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## AUDITING COMMITTEE

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

### **1999 EBM–St. Louis (Boston Event Finances)**

Motion to have the Auditing Committee look into the Boston event's finances for clarification including identification of the Swissotel invoice and identification of sponsorship.

### **1997 GBM–St. Joseph (Audit to Investigate Compliance)**

Motion to have an audit performed by the Auditing Committee at USA's office at no expense to USA; perform a compliance audit of USA for the period of July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1997. Scope of the audit would be to investigate compliance with the approved budgets, bylaws, parliamentary authority, and motions of the boards.

## BOARD OF INQUIRY

### **E-Ballot #24-04 (BOI Case: USA vs. Thomas Sauerhoefer)**

Motion to accept the Board of Inquiry's recommendation of a five-year expulsion of Thomas Sauerhoefer's membership from the USA organization. This expulsion is to include, but not limited to, all USA activities of club membership, training, trialing, showing, breeding, registration, and advertising.

Also recommend that Mr. Sauerhoefer make restitution to the Laurita's in the amount of \$1,000, as it is the amount he charged them to attain the BH which never occurred. Mr. Sauerhoefer may reapply for membership after the five-year expulsion has been completed, and his application shall be reviewed. However, this may not guarantee renewal of his membership depending on the circumstances leading up to his application.

### **E-Ballot #7-03 (BOI Case: USA vs. O.G. Wesconn/John Henkel)**

Motion by Diane Madigan to accept the Board of Inquiry's determination that the charges be dismissed due to improper filing by the former USA Administration.

### **E-Ballot #3-02 (BOI Case: High Plains Schutzhund Club vs. Jim Cook)**

The Board of Inquiry has sustained the charge of unsportsmanlike conduct filed by the High Plains Schutzhund Club for actions by Mr. Jim Cook. Motion to accept the Board of Inquiry's following recommendation of discipline:

Mr. Cook must submit written letters of apology to Mr. Mark Chaffin, the High Plains SchH Club, USA Judge Bill Knox, and the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Region by way of Regional Director, Mr. John Oliver. These letters must include specific apologies to witnesses, and address his unsportsmanlike conduct.

Mr. Cook will be restricted from showing in *any* 2002 USA Regional Championship events until the apologies are made. Once made, the restriction will be lifted and Mr. Cook will be permitted to once again show in regional championship events. **Ratified at 2003 GBM-Reno.**

### **2001 EBM-St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

### **E-Ballot #13-00 (BOI Case: United Schutzhund Clubs of America vs. Wayne Curry)**

The charges of unsportsmanlike conduct filed against Wayne Curry are sustained by the Board of Inquiry. Motion by Al Govednik that Wayne Curry be suspended from all USA activities for a period of one year, based on results of the Board of Inquiry's findings. Suspension effective immediately upon the passing of this motion. **Motion carried 8/3/00.**

### **E-Ballot #11-00 (BOI Case: United Schutzhund Clubs of America vs. Wayne Curry)**

The charges of unsportsmanlike conduct filed against Wayne Curry are sustained by the Board of Inquiry. It is the Board of Inquiry's recommendation that Wayne Curry receive a six-month suspension from all USA activities. Motion by Diane Madigan to accept the Board of Inquiry's recommendation of discipline for Wayne Curry. **Motion failed 7/20/00.**

### **2000 EBM-Austin (BOI Case: Gail Cappadona vs. Mike Pinksten)**

Mike Pinksten was charged with the use of an electric collar during a USA trial. The BOI recommends a strong reprimand, and a warning not to come before this Board for another offense. Motion to accept the Board of Inquiry recommendation.

### **1999 GBM-Reno (BOI Case: William Seltzer vs. Wayne Simanovich)**

The Board of Inquiry voted not to hear this case.

### **1999 EBM-Gatlinburg (BOI Case: Belleville Dogsport Association vs. Mark Scarberry)**

The Board of Inquiry sustained the charge of conduct prejudicial to the best interests of USA and recommended censure.

### **1998 GBM-Denver (BOI Case: Tornado Alley Schutzhund Club vs. Herman and Gabi Wambsganss)**

Herman and Gabi Wambsganss are required to pay the Tornado Alley Schutzhund Club the amount owed of \$129. This will be paid through the Office of the Secretary. The Wambsganss's will not be allowed to participate in any USA-sanctioned event for a period of one year or until the amount owed Tornado Alley

Schutzhund Club is paid, whichever is longer. This prohibition is to be published in the magazine, as well as when it is lifted.

**1996 GBM–Charlottesville (BOI Case: Malcolm vs. O.G. Texoma Schutzhund & Police Association)**

The Board of Inquiry sustains charges of conduct detrimental to the best interests of USA and unsportsman-like conduct by this club against her and recommended that they revise their bylaws to include all the steps that need to be taken and to include examples of behavior. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Board of Inquiry.

**1996 GBM–Charlottesville (BOI Case: Karen and Byron Smock vs. Gunter England)**

Charges of conduct detrimental to the best interests of USA and unsportsmanlike conduct not sustained.

**1996 GBM–Charlottesville (BOI Case: Hicks vs. Doug Alexander)**

The Board of Inquiry finds that the charges of conduct unbecoming a member of USA and very detrimental to USA are sustained. The BOI recommended (1) To the Judges Committee that Mr. Douglas Alexander's judging license be permanently revoked, (2) Mr. Alexander should be permanently barred from holding any organizational position in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, (3) Mr. Alexander not be allowed to be an officer of a local club for twenty years, and (4) That all USA privileges be suspended until there is a return of \$1,200 to the Mountain Shadows Schutzhund Club. Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer to strike the last two recommendations by the BOI and accept the first two.

**1995 GBM–West Lafayette (BOI Case: Greater Dallas Working Dog Club vs. Gerda Glass/Dietmar Meindl)**

Charges sustained.

**1994 GBM–Madison (BOI Case: Martin vs. Wilson)**

Charges not justified.

**1994 GBM–Madison (BOI Case: Jim Thompson vs. Dr. George Shumaker)**

Charges not sustained.

**1994 EBM–Portland (BOI Case: Mark Seavey/White Mountain Schutzhund Club vs. John Wilkens)**

Charges sustained.

**1991 GBM–Washington (BOI Case: Booth, et al. vs. Kobel)**

Booth, et al. vs. Kobel – Charges sustained. Motion to censure.

**1989 GBM–Bowling Green (BOI Case: President P. Meloy/Secretary S. Hitchens/et al. vs. Jack Smith)**

The Board of Inquiry finds that the allegation of action detrimental to the good of the organization by virtue of falsification of documents submitted to the United Schutzhund Club of America is not sustained. The Board did find, however, that Mr. Smith did submit false information. Mr. Smith submitted to USA a document purported to be a facsimile copy of a original document, when in fact it was not. The Board of Inquiry recommends that the Board of Directors censure Jack Smith for the submission of false information. Hal Ratliff moved the censure of Jack Smith.

**1989 GBM–Bowling Green (BOI Case: President P. Meloy/Secretary S. Hitchens/et al. vs. John Oliver/Julie Barr Oliver)**

The Board of Inquiry finds that the charge of action detrimental to the good of the organization by virtue of falsification of documents of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America is not sustained. The Board discovered during the inquiry of these allegations a lack of "due diligence" in the handling and safeguarding of these very important USA documents. The Board finds that both John and Julie due to their actions or inactions allowed a "crime conducive condition" to exist and did not do enough to prevent person or persons unknown to obtain the scorebook in question and to forge it. Therefore the Board of Inquiry recommends to the Board of Directors that John Oliver and Julie Barr Oliver be censured for the lack of "due diligence" in keeping and safeguarding of the USA scorebook. Hal Ratliff moved the censure of John Oliver and Julie Barr Oliver.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (BOI Case: Shumaker vs. Meloy)**

Accept recommendation of BOI that all charges be dismissed as they were not proven.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (BOI Case: Shumaker vs. Slavens)**

Accept recommendation of BOI in finding three of five charges were proven.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (BOI Cases: McQueen vs. England and McQueen vs. Ratliff)**

- McQueen vs. England: BOI voted not to consider the matter.
- McQueen vs. England: BOI voted not to consider the rehearing.
- McQueen vs. Ratliff: BOI voted to drop all charges.

Motion to accept the report of the BOI.

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (Elimination of BOI Telephone Ballots)**

Motion that the Board directs the Bylaws Committee to prepare a proposal to change the bylaws to eliminate telephone ballots by the Board of Inquiry and make changes to allow time for the election of a replacement when that is required.

**1982 GBM–Washington (Rescind Action Against Suspended Individuals)**

Motion to approve the rescinding of the action against the seven suspended individuals (Mary Coppage, Norman Dreher, Phil Hoelcher, Laddie Nethercutt, Lloyd Patterson, Tom Rose, and Robert Stone).

**1982 EBM–Washington (Rescind Action Against Suspended Individuals)**

General Board rescinds all action taken against the seven suspended individuals.

**1980 GBM–Denver (Suspend Individuals)**

- Robert Cook vs. Norman Dreher
- Raymond Rashin vs. Pat Patterson
- George Glazner vs. Tom Rose
- Michael West vs Laddie Nethercutt
- Merv Clement vs. Robert Stone
- Gail Drinkard-Crane vs. Mary Lee Coppage

Motion that the General Board uphold the decision by the Executive Board to suspend and fine these individuals.

