separated this year due to changes in the process for selection of both the FCI and WUSV Teams.

Vote: YES-20 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Pia Blackwell, Jeff Govednik, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Vicki Keller, Dena McGowan, Thomas Payne, Mark Scarberry, David Witmer). **Motion carried unanimously 3/22/11.**

E-Ballot #6-11 (WUSV and FCI Declaration Form Approval)

Motion by Craig Groh, seconded by Dennis Vander Linde, to accept the WUSV and FCI Declaration Forms. (See attached forms.)

Background: With the changes to the qualification process to make the WUSV World Team representing the United States, changes were enacted by the World Championship Committee. These changes were presented by WCC Chair Mike Diehl for consideration.

Vote: YES-20 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Pia Blackwell, Jeff Govednik, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Vicki Keller, Dena McGowan, Thomas Payne, Mark Scarberry, David Witmer). **Motion carried unanimously 3/22/11.**

E-Ballot #5-11 (2011 USCA-GSD National Championship)

Motion by Jeff Govednik, seconded by Nancy Brigham, to select Tornado Alley SchH Club as the co-host club for the 2011 USCA-GSD National Championship from bid submitted to the National Events Committee (additional information attached).

Background: The NEC has reviewed and approved them as a suitable host club.

Vote: YES-16 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Nathaniel Roque, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Arthur Collins, Jeff Govednik, Pedro Jimenez, Warren Jones, Dena McGowan, Thomas Payne, Mark Scarberry, David Witmer), **NO-1** (Jim Alloway), **ABS-1** (Sean O'Kane), **NR-2** (Tim Burke, Pia Blackwell). **Motion carried 2/13/11.**

E-Ballot #4-11 (Judges for the 2011 USCA Sieger Show)

Motion by Tim Burke, seconded by Nathaniel Roque, to approve the BAC recommendation of SV Judge Bernd Weber to judge the male classes and USCA Judge Karen MacIntyre to judge the female classes at the USCA Sieger Show in Irvine, TX April 29 to May 1, 2011.

Vote: YES-15, ABS-1, NR-4. Motion carried 2/11/11.

E-Ballot #3-11 (2011 USCA-GSD National Championship)

Motion by Martin Vollrath, seconded by Nancy Brigham, to select Tornado Alley SchH Club as the co-host club for the 2011 USCA-GSD National Championship from bid submitted to the National Events Committee (additional information attached).

Background: The NEC has reviewed and approved them as a suitable host club.

Motion withdrawn.

E-Ballot #2-11 (Gilliland vs. Anacapa Working Dog Association Appeal)

Motion by Dennis Vander Linde, seconded by Jim Alloway, to uphold the Board of Inquiry's (BOI) determination in the case of Gilliland vs. Anacapa Working Dog Association. Also, the appeal of the BOI determination in this case submitted by the accuser has been denied by the Directors at Large.

Background: The Board of Inquiry has reviewed the charges filed by Christine Gilliland against Anacapa Working Dog Association and unanimously has determined the charges of violation of bylaws, breach of agreement, unethical and unsportsmanlike conduct are not relevant as they do not involve USCA trials or other USCA functions.

Each individual club has the right to disciplinary procedures as long as those procedures are performed according to the club bylaws. Per the Anacapa Working Dog Association's bylaws, the club has final authority over all disciplinary matters.

The preferred charges do not involve conduct that is prejudicial to the interests of USCA, and do not involve a violation of USCA rules. USCA's bylaws state, "disciplinary action taken by a local club against a member or members of that club is an internal affair of the club."

Vote: YES-16 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Craig Groh, Nancy Brigham, Sean O'Kane, Nathaniel Roque, Tim Burke, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jeff Govednik, Pedro Jimenez, Dena McGowan, Thomas Payne, Mark Scarberry, David Witmer), **NFD-1** (Arthur Collins), **NR-3** (Jennifer Acevedo, Pia Blackwell, Warren Jones). **Motion carried 2/6/11.**

E-Ballot #1-11 (Change Administrative Fee for Trial Entries)

Motion by Nathaniel Roque, seconded by Al Govednik, to change the administrative fee for trial entries from a flat fee of \$4.00 for each entry to a two-tiered fee schedule to benefit USCA membership. Maintain the \$4.00 fee for USCA members entered into a USCA trial and add a non-member fee paid to the USCA Office for all non-USCA members entered in a USCA trial to \$15.00 per entry. Effective March 1, 2011 (to allow time for the clubs to develop a policy and USCA to include membership info on the trial score sheet).

Background: The current fee is \$4.00 per entry for all entries. There should be benefits to USCA membership, and one of these should be lower entry fees to members. With the increased cost of maintaining judges, hosting trials, etc., these expenses should be shouldered by all entering our events. Our USCA members already support the organization through their membership. Non-USCA members should be charged a slightly increased fee to help maintain the costs associated with our events. There must be benefits to membership otherwise why join, just use the organization for free.

Suggestions for Implementing: The USCA score sheet will be updated to include membership info. For all entries with USCA membership a \$4.00 fee will be submitted (as has always been completed) for non-USCA membership a \$15.00 fee will be submitted to the USCA Office. I encourage the clubs to carry this over to their entry fees to cover the costs of hosting a trial by having a two-tiered fee; for example, entry to SchH1 \$50.00 for USCA member and \$70.00 for non-USCA member with \$15.00 going to USCA and the club earning an additional \$5.00 for hosting an event allowing non-members benefit from our resources (judges, venues, publications, etc.).

Vote: YES-17 (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nancy Brigham, Sean O’Kane, Tim Burke, Nathaniel Roque, Jim Alloway, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Dennis Vander Linde, Jennifer Acevedo, Pia Blackwell, Jeff Govednik, Pedro Jimenez, Dena McGowan, Thomas Payne, Mark Scarberry, David Witmer), **NR-3** (Craig Groh, Arthur Collins, Warren Jones). **Motion carried 1/17/11.**