**1980 EBM–St. Louis (Phil Hoelcher)**

Motion to suspend Phil Hoelcher for a period of five years from participation by himself or a dog owned by him in the activities sponsored by the association or in activities sponsored by any of its full member or affiliated clubs for the duration of the suspension. At the end of five years Mr. Hoelcher would have to apply to the Board for readmission. Motion to have an attorney draw up a letter to Mr. Hoelcher citing the reasons for his suspension.

**1979 GBM–San Jose (BOI Case: Slavens vs. Pat Patterson)**

No action taken because Jake Wear did not notify Patterson within the time period required by the bylaws. Motion to return Jerry Slavens his \$75 because due process was not followed.

**1979 GBM–San Jose (BOI Case: Dr. R. Egolf vs. P. Hoelcher/J. Golding)**

BOI recommended that both individuals be placed on one-year probation and the Executive Board voted to uphold this recommendation.

**1979 GBM–San Jose (BOI Case: L. Nethercutt vs. Jerry Slavens)**

BOI found Slavens innocent of all charges.

**1979 GBM–San Jose (Phil Hoelcher)**

Motion that the General Board vote to uphold the decision by the Executive Board to ask for the resignation of Phil Hoelcher as Vice President of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America on the grounds of his lack of support for USA.

**1978 GBM–Edwardsville (Chairman of Committee)**

The President is automatically the chairman of this committee. **Rescinded with bylaw amendment.**

## BREED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Formerly Breed Registry Committee)

### **E-Ballot #4-06 (Updated USA Breed Survey Regulations)**

Motion by Karen MacIntyre to approve the updated USA Breed Survey Regulations as proposed by the Breed Advisory Committee.

### **E-Ballot #3-06 (Updated USA Breeding Regulations)**

Motion by Karen MacIntyre to approve the updated USA Breeding Regulations as proposed by the Breed Advisory Committee.

### **E-Ballot #26-05 (Entry in AWDF Affiliated Breed Club Trials)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA will recognize titles awarded by AWDF-affiliated breed clubs. The recognition of these clubs and their judges will be considered on a club-by-club basis. The clubs to be considered will be required to have viable and comprehensive judges programs of their own, with judges who have gone through their respective programs in their entirety; and they will be required to provide a list of judges who are recognized through their respective programs. AWDF clubs must petition USA for recognition.

These AWDF-affiliated breed club judges may award titles that will be recognized exclusively for progression pertaining to performance titles (AD, B, WH, OB, TR, FH, IPO, SchH/VPG).

These titles will not be recognized for entry in the USA-GSD National Championship, which will still require a qualifying score of 270 points at a USA-sanctioned event awarded under a USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judge. These titles will not be recognized for the USA SchH3 Club or the USA Sports Medals Program.

These titles will not be recognized for German Shepherd Dogs in any context that applies to breeding, breed surveys, breed shows, or registration with USA. Titles for such recognition for GSDs must be awarded under USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judges.

### **E-Ballot #24-05 (Hip Certification Clarification)**

Motion by Karen MacIntyre to approve the following clarifications:

#### USA BREED SURVEY REGULATIONS

#### 3. Prerequisites for Breed Survey Participation

*From:* 3.4. An "a" stamp must be in the pedigree or an OFA passing certification must have been submitted.

*To:* 3.4. Hip Certification – Dogs must have a USA-recognized hip certification with tattoo number or microchip identification. Note: Check with the USA Office for a current list of recognized hip certifications.

#### USA BREED REGISTRY *change to* USA BREED REGISTRY REGULATIONS

#### D. Breeding Regulations for USA Registered Litters

*From:* 3. Hip Certification – At time of breeding, both parents must have a USA recognized hip rating (OFA or SV).

*To:* 3. Hip Certification – At the time of breeding, both parents must have a USA-recognized hip rating with tattoo number or microchip identification.

### **E-Ballot #7-05 (Breed Registry Requirements for National Event/Conformation Show Entry)**

Motion by Sara Wallick to require German Shepherd Dogs entered in the USA German Shepherd Dog National Championship, the USA North American and FH Championship, or USA conformation shows to be registered with either the USA Breed Registry or the USA/SV Breed Registry effective immediately. This requirement excludes dogs under twelve months of age and dogs owned by individuals who are not permanent residents of the United States.

### **E-Ballot #16-04 (Amend Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the budget to increase expenses to include up to \$5,000 to finish the development of a breed registry system. The minimum will be \$4,000, with \$2,000 advance to start work, \$2,000 upon completion, and \$500 per week for changes and additions beyond the current scope.

**2003 GBM–Reno (Breed Judge Limit at Same Club)**

Motion to retain following in USA Breed Judges Program:

4.K. A Judge can judge at any club *only once in a 12 (twelve) month period* and there must be another trial held with a different judge *before they can return*. Furthermore, a Judge may not judge *consecutive events* at any club except in an emergency, which may *only be decided by the Regional Director*. This restriction will also be lifted if the local club is the sponsor of a Championship event from Regional level on up.

**2003 GBM–Reno (2004 Sieger Show and USA-GSD Championship at Same Venue)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to conduct the 2004 Sieger Show at same venue as the USA-GSD National Championship.

**2003 GBM–Reno (USA Membership Required for Registered Kennel Name)**

You must maintain USA membership to have a registered kennel name.

**2003 EBM–Bakersfield (USA Membership Required for Registered Kennel Name)**

Motion by Peggy Park to accept the criteria that you must maintain USA membership to have a registered kennel name. **Ratified at 2003 GBM–Reno.**

**2003 EBM–Bakersfield (National Event Slate of Judges)**

The Executive Board recommends to the General Board through a bylaw change that the judges slate for the working national events will be presented to the Executive Board by the Judges Committee. The judges slate for the Sieger Show will be presented to the Executive Board by the Breed Advisory Committee. The Executive Board will then approve the slate presented, or recommend alternatives to the recommended judges.

**E-Ballot #13-02 (2003 Sieger Show Location)**

Motion by Diane Madigan that USA host the 2003 Sieger Show in Bakersfield, California. **Ratified at 2002 GBM–Gadsden.**

**E-Ballot #12-02 (Breeding Regulation 4.1.1.)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to recommend to the General Board to accept the Breed Advisory Committee's recommendation to extend the USA Breeding Requirements as set forth in the USA Breeding Regulations under 4.1.1. Eligible for Breeding.

*From:* Eligible for breeding are all dogs entered in the USA Breed Book who, on the day of breeding have a training title awarded under the training regulations (SchH1–3, HGH, or a training title of equivalent value) under a USA recognized judge. In addition, have received a show rating of at least "good" under a USA recognized conformation judge, when not already breed surveyed under USA or SV regulations, and have an acceptable hip dysplasia rating.

*To:* Eligible for breeding are all dogs entered in the USA Breed Book who, on the day of breeding have a training title awarded under the training regulations for BH under a USA recognized judge. In addition, have received a show rating of at least "good" under a USA recognized breed judge, when not already breed surveyed under USA or SV regulations and have an acceptable hip dysplasia rating.

**Rescinded at 2002 GBM–Gadsden.**

**2002 EBM–St. Louis (Breed Registry Fees Increase)**

\$60.00	Individual	\$82.50	A-Stamp
\$30.00	Litter (per puppy)	\$45.00	Bescheningung
\$45.00	Breed Surveys	\$45.00	Dental Notation

These increases will take effect immediately upon placement on the website.

**2002 EBM–St. Louis (Event Oversight for Sieger Show)**

Motion by Kay Koerner that the event oversight for the Sieger Show will be returned to the Breed Advisory Committee.

**2002 EBM–St. Louis (National Events Slate of Judges)**

Motion to have no mandate for judges selected for national events. The judges could be all SV, all USA, or a combination of both. The host club recommends the slate, the Judges Committee passes on the slate, and the Board approves. **Same motion previously approved at 1994 GBM–Madison (National Events Slate of Judges).**

**2002 EBM–St. Louis (Violations Against USA Breeding Regulations)**

Motion by Peggy Park that violations against USA's Breeding Regulations will be reviewed by the National Breed Warden and possibly referred to the Board of Inquiry.

**2002 EBM–St. Louis (USA-Recognized Judges)**

USA-recognized judges are USA, Canadian, and SV judges; however, all judges for USA-sanctioned events must first be approved by the Director of Judges or the National Breed Warden respectively.

**E-Ballot #17-01 (Breed Warden and Tattooer Regulations)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to approve the following addition to 3.2.8. Breed Warden and Tattooer Regulations (addition in bold italic):

3.2.8 Acts as Local Breed Warden *and/or tattooer* in areas where they have none.

**E-Ballot #16-01 (Additions to USA Breeding Regulations)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to approve the following additions to our breeding regulations:

***Addition 3.1.4***

Only USA Breed Wardens are authorized to inspect litters. However, in case of an emergency, a licensed veterinarian can act as Breed Warden, upon receiving instructions from the Regional Breed Warden and signing a form, stating he/she is familiar with the Breed Warden duties. It is the Regional Breed Warden's responsibility to forward this form to the USA Office.

***Addition 3.1.5***

Only USA Tattooers and USA Regional Breed Wardens are authorized to tattoo litters. However, in case of an emergency a licensed veterinarian can act as tattooer, upon receiving instructions from the Regional Breed Warden and signing a form, stating he/she is familiar with the tattooing procedure. It is the Regional Breed Warden's responsibility to forward this form to the USA Office.

***Addition to 4.1.1 Eligible for Breeding (Addition in bold italic)***

Eligible for breeding are all dogs entered in the USA Breed Book who, on the day of breeding have a training title awarded under the training regulations (SchH1–3, IP1–3, HGH, or a training title of equivalent value) *under a USA recognized judge*. In addition, have received a show rating *of at least "good"* under a USA recognized *conformation* judge, when not already breed surveyed under USA or SV regulations and have an acceptable hip dysplasia rating.

***Addition 4.2.6***

The litter registration application must be received at the USA Office within 6 months after the time of whelping. If the application is received later than 6 months after the puppies are whelped, the litter registration can still be processed. However, a penalty fee of \$10.00 per puppy will be charged in addition to the registration fee of \$25.00 per puppy.

**E-Ballot #15-01 (Litter Registration and Breed Survey Documentation Requirement Changes)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to approve the following changes:

Litter Registration Documentation Requirements:

***Addition:*** Sire and Dam (if residing the United States) must be registered with USA.

***From:*** Original hip certification form for sire\*\* and dam, if not indicated on the pedigree. Effective for breedings taking place on or after January 1, 1996, both parents must have a recognized hip certification. For a list of recognized hip programs, please contact the USA Office.

***To:*** Original hip certification form for sire\*\* and dam, if not indicated on the pedigree. Effective for breedings taking place on or after January 1, 1996, both parents must have either an OFA certification or an "a" stamp.

Breed Survey Documentation Requirements:

***From:*** Original OFA Hip Certificate or proof of "a" stamp indicated on registration papers. For a list of other recognized hip programs, please contact the USA Office.

***Delete:*** For a list of other recognized hip programs, please contact the USA Office.

**E-Ballot #14-01 (USA Breed Survey Regulations Clarifications)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to approve the following amendments to help clarify our breed survey regulations:

3.2 Proof of completion of at least one SchH1 or IPO trial under an SV or USA trial judge.

Amend to read "under a USA recognized trial judge."

3.3 Proof of completion of an AD test under an SV or USA judge.

Amend to read “under a USA recognized trial judge.”

3.5 Proof of a breed show rating of at least "good" under an SV or USA Conformation Judge.

Amend to read “under a USA recognized conformation judge.”

Clarification to 3.1:

Only German Shepherd Dogs registered with USA are eligible to participate in a USA Breed Survey (if residing in the United States). Dogs must be at least two years old in the year of the survey.

**E-Ballot #12-01 (USA Breeding Regulations: 6.6 Register of Dogs With or Without Proven Ancestry)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to clarify our approved Breeding Regulation 6.6 with the following additions:

6.6 Register of Dogs With Or Without Proven Ancestry

*From:* This register contains dogs who have appropriate breed characteristics and proven or unproven ancestry. These characteristics can be verified by USA and SV Judges, USA Breed Wardens and Tattooers, and Regional Directors. Dogs verified through this process are not approved for breeding.

*To:* This register contains dogs who have appropriate breed characteristics and proven or unproven ancestry. The registry is called the "Performance Register." It contains dog's whose characteristics can be verified by USA and SV Judges (Conformation Show Judges as well as Performance Judges), USA Breed Wardens, USA Tattooers, and Regional Directors. The German Shepherd Dogs contained in this register receive a "PR" Registration Number for scorebook purposes only. All dogs must be tattooed. The necessary forms will be available at the USA Office. The registration fee is \$30.00.

**E-Ballot #10-01 (Registration Services)**

Motion by Jim Elder that you must be a member of USA to obtain USA registration services.

**2001 GBM–Taunton (Replacement of Judges)**

Motion to ratify the amended decision of the Executive Board that in the event of extenuating circumstances, a judge that is unable to fulfill his duties at a USA national event may be replaced by any USA-recognized, qualified judge approved by the Director of Judges and/or trial or show chairperson in the absence of the Director of Judges. Addition to USA Judge's Program, 11.A. **Supersedes 2001 EBM–St. Louis (Replacement of Judges).**

**2001 GBM–Taunton (Addition to USA Breeding Regulations)**

Addition to USA Breeding Regulations Eligible for Breeding 4.1.1:

Eligible for breeding are all dogs entered in the USA Breed Book who, on the day of breeding, have a training title awarded under the training regulations (SchH1–3, IP1–3, HGH, or a training title of equivalent value) and in addition have received a show rating of “good” at a USA breed show *and have an acceptable hip dysplasia rating.*

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Replacement of Judges)**

In the event of extenuating circumstances, a judge that is unable to fulfill his duties at a USA national event may be replaced by any qualified judge approved by the Director of Judges or trial chairperson. **Amended and ratified at 2001 GBM–Taunton (Replacement of Judges).**

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Addition to USA Breeding Regulations)**

Addition to the approved USA Breeding Regulations, 6.6 Register of Dogs With or Without Proven Ancestry:

*Original:* This register contains dogs who have appropriate breed characteristics and proved or unproven ancestry. USA and SV Judges, USA Breed Wardens, USA Tattooers, and Regional Directors can verify these characteristics.

*Addition:* Dogs verified through this process are not approved for breeding.

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Approval of Breed Warden and Tattooer Regulations)**

Motion to approve the Breed Warden and Tattooer Regulations as amended.

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Breed Wardens/Tattooers Serving Breeders in Same Household)**

Motion to change 4.1.2 and 5.1.4 to read Breed Wardens and Tattooers cannot serve breeders living in the same household.

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.



**2000 GBM–Madison (Accept New Registration System)**

Motion to accept the Breed Advisory Committee proposal for a new registration system in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, with the deletion of all startup dates and time frames.

**2000 GBM–Madison (GSD Championship Conformation Rating Requirement)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that to compete in the GSD Championship, the dog must have a minimum “G” conformation rating in addition to the current requirements effective with the 2001 Championship. **Motion tabled by proposer until the breed program is in place.**

**2000 GBM–Madison (Sieger Show Helper Selection)**

The Director of Judges, the National Breed Warden, or their appointee shall select the helpers at the National Sieger Show.

**2000 GBM–Madison (2001 Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

Motion to uphold the approved judging classes and judges for the 2001 Sieger Show.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Scheduling Sieger Show Judges)**

Motion that the President send a letter to the judges selected for the Sieger Show and that the Chairman of the Breed Advisory Committee write a letter asking these judges to the Sieger Show until a National Breed Warden is elected.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Explore Options to USA/SV Registry)**

Motion to explore the possibilities and options to the USA/SV dual registration program.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Breed Advisory Committee’s Recommendation)**

Motion to accept the Committee’s amended recommendation. To be sent to Executive Board members a minimum of 45 days prior to the General Board meeting, and presented to the General Board.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Sieger Show Rule Changes)**

Motion to combine (h) (i), (j), and (k) items into a single vote:

- (h) The Performance Test is to be performed before the “stand for exam” on Saturday morning. Dogs that receive a rating of sufficient or insufficient and dogs that will be otherwise dismissed in the Performance Test will not return to the ring to show.
- (i) Kennel Groups require five (5) dogs. All dogs shown in this group must be entered and shown in a regular class.
- (j) Progeny Groups require a minimum of six (6) progeny. All dogs shown in this group, with the exception of the sire, must be entered and shown in a regular class. There is no entry fee for this group.
- (k) Once the helpers have been selected, they will be available for entrants to practice on.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Breed Advisory Committee Recommendations)**

Motion that the Breed Advisory Committee prepare a more concrete motion as to how their recommendations would handle their responsibility in detail, explaining how an actual show would be brought together with all their interests, the National organization, the regional organization, and the local club, and that motion be submitted as an e-mail ballot.

**2000 EBM–Austin (2001 Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

Johannes Grewe will conduct an e-mail ballot for the slate of judges for the 2001 Sieger Show no later than May 1, 2000.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Recommendation of Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

The Breed Advisory Committee will recommend the slate of judges starting with the 2001 Sieger Show.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Use USA Conformation Judges)**

Motion by Jim Elder, amended by Kay Koerner, that starting with 2001, we strongly recommend the usage of USA Conformation judges.

**2000 EBM–Austin (New Judges for 2001 Sieger Show)**

Motion to select new judges for the 2001 Sieger Show.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Sieger Show Performance Test Judge)**

The Director of Judges is the presiding judge for the performance test at the Sieger Show.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Breed Survey at Sieger Show)**

A breed survey will not be allowed at the USA Sieger Show.

**2000 EBM–Austin (GSD Championship Conformation Rating Requirement)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that to compete in the GSD Championship, the dog must have a minimum “G” conformation rating in addition to the current requirements effective with the 2001 Championship.

**Motion tabled by proposer at 2000 GBM–Madison until the breed program is in place.**

**1999 GBM–Reno (Breed Advisory Committee Chairman)**

The Breed Advisory Committee will elect their chairperson, who will also serve as the National Head Breed Warden.

**1999 EBM–St. Louis (SV Meeting Regarding USA Breed Registry Issue)**

Motion to have Johannes Grewe speak to the SV regarding USA Breed Registry issue while at the symposium in Germany in February.

**1999 EBM–St. Louis (Universal Sieger Trophy Fund)**

Motion to create a fund for the Universal Sieger Trophy to be administered by the Breed Advisory Committee. Funds will be sent to the USA Office.

**1998 GBM–Denver (Koer Rating Remains With Dog)**

Motion that the koer rating of any German Shepherd Dog will remain with that dog regardless of the dog’s ownership or owner’s USA membership status.

**1998 GBM–Denver (Sieger Show Dates)**

Change the window of dates for the Sieger Show to be no closer than two weeks on either side of the North American or World Qualifier or National Championship to begin in the year 2000 due to airline restrictions.

**1998 EBM–Bangor (USA Breed Survey Regulations)**

Motion to accept the USA Breed Survey Regulations presented by the Breed Advisory Committee as amended at this meeting.

**1998 EBM–Bangor (USA Breeding Regulations)**

Motion to accept the USA Breed Survey Regulations presented by the Breed Advisory Committee as amended at this meeting.

**1998 EBM–Bangor (USA Breed Show Regulations)**

Motion to accept the USA Breed Show Regulations proposed by the Breed Advisory Committee.

**1998 EBM–Bangor (USA Universal Sieger Regulations)**

Motion to accept the USA Universal Sieger Regulations as proposed by the Breed Advisory Committee.

**1998 EBM–Bangor (USA Breeders Cup Award Program)**

Motion to accept the USA Breeders Cup Award Program as proposed by the Breed Advisory Committee.

**1998 EBM–Bangor (USA German Shepherd Dog Standard)**

Motion to accept the USA German Shepherd Dog Standard as proposed by the Breed Advisory Committee.

**1998 EBM–Bangor (OFA Ratings)**

Motion, beginning January 1, 2000, USA will only accept OFA ratings submitted through the USA Program.

**1997 GBM–St. Joseph (COAPA Membership)**

Motion to accept membership in the COAPA.

**1997 GBM–St. Joseph (Breed Survey at Sieger Show)**

Motion that the breed survey at the Sieger Show be optional.

**1997 EBM–Madison (Sieger Show Window)**

Motion to create a window for the Sieger Show to be either the first or second weekend in June. **Rescinded at 1998 GBM–Denver.**

**1996 GBM–Charlottesville (Breed Advisory Committee Plan)**

Motion to accept the Breed Advisory Committee plan.

**1995 GBM–West Lafayette (Sieger Show Schedule)**

Motion to exclude the Sieger Show from the months of April, May, October, and November, leaving the remaining eight months available. **Rescinded at 1998 GBM–Denver.**

**1995 EBM–Albuquerque (Correction of 1994 GBM–Albuquerque Minutes)**

Motion to correct the minutes of the 1994 GBM to read: Beginning January 1, 1996 in order for a litter to be eligible for registration in the USA/SV Breed Registry, both parents must have a hip certification (either OFA or “a” stamp) and both parents must have a working title. No registration will be issued if the parents do not meet these minimum requirements.

**1994 GBM–Madison (Conformation Show Registration Requirements)**

Motion that all dogs shown in USA conformation shows be registered with the SV/USA Breed Registry or must apply for registration with USA at the show, to become effective July 1995.

**1994 GBM–Madison (USA Breed Registry Requirements)**

Beginning January 1, 1996, in order for a litter to be eligible for registration in the USA Breed Registry, both parents must have a hip certification (either OFA or “a” stamp), one parent must have at least SchH1, IPO1, or DPO1, and the other parent must have at least a B. No registration will be issued if the parents do not meet these minimum requirements.

**1994 GBM–Madison (National Event Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Kay Koerner to have no mandate for judges selected for national events. The judges could be all SV, all USA, or a combination of both. The host club recommends the slate, the Judges Committee passes on the slate, and the Board approves. **Same motion approved again at 2002 EBM–St. Louis (National Event Slate of Judges).**

**1993 EBM–Norton (Recording OFA Elbow Certifications)**

Motion to record OFA elbow certifications on the USA/SV pedigrees, if the SV approves. Lower case “e” stamp similar to SV “a” stamp and OFA elbow certification number to be applied to the pedigree by the USA Office, and OFA elbow certification to be recorded along with the “a” or OFA hip certification for the ancestors when pedigrees are issued.

**1992 GBM–Albuquerque (Sieger Show Helpers)**

The helpers for the working classes at the Sieger Show will be picked from the USA membership. They will be picked by the protection judge, the regional director, and the Breed Advisory Committee Chairman. Three helpers would be selected, and in case of warm weather could be rotated every five dogs instead of having one helper for the males and one for the bitches. The USA Office will keep the protection judge and the Breed Advisory Committee Chairman informed of the size of the entry in the working classes in case more helpers would be needed.

**1991 EBM–Rome (Tattoo Tools)**

Motion to approve the purchase of 12 additional tattoo tools at \$130 each to get the cheaper rate available when 20 are purchased.

**1989 GBM–Bowling Green (Breed Advisory Committee Package)**

Motion to accept the entire Breed Advisory Committee package.

**1988 EBM–Bowling Green (USA/SV Pedigree Program)**

Motion that we accept the committee’s recommendation to accept the SV’s proposal and have a joint USA/SV pedigree program.

**1988 EBM–Bowling Green (Tattooer and Breed Warden Job Description)**

Motion to strike the job description for professionalism that applies to Tattooers and Breed Wardens; and furthermore, the approval of Tattooers and Breed Wardens be the responsibility of the Regional Director. The Regional Director must send notice of approval to the Breed Advisory Committee Chairperson within 14 days. The Tattooers and Breed Wardens serve at the pleasure of the Breed Advisory Committee.

**1988 EBM–Bowling Green (USA/SV Registration Fees)**

Motion that fees for USA/SV pedigrees be \$22 per puppy:

\$13.00	SV (per puppy)	2.00	Fixed cost (to replace machinery)
1.00	Labor (typist)	1.00	Translations (German to English)

3.50	Markup (20%)	\$22.00	Total
1.50	Postage and supplies		

**Registration fees increased at 2002 EBM–St. Louis.**

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Award System)**

Motion to accept the award system for breeders.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Conformation Shows)**

Motion to accept 4. Conformation Shows: Local specialty shows, four zone shows/year, one Sieger show/year. Breed survey-type protection mandatory in zone shows and Sieger shows.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Approval to Conduct Practice Conformation Shows)**

Approve Pam Luther to conduct practice conformation shows in the Southwest Region.

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (Award System)**

The award system as submitted by Gernot Riedel is recommended to the General Board to be adopted. The Executive Board did not have a copy of the proposal.

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (SV Offer to Produce Pedigrees)**

Motion to consider the SV offer to produce our pedigrees in Germany, and perform a cost and feasibility study.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Breed Advisory Committee Report)**

Motion to accept the Breed Advisory Committee report with a change to #10 Position Description: Conformation Judge. Must not be involved professionally in any way of managing or owning a professional kennel, must not be involved in the trade of dog training/grooming articles as well as in pet food. Above restrictions apply to members of the household also.

**Mail Ballot 1987 (Clubs Allowed to Conduct Conformation Shows)**

Motion to allow Full Member USA clubs to conduct sanctioned conformation shows and for the United Schutzhund Clubs of America to recognize and record the ratings obtained at these shows. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Club Names)**

The same name shall not be identified with a person or kennel and a club. Does not apply to the two existing conflicts (Main, Burgberg).

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Assistance to Breed Clubs)**

The USA express our willingness to assist breed clubs wishing to start their own national organizations, but request that they make a proposal of what assistance they want from the USA.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Approve Breed Registry/Financial Statement)**

Approve the Breed Registry and proposed financial statement per mail ballot.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Conformation Practice Shows)**

Publish a full page on our policy on conformation practice shows and send copies to judges.

**1984 GBM–Oxford (Breed Registry Program)**

Motion to accept Breed Registry Program as a guideline and form a committee to implement it. The Breed Advisory Committee will consist of the Director of Judges, The Administrator, and seven members elected at large for a total of nine members.

**1984 GBM–Oxford (Breed Registry Committee)**

The vote was taken on the motion to elect a committee for one year to be the Breed Registry Committee to implement this program.

**1984 EBM–Sacramento (Breed Registry Program)**

Motion that the proposal (Breed Registry Program) be published in the magazine so that everyone has the opportunity to read it and provide their input before the Executive and General Boards make a decision on the final form of the program in November.

**1983 EBM–Peoria (Approval to Host Conformation Shows)**

Subject to SV approval, USA will at that time also have the right to hold, host or conduct shows strictly for the purposes of evaluating dogs in conformation.

**1983 EBM–Peoria (Conformation Ratings)**

The USA recognizes conformation ratings received under SV judges if we receive approval from the SV to do this.



**E-Ballot #5-00 (2001 Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

The BAC is in agreement with the Sieger Show hosting club. Motion by Johannes Grewe to approve the following judges and scheduling for the Sieger Show 2001:

Class	Males	Females	Class	Males	Females
3–6 Months	R. Mai	J. Grewe	12–18 Months	R. Mai	J. Grewe
6–9 Months	J. Grewe	H. Henrici	18–24 Months	J. Grewe	H. Henrici
9–12 Months	R. Mai	H. Henrici	Working Dogs	R. Mai	H. Henrici
Adult Dogs	R. Mai	H. Henrici			

Progeny and Kennel groups to be judged by all three of the above judges.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Sieger Show Performance Test Judge)**

The Director of Judges is the presiding judge for the performance test at the Sieger Show.

**2000 EBM–Austin (New Judges for 2001 Sieger Show)**

Motion to select new judges for the 2001 Sieger Show.

**Mail Ballot #4-97 (1996 Sieger Show Judge)**

Approval for SV Judge Lothar Quoll to judge the males at the 1996 Sieger Show.

**Mail Ballot #12-95 (1996 Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

Shall the slate of Günther Kollges, Hans Peter Fetten, and Doug Alexander be approved to judge USA's 1996 Sieger Show.

## USA BREED REGISTRY REGULATIONS

### A. GENERAL

1. Anyone wishing to register a kennel, litter or individually register a dog must be a member of the USA and must conform to USA rules and regulations.
2. All necessary fees must be paid and all paperwork must be completed and returned to the USA office.
3. Failure to submit all required paperwork within the specified time limits may result in rejection of registration application and forfeiture of fees.
4. All dogs applying for registration must be tattooed before a registration certificate will be issued.
5. Registration Fees (All fees are subject to change)
  - a. Kennel Registration \$30.00
  - b. Litter Registration \$20.00 + \$5.00 per puppy
  - c. Individual Dog Registration \$35.00
  - d. Update USA Pedigree \$10.00 (Registered Dog's titles, breed survey, hip evaluations, conformation titles, registration category, transfer of ownership, etc.)
6. All dogs registered with USA will receive a USA Pedigree.
7. Only titles recognized by USA will appear on a USA pedigree.
8. Hip Certification must appear on USA Registrations for all dogs over 30 months of age. If no valid Hip Certification is available the number 00 will be printed in the hip rating section for the dog.
9. A dog may elevate from one category to another by submission of the original USA Pedigree, proof of titles earned and the fee of \$10.00 to the USA office.
10. Titles, breed survey, hip evaluations, conformation titles, etc. may be updated by submission of the original USA pedigree, proof of titles earned and the fee of \$10.00 to the USA office.
11. All dogs registered with USA will receive a registration number that begins with the letter A.

### B. KENNEL REGISTRATIONS

1. Kennel Registrations are \$30.00.
2. A Kennel Registration Application Form must be completed, signed and sent to the USA office along with the application fee.
3. No kennel name will be accepted which is already a recognized USA or SV kennel name belonging to someone else, or which is easily mistaken as such.
4. The owner of a registered kennel must maintain a current USA membership. If at any time the kennel owner's membership is no longer current the kennel registration will be cancelled.
5. Sending written request and an additional fee of \$50.00 to the USA office may reinstate a kennel registration.

### C. INDIVIDUAL DOG REGISTRATIONS

1. Individual dog registrations are \$35.00.
2. An Individual Dog Registration Application Form must be completed, signed and sent to the USA office along with the application fee and other required documentation.
3. The applicant must provide a copy of the USA recognized registration papers. Failure to provide registration papers may result in forfeiture of fees and rejection of the application.
4. An AKC Pedigree is optional (preferred) but not required to register a dog. You must indicate on the application that a pedigree is not available.
5. Copies of hip certification and a copy of the dog's scorebook (if applicable) showing applicable titles, scorebook number and full name of dog, along with proof of other titles earned (i.e. North Am. Ch., Sieger, SchH titles, etc.) MUST accompany the registration application. Also, a copy of the breed survey (if applicable) and show card (if applicable) MUST be submitted.
6. Proof of parents'/grandparents working titles, breed surveys show ratings and hip certification (if applicable) must accompany the registration application if they are to appear on the registration or pedigree.



7. NO titles, breed surveys, show ratings or hip certifications will be included on a USA Registration without proper documentation.
8. The dog must be tattooed prior to registration with USA. USA Breed Warden, USA Tattooer, Licensed Veterinarian, Member of the USA Breed Advisory Committee or a Körmeister MUST verify the tattoo, unless the tattoo number is listed on the dog's official pedigree. The Tattoo Verification Form must be completed by the USA authorized person (USA Breed Warden, USA Tattooer, Licensed Veterinarian, Member of the USA Breed Advisory Committee or a Körmeister) and submitted to the USA Office before the USA pedigree will be issued.
9. All dogs registered with USA will receive a registration number that begins with the letter A.
10. The USA Pedigree will be issued when all registration requirements are met.

#### **D. BREEDING REGULATIONS FOR USA REGISTERED LITTERS**

1. Breeding Age  
At the time of breeding, the female must be at least 20 months old and less than nine years old. The male must be at least two years old and less than ten years old. Exceptions are possible upon agreement with the Breed Advisory Committee.
2. Both parents must have a USA recognized working title and show rating of at least 'good'. Both parents must be registered with the USA. (See registration categories)
3. Hip Certification  
At the time of breeding, both parents must have a USA-recognized hip rating with tattoo number or microchip identification.
4. Frequency of Breeding  
The frequency of breeding shall be as follows:
  - a. The male may not breed more than two females in one week and not more than 40 females in one year.
  - b. Females are allowed only two litters per year. Exceptions are possible upon agreement with the Breed Committee.
5. Breed Standard  
No member's dog may be bred that does not conform to the USA Standard for the German Shepherd Dog and free of disqualifying faults. Furthermore, a member's dog may not be bred to any other dog that does not conform to this standard. The translation of the German Shepherd Dog F.C.I. Standard, MO. 166/23.03.1991/D translated from the SV publication in 1998. (USA Standard for the GSD is available on USA website at [http://germanshepherddog.com/regulations/breed\\_standard.htm](http://germanshepherddog.com/regulations/breed_standard.htm))
6. Foreign Breeding  
If a member's female is bred in Germany under SV rules, the owner of the stud dog does not need to be a member of USA and the stud dog need not be registered with USA.

#### **E. LITTER REGISTRATIONS**

1. The breeder must have applied for a USA registered Kennel name prior to registering a litter.
2. Litter registration fees are \$20.00 + \$5.00 per puppy. USA pedigrees will be issued.
3. The Report of Breeding Form must be completed, signed and sent to the USA office.
4. Within one week of tattooing, a Litter Registration Application and the Litter Tattoo and Certification Form must be completed, signed and sent to the USA office along with the fee. All puppies must be listed on the Litter Registration Application.
5. The breeder may assign/use their own tattoo numbers, those tattoo numbers must be listed on the litter application. The registered kennel name must be incorporated into the individual name of the puppies and must follow the alphabet. (I.e. If the kennel name is "von Haus Nica Meyer" the first litter would be your "A" litter, therefore all first names must start with an "A", such as "Adam von Haus Nica Meyer".
6. A USA Breed Warden or a licensed veterinarian (upon approval by the Regional Breed Warden) must see the entire litter. The completed Litter Tattoo and Certification Form must be sent to the USA office. The breeder of the litter may not do the certification of the litter.
7. Puppies should be tattooed between six and eight weeks of age. As soon as it has been determined that the female is in whelp, arrangements should be made for a Tattooer. Contact your Regional Breed Warden for assistance.

8. All USA registered litters, when tattooed with USA Official tattoo-numbers before eight weeks of age, should be tattooed in the right ear.
9. The Tattooer must be a USA Tattooer, Regional Breed Warden or a licensed veterinarian (upon approval by the regional Breed Warden) The person who performs the tattooing must sign the Litter Tattoo and Certification Form.
10. The breeder may not tattoo his/her own litter.
11. USA pedigrees will be issued when all registration requirements are met.

**F. REGISTRATION CATEGORIES (1–4 applies to litter registration only)**

1. Elite – Pink Papers:
  - Both parents registered with USA
  - Both parents have valid breed survey
  - All 4 grandparents with recognized working title
  - Dog is tattooed
2. Preferred – Pink Papers:
  - Both parents registered with USA
  - Both Parents have valid breed survey one or more working titles missing among grandparents
  - Dog is tattooed
3. Advanced – Purple Papers:
  - Both parents registered with USA
  - Both parents have recognized working titles, show rating and have a recognized hip certification
  - All 4 grandparents must have recognized working title
  - Dog is tattooed
4. Basic – Blue Papers:
  - Both parents registered with USA
  - Both parents have recognized working titles, show rating and hip certification
  - One or more working titles missing among grandparents
5. Simple – White Papers:
  - Any dog with FCI recognized registration if proof of recognized working titles, show rating and hip certification cannot be provided for parents
  - Dog is tattooed.
  - No litters may be registered through the Simple Category.**

**REVISION HISTORY**

- 10/11/05 Document title changed from USA Breed Registry to USA Breed Registry Regulations
- 10/11/05 D. Breeding Regulations for USA Registered Litters  
*From:* 3. Hip Certification – At time of breeding, both parents must have a USA recognized hip rating (OFA or SV).  
*To:* 3. Hip Certification – At the time of breeding, both parents must have a USA-recognized hip rating with tattoo number or microchip identification.

## USA/SV BREED REGISTRY

### INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

- A. Individual German Shepherd Dog previously registered through the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV):
- Original SV registration certificate or other registry's registration certificate indicating the registration information and seal. Notarized or certified copies will not be accepted.
  - Original scorebook.
  - Original Breed Survey Report(s).
  - Original of all conformation show rating cards.
  - Original hip certification (if not indicated on the SV registration certificate).
  - Registration fee of \$60.00 per dog.
- B. Individual German Shepherd Dog previously registered through AKC, CKC, or other recognized foreign registry:
- International FCI rules prevent the issuance of any new registration document for dogs seeking individual registration.
  - The registration documents from the original registering organization (such as AKC, CKC, etc.) will be stamped by the SV Breed Registry Office, indicating dual USA/SV registration.
- C. All individual dogs to be registered in the USA/SV Breed Registry must be tattooed.
- Original AKC, CKC, or other foreign registry's registration certificate and AKC, CKC, or other foreign registry's certified four-generation\* pedigree. (International FCI rules require that the original registration papers/pedigree be stamped by the SV Breed Registry Office, so notarized copies or photo copies are not accepted.)
  - Original scorebook (if applicable).
  - Original Breed Survey Report(s) (if applicable).
  - Original of all conformation show rating card(s) (if applicable).
  - Original hip certification (if applicable).
  - Registration fee of \$60.00 per dog.
  - Individual Registration Application completed and signed by the owner of the dog.
  - Statement of Identification completed and signed by a USA Tattooer, USA Breed Warden, licensed veterinarian, member of the USA Breed Advisory Committee, or Körmeister.

If your dog is not already tattooed, you may use a unique tattoo number of your choice or you may obtain a tattoo number from the USA Office. To obtain a tattoo number from the USA Office, you must submit the documentation and fees listed above in Section B, Items 1 through 6, along with your written request to issue a tattoo number. Your written request must include the name of the person who will be tattooing the dog. Only a licensed veterinarian or USA Tattooer may tattoo a dog with a USA-issued tattoo number.

Once this information and documentation is received, a tattoo number will be issued to your dog and sent to you, along with an Individual Registration Application and a Statement of Identification for completion.

After the tattooing of the dog is complete, return both of the properly completed and signed Individual Registration Application and Statement of Identification forms to the USA Office as soon as possible. Registration of that dog can then begin.

If your dog is already tattooed, it is not required to obtain a tattoo number from the USA Office. Submit the required documentation and fees listed in Section B, Items 1 through 8, to the USA Office.

\*A three-generation pedigree will be accepted in lieu of the four-generation pedigree for dogs registered with a registry that does not offer a four-generation pedigree, such as CKC, NHSB, etc. This does not include AKC.

## USA/SV BREED REGISTRY

### LITTER REGISTRATION

1. The person applying for litter registration must be a USA member.
2. Sire and dam (if residing in the United States) must be registered with USA.
3. Litter registration application completed and signed by the Breeder, Breed Warden, and Tattooer. (Application must be typewritten.)
4. Tattoo slip and tattoo strip. (All puppies must be tattooed in the right ear. Please refer to the tattoo numbering system for determining the correct tattoo number.)
5. Sire must be 24 months of age at time of breeding.
6. Dam must be 20 months of age at time of breeding.
7. Effective for breedings taking place on or after January 1, 1999, long stock hair coat type is banned for breeding purposes. This requires that both parents must possess stock hair coat types for litters to be eligible for registration in the USA/SV Breed Registry Program.
8. \*Original USA or foreign pedigree or an AKC or CKC registration certificate and AKC or CKC certified four-generation pedigree for sire\*\* and dam.
9. \*Xerox copy of scorebook pages to include name, scorebook number, and titles for sire\*\* and dam. Effective for breedings taking place on or after January 1, 1996, both parents must have one of the following recognized working titles: SchH, IPO, DPO, HGH, or equivalent.
10. \*Original Breed Survey Report(s) for sire\*\* and dam. If report(s) are USA forms, copies may be sent. If the dog has not been breed surveyed, please indicate this.
11. \*Original conformation show rating cards\* for sire\*\* and dam. Effective for breedings taking place on or after January 1, 1999, both parents must have a minimum recognized conformation show rating of "G."
12. \*Original hip certification form for sire\*\* and dam, if not indicated on the pedigree. Effective for breedings taking place on or after January 1, 1996, both parents must have a recognized hip certification. Recognized hip certifications for breeding purposes are OFA and the German "a" stamp only.
13. Registration fee: \$25.00 per puppy.
14. The Litter Registration application must be received at the USA Office within six months after the time of whelping. If the application is received later than six months after the puppies have whelped, the litter registration can still be processed; however, a penalty fee of \$10.00 per puppy will be charged in addition to the registration fee of \$30.00 per puppy.

**All documents are to be picked up and sent to the USA Office by the Tattooer at the time of tattooing.**

\*If original documentation has previously been submitted to the USA Office, it is not necessary to resubmit the same documents.

\*\*If the bitch was bred in Germany, the original stud certification (Deck-Bescheinigung) issued by the SV will be accepted in place of the original documentation for the sire.

\*Eligible for breeding are all dogs entered in the USA Breed Book who, on the day of breeding, have a training title awarded under the training regulations (SchH1-3, IP1-3, HGH, or a training title of equivalent value) under a USA-recognized judge. In addition, have received a show rating of at least "good" under a USA-recognized conformation judge when not already breed surveyed under USA or SV regulations, and have an acceptable hip dysplasia rating.

\*Only USA Breed Wardens are authorized to inspect litters. In case of an emergency, however, a licensed veterinarian can act as breed warden upon receiving instructions from the Regional Breed Warden and signing a form stating he/she is familiar with the breed warden duties. It is the Regional Director's responsibility to forward this form to the USA Office.

\*Only USA Tattooers and USA Regional Breed Wardens are authorized to tattoo litters. In case of an emergency, however, a licensed veterinarian can act as tattooer upon receiving instructions from the Regional Breed Warden and signing a form stating he/she is familiar with the tattooing procedure. It is the Regional Director's responsibility to forward this form to the USA Office.

# USA BREEDING REGULATIONS

## 1. GENERAL

The United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USA) is a German Shepherd Dog breed organization guided by the rules of the founding organization of German Shepherd Dogs, the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) in Germany.

The USA Breeding Regulations serve in the promotion and planned breeding activities of the German Shepherd Dog, and govern all breeding areas. They are binding for members who wish to register their litters with USA.

## 2. BREEDER

### 2.1. Breeders' Rights

Dog owners and caretakers who want to have USA Breed Book privileges (owners of male and female dogs and caretakers respectively) must be members of USA. The breeder of a litter is the owner or lessee of the dam at the time of breeding. Transfer of breeding rights is possible when a pregnant female is sold. In this case, the following must be presented to the USA Breed Book Office:

- Proof of change of ownership by submission of the pedigree
- Stud certificate or report of breeding card
- Application for transfer of breeding rights/Antrag (available from USA Breed Book Office)

A transfer of breeding rights is not required if the female has more than one owner, and the signature-authorized owner uses her for breeding. If one of the owners who is not signature authorized wants to use the female for breeding, the signature-authorized owner must give his/her written consent.

### 2.2. Breeding Leases

Leasing (or leasing out) of a female for breeding is possible, but documentation must be submitted to USA. The lessee becomes the breeder of the litter after meeting the requirements listed below. The following documents must be presented to the USA Breed Book Office:

- Lease contract/Vertrag (available from USA Breed Book Office)
- Stud certificate
- Application for transfer of breeding rights/Antrag (available from USA Breed Book Office)

A lease contract/transfer of breeding rights is not required if the owner of the female lives in the same household as the person who wants to use the female for breeding and they are related in one of the following manners:

- Parents/grandparents
- Parents-in-law
- Spouses
- Siblings
- Children/grandchildren

In this case the owner has to only give his/her written consent and the agreement must list in which way owner and breeder are related.

#### 2.2.1. Duties

The lessee must meet the obligations set forth in the breeding contract.

#### 2.2.2. Frequency of Breeding Leases

A breeder is limited to five breeding leases per calendar year.

#### 2.2.3. Breeding Leases With Foreign Countries

Breeding leases with parties who reside outside the United States of America are not permitted. Exceptions can be made if the USA Breed Book Office gives permission. The breed wardens of the appropriate region and local club must approve exceptions.

#### **2.2.4. Breeding Leases Involving Breed Book Ban**

A person subject to breed book ban may not transfer the breeding rights of a pregnant female to another person. When the breed book ban takes effect, it automatically also affects any male and/or female owned by this person. Breeding announcements for dogs owned by a person under breed book ban may not be published in the USA magazine. Male dogs owned by persons under breed book ban may not be placed with a caretaker and accepted by any person for breeding purposes.

#### **2.3. Kennel Name and Protection of Kennel Name**

An application for a kennel name must be made with USA and the kennel name must be protected by USA. The kennel name lapses on the death of the breeder unless his/her heir applies to have it transferred to him/herself, or 30 years after the last entry under the kennel name. Kennel names are not assigned to other breeders for 30 years after the death of the previous kennel name's owner.

Puppies bred under breeding lease conditions are entered under the kennel name of the lessee.

### **3. BREEDING CONSULTATION AND SUPERVISION**

#### **3.1. Club Breed Wardens**

The club breed wardens have jurisdiction over consulting in and supervising of the breeding activities of their local clubs.

##### **3.1.1. Jurisdiction of Club Breed Wardens**

The region assigns the breed warden's territory and has two choices:

- Jurisdiction according to the breeder's domicile
- Jurisdiction according to the breeder's local club membership

If the breeder belongs to several clubs in the same region, the breed warden of the club closest to the breeder's domicile has jurisdiction. If the breeder belongs to several clubs belonging to different regions, the breed warden of the region where the breeder lives has jurisdiction.

##### **3.1.2. Duties of Club Breed Wardens**

The club breed warden is required (within the framework of his/her local club) to answer questions and advise club members with respect to breeding activities and breed-related events. Therefore, the club breed warden is required to participate regularly in breed warden training courses held by the region. The club breed warden is especially responsible for the care and formal inspection of litters in his/her club. The breed warden must inspect litters born in his/her club within five days of the date of birth and again around the time of tattooing. The tattoo number of the dam must be checked during these visits. The breeder must see to it that the breed warden has access to the litter. The litter inspections must also include evaluation of rearing conditions.

The club breed warden must supervise breeding activities in accordance with breeding regulations. The club breed warden must report violations against the breeding regulations as well as unreported breedings to the regional breed warden who has jurisdiction over that club.

##### **3.1.3. Inspection of Litters**

Only USA breed wardens are authorized to inspect litters. In case of an emergency, however, a licensed veterinarian can act as breed warden upon receiving instructions from the regional breed warden and signing a veterinary instruction form stating he/she is familiar with the duties of the breed warden. It is the responsibility of the regional breed warden to forward this form to the USA Office. Forms are available from the regional breed warden or the USA Breed Book Office.

In cases where the breed warden cannot carry out the first inspection of the litter within five days of the date of birth, a breed warden from the same club or a breed warden from an adjacent club must be used.

### 3.2. Tattoos

For identification purposes, the puppies are tattooed under the guidance of USA. Tattooing is a prerequisite to registration in the USA Breed Book Office. To carry out the tattooing, USA has established tattoo districts within the regions.

#### 3.2.1. Jurisdiction of Tattoos

The tattooer (or his/her representative) designated for the breeder's (caretaker's) residence has jurisdiction over tattooing activities.

#### 3.2.2. Duties of Tattoos

The tattooer must check the jurisdiction of the club breed warden; and, after making an appointment with the breed warden and the breeder, must tattoo the puppies not before the 50<sup>th</sup> day after birth. All puppies in the litter, including those being raised by a foster mother, must be presented for tattooing. After the 12<sup>th</sup> week of age, tattooing may only be done if the puppies are anesthetized. The tattooer must also check data on the litter registration application that has been signed by the club breed warden for completeness and correctness. If the tattoo number is later illegible, the USA Breed Book Office must be notified. The cost of follow-up tattooing falls to the breeder. Claims for reimbursement on follow-up tattooing expenses may not be made.

#### 3.2.3. Tattooing of Litters

Only USA tattooers and USA regional breed wardens are authorized to tattoo litters. In case of an emergency, however, a licensed veterinarian can act as tattooer upon receiving instructions from the regional breed warden and signing a veterinary instruction form stating he/she is familiar with the tattooing procedure. It is the responsibility of the regional breed warden to forward this form to the USA Office. Forms are available from the regional breed warden or the USA Breed Book Office.

## 4. BREED WORTH AND PREREQUISITES FOR BREEDING

### 4.1. Breed Worth

The following classifications apply:

#### 4.1.1. Eligible for Breeding

Eligible for breeding are all dogs entered in the USA Breed Book (if the owner resides in the United States), who on the day of breeding have at least one performance title (SchH1-3, VPG1-3, IP1-3, or HGH) obtained under a USA-recognized performance judge, a breed show rating of at least "good" obtained under a USA-recognized breed judge in the youth, young dog, or working dog class if not already breed surveyed under USA or SV regulations, and a USA-recognized hip certification.

#### 4.1.2. Recommended for Breeding

Dogs recommended for breeding are those breed surveyed in Breed Survey Class 1 (KKL1) at a USA-recognized breed survey.

#### 4.1.3. Suitable for Breeding

Dogs suitable for breeding are those breed surveyed in Breed Survey Class 2 (KKL2) at a USA-recognized breed survey.

#### 4.1.4. Not Suitable for Breeding

Progeny of dogs classified as not suitable for breeding cannot be entered in the USA Breed Book. The dog owner is informed of this decision by certified mail. Appeals against this decision must be made within 14 days of the decision date. The person responsible for the USA Breed Book will decide appeals. The National Breed Warden will decide further appeals. The following faults preclude breeding:

**4.1.4.1.** Do not meet requirements set forth under 4.1.1. to 4.1.3.

**4.1.4.2.** Dogs registered in the Performance Register.

- 4.1.4.3.** Dogs with the following faults:
- Faulty temperament, aggressive or nervous biters, or weak nerves
  - Documented hip dysplasia
  - Monorchids or cryptorchids
  - Disfiguring ear and/or tail faults
  - Considerable anatomical faults
  - Long coat or long stock coat
  - Considerable pigment deficiencies, including blues
  - Dentition faults as follows:
    - Missing one premolar #3 and one additional tooth
    - Missing one canine tooth
    - Missing one premolar #4
    - Missing one molar #1
    - Missing one molar #2
    - Missing three or more teeth
    - Missing molar #3 is not counted
    - Dogs having proof that the missing tooth or teeth had originally been in place are exempt from this rule. Proof must be entered on the pedigree, the Körschein, or a dental status form.
  - Faulty jawbones:
    - Overshot more than 2 mm
    - Undershot
    - Level bite
  - Oversized or undersized more than 1 cm, measured at the withers (maximum is males 66 cm/bitches 61 cm and minimum is males 59 cm/bitches 54 cm)
  - Females that have whelped three times by cesarean section
  - Severed musculus pectineus
- 4.1.4.4.** Surgical interventions for the purpose of correcting, obtaining, or improving a breed show rating (i.e., ears, tails, teeth, testicles, skeleton) entail a breeding ban and initiate disciplinary proceedings against the owner and/or all co-owners.

## **4.2. Breeding Requirements**

In addition to the conditions listed under paragraph 4.1.1, the following requirements must be met:

### **4.2.1. Minimum Age for Breeding**

At the time of breeding, males must be at least 24 months of age and females must be at least 20 months of age.

Unplanned breedings occurring prior to minimum age must immediately be reported to the club breed warden, the regional breed warden, and the USA Breed Book Office. The USA Breed Book Office, together with the National Breed Warden, decides on the eligibility for registration of such litters.

### **4.2.2. Breeding Frequency**

#### **Males**

Males who meet breeding regulations may be bred up to 90 times per year. These breedings must be evenly distributed over time; with 50% each for the first and second half of the year, and then evenly spaced over the months of each half-year. Frequent breedings in close succession are detrimental to the constitution of the dog and jeopardize fertilization, and must therefore be avoided. Breeding to the same female more than once within 28 days is counted as one breeding.

If the male reaches the two-year age requirement during the calendar year, only the proportional number of breedings, calculated from the day the dog reaches the two-year age requirement, is permitted. This rule applies for breedings with domestic and foreign females.

#### **Females**

Healthy females may be bred twice per year.



#### 4.2.3. Breeding Act

The selection of the stud dog is left to the breeder. The owner of the stud dog approves the females for his/her dog. The stud dog owner shall verify the completion of the breeding act by signing the stud certificate/report of breeding card. Owners of stud dogs may not issue blank report of breeding cards. The owner of the female must submit the stud certificate/report of breeding card to the USA Breed Book Office and must also notify the club breed warden of the breeding.

In cases where males or females have several co-owners, one person must be designated to represent the owners at the USA Breed Book Office and a written agreement covering this designation must be submitted. Signature authorization forms are available from the USA Breed Book Office.

After completion of the breeding act, the stud dog's obligation is considered fulfilled and the prerequisites for payment of the agreed upon stud fee have been met. One free breeding must be granted if the female does not conceive. Miscarriage or failure to conceive must be reported to the stud dog owner without delay. If the stud dog is no longer available (death or sale), half of the stud dog fee must be reimbursed. Stud dog owners are required to reimburse the entire stud fee if, through a fault of their own (fraudulent or other reasons), the stud dog should have been partially or completely banned from breeding.

If it is established that the stud dog is not fertile, or only partially fertile, the dog may lose breed survey status and a progeny registration ban may be instituted. The owners of females who did not conceive because the male is not able to reproduce have the right to ask for a full refund of the stud fee.

A litter having two different sires cannot be entered into the USA Breed Book.

#### 4.2.4. Number of Puppies in Litter

The dam may rear all puppies whelped.

#### 4.2.5. Litter Announcement

The breeder informs the club breed warden immediately after the whelping of a litter.

Prior to tattooing, the litter registration application must be completed, with copies for the club breed warden, tattooer, and breeder.

The person applying for USA litter registration must be a USA member.

The litter registration application must be received at the USA Office within six months after the litter is whelped. If the application is received later than six months after the litter is whelped, the litter registration can still be processed; however, a penalty fee of \$10 per puppy will be charged in addition to the registration-fee.

The litter registration application must include the following (if not previously submitted):

- Pedigree of the female (in cases of ownership change)
- Stud certificate/report of breeding card
- Litter registration application
- Tattoo book slip (original)
- Tattoo control strip
- Certificate of foster raising, if applicable (available from the USA Breed Book Office)

#### 4.2.6. Pedigrees

Pedigrees are proof of ancestry. The USA Breed Book Office confirms identity by entering the animals into the USA Breed Book.

USA pedigrees are only an addition to the AKC registration papers. Litters whelped in the United States must be registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC) to have internationally-recognized registration papers, since AKC is the only FCI-recognized breed registry in the United States.

Pedigrees are owned by USA. The dog's owner has the right to physical possession of the pedigree. Physical possession of the pedigree can also be transferred to the lessee of a bitch for breeding and remains there for the time the lease contract is in effect. The same applies for caretakers of male dogs placed with them for stud service purposes.

After receipt of the pedigrees, the breeder must verify that they are correct and confirm this by signing on page 1 of the pedigrees. The pedigrees may only be mailed directly to the breeder.

Ownership changes must be entered in the transfer of ownership section on the back of the pedigree by entering the date of sale in the first column and the name and complete address of the owner in the second column on the appropriate line. The seller must verify the transfer by signing in the third column; and the buyer must sign in the fourth column on the same line. The pedigree or a transfer of ownership form available from the USA Breed Book Office must be submitted to the USA Breed Book Office without delay.

Dog owners may not sign pedigrees where the ownership change has not been documented.

### 4.3. Breeding Procedures

There is a differentiation between the following breeding procedures:

#### 4.3.1. Purebred Breeding

Breeding of animals of the same breed. This method, without our intervention, leads to the utilization of the available genetic material by the interbreeding of family members and relatives or inbreeding.

#### 4.3.2. Inbreeding

Breeding based on close blood relationships. One ancestor must be present in the pedigree at least once on the sire's and dam's side. Inbreeding also includes breeding between siblings. The term blood relationship is limited to the first five generations (inbreeding). Inbreeding is subdivided into:

**4.3.2.1. Incest Breeding:** Breeding between parents and offspring, grandparents and nieces and nephews, and also breeding between relatives of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree (nieces and nephews or siblings and cousins). Inbreeding closer than 2-3 or 3-2, and among siblings, is not permitted.

**4.3.2.2. Inbreeding:** Breeding between relatives of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> degree.

**4.3.2.3. Linebreeding:** Breeding between relatives of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> degree.

#### 4.3.3. One-Time Outcross

The one-time introduction of outcross blood into a bloodline that is already well established.

#### 4.3.4. Outcrossing

Breeding of animals of the same breed that are not related to one another.

As almost all purebred breeds are based on a narrow genetic pool, linebreeding is sufficient. The goal of linebreeding is to find a link to ancestors that reproduced well. Bloodlines based on inbreeding must repeatedly be renewed by the introduction of genes from a genetic pool that is not too closely related. This process helps avoid the introduction of undesirable genetic traits.

## 5. BREED PRESERVATION AND ADVANCEMENT MEASURES

### 5.1. USA Breed Book

The USA Breed Book, maintained for the breeding activities of the German Shepherd Dog, contains a listing of the progeny of all animals available for breeding within the USA system. In order to obtain comprehensive information regarding the hereditary characteristics of the breed, all animals available for breeding under breeding regulations must be entered into the breed book even if it is later established that the dogs, for some reason or other, are not fit for breeding. It is necessary to list the unqualified dogs because it makes it possible to gain extensive information about positive and negative genetic characteristics within the breed.

The USA Breed Book forms the basis for the dog's pedigree, which not only lists the name and lineage of ancestors, but also gives information regarding their usefulness for service. It provides data regarding color and markings and type of coat of the siblings; and color and markings, type of coat, performance titles, breed show ratings, breed survey results, and hip certifications of the parents and grandparents and their siblings. The USA Breed Book and the pedigrees also make special mention of progeny descending from the following breedings:

**5.1.1. Breed Survey Breeding**

Offspring descending from two breed surveyed parents.

**5.1.2. Performance Breeding**

Offspring descending from two parents and four grandparents with recognized performance titles.

**5.2. USA Breed Survey Book**

The breed survey facilitates the selection of breeding animals that, according to their temperament, performances, and anatomical characteristics, are especially suitable for maintaining and advancing the working capabilities of the breed. The USA Breed Survey Book is a supplement to the USA Breed Book, and together with it and the breed show and performance trial reports, serves as a reference for goal-oriented breeding activities. The breed survey is carried out in accordance with the USA Breed Survey Regulations.

**5.3. USA Breed Show Records**

USA maintains records of all dogs that have participated in a USA breed show. In addition to the name of the dog and breed book/registration number, the breed show records list the show ratings obtained in USA breed shows.

**5.4. USA Performance Records**

USA maintains records of all dogs that have participated in a USA performance trial. In addition to the name of the dog and breed book/registration number, the performance records list the performance titles, the total scores awarded at trials, and the scores for the individual trial phases.

**5.5. USA Registry of Dogs Without Acceptable Proven Ancestry**

The registry is called the "Performance Register," and it contains dogs that have appropriate breed characteristics but do not have acceptable proven ancestry. The breed characteristics must be verified by a USA or SV judge (breed judge or performance judge), USA breed warden, USA tattooer, or USA regional director. The German Shepherd Dogs contained in this registry receive a "PR" registration number for scorebook purposes only. All dogs must be tattooed. The necessary forms are available from the USA Office.

**EXCEPTIONS TO SV REGULATIONS:**

**1. Breeding Frequency**

- SV Regulation: A female may be bred twice within twelve months unless she is raising more than eight puppies in the litter. In this case she may be bred again six months after the date of whelping.
- USA Regulation: Healthy females may be bred twice per year.

**2. Number of Puppies in Litter**

- SV Regulation: The number of puppies that a female may nurse is restricted to eight puppies per litter; the other puppies must be raised by a foster dam.
- USA Regulation: The dam may rear all puppies whelped.

# USA BREED SURVEY REGULATIONS

## 1. GENERAL

The United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USA) is a German Shepherd Dog breed organization guided by the rules of the founding organization of German Shepherd Dogs, the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) in Germany, with the objective of preserving the breed in accordance with the breed standard as a working dog. The USA Breed Survey Regulations coincide with the SV regulations; however, they have been somewhat modified to conform to the needs of USA.

The USA Breed Survey Regulations govern all breed survey activities for the German Shepherd Dog. The purpose of the USA Breed Survey Regulations is to select breeding animals that, according to their temperament, performance, and anatomical characteristics, are suitable for maintaining and improving the breed.

## 2. USA SURVEY ORGANIZATION

### 2.1. Breed Book Office

The USA Breed Book Office checks all breed survey paperwork for correctness, then processes and files the reports. The USA Breed Book Office publishes a USA Breed Survey Book annually containing the data on all dogs that have been breed surveyed in a USA event.

### 2.2. Breed Survey Masters

USA appoints experienced USA breed judges to serve as breed survey masters and also uses SV Körmeisters. The breed survey masters have no legal claim to yearly breed survey assignments. Selection of breed survey masters lies with the local clubs.

### 2.3. Breed Survey Season

The season for breed surveys is from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Dogs may be presented for surveying one time during each season.

### 2.4. Breed Survey Entry Maximum

The number of dogs for each survey day is limited to 50. If more than 50 dogs are entered, an additional half-day must be added on the same weekend.

### 2.5. Legal

2.5.1. The decision of the breed survey master is final. Objections are not permitted.

2.5.2. Obtaining or losing breed survey status gives no legal claims to interested parties or outsiders. Any claims for damages from interested parties (owners) or outsiders arising from obtaining or losing breed survey status are denied.

2.5.3. The owner of the dog is liable for any damage caused by the dog.

## 3. PREREQUISITES FOR BREED SURVEY PARTICIPATION

### 3.1. USA Registration

Dogs must be registered with USA if the owner resides in the United States.

### 3.2. USA Membership

Owners of the dogs must be current members of USA if residing in the United States. If the dog is co-owned, the signature-authorized owner must be a current USA member.

### 3.3. Age Requirement

Dogs must be a minimum of two years old in the year of the survey.

### 3.4. Performance Title

Dogs must have at least one performance title (SchH1-3, VPG1-3, IP1-3, or HGH) obtained under a USA-recognized performance judge, and a BH obtained under a WUSV-recognized judge. Dogs with an HGH title are not required to have a BH title.

### **3.5. Endurance Test**

Dogs must have passed an endurance test (AD) under a USA-recognized judge; however, this requirement is waived for dogs with an HGH title and dogs that are six years and older.

### **3.6. Hip Certification**

Dogs must have a USA-recognized hip certification with tattoo number or microchip identification. Note: Check with the USA Office for a current list of recognized hip certifications.

### **3.7. Breed Show Rating**

Dogs must have a breed show rating of at least “good” obtained under a USA-recognized breed judge in the youth, young dog, or working dog class.

### **3.8. USA-Recognized Judges**

The judges who are recognized by USA are USA judges, SV judges (including SV foreign judges), and Canadian judges.

### **3.9. Additional Prerequisites**

- 3.9.1. Sick animals may not be presented.
- 3.9.2. Females in season must be reported to the breed survey master, who controls participation.
- 3.9.3. Females in whelp must be reported to the breed survey master, who controls participation.
- 3.9.4. Dogs must be identifiable by a recognizable tattoo number.

## **4. SPONSORING LOCAL CLUBS**

### **4.1. Prerequisites**

- 4.1.1. Venue with the necessary accommodations and restrooms
- 4.1.2. Trained assistants
- 4.1.3. Breed survey secretary

### **4.2. Required Equipment**

- 4.2.1. Shelter for the breed survey master and breed survey secretary
- 4.2.2. Sufficiently large ring
- 4.2.3. Loudspeaker
- 4.2.4. SV breed survey measuring stick
- 4.2.5. Measuring tape (metric system)
- 4.2.6. Scale (metric system)
- 4.2.7. Two blank guns (6 mm) with adequate blank ammunition
- 4.2.8. Numbered bibs or armbands for dog handlers

### **4.3. Duties of Breed Survey Secretary**

- 4.3.1. Mail breed survey entry forms a minimum of three weeks in advance.
- 4.3.2. Check submitted documents for completeness and correctness, and check eligibility of dogs for entering breed survey.
- 4.3.3. Confirm that owners who are residents of the United States are USA members
- 4.3.4. Prepare Körlisten and temporary breed survey certificates and have them ready for the breed survey master either prior to or at the start of the survey. The forms are available from the USA Breed Book Office.
- 4.3.5. Inform the breed survey master regarding receipt and number of entries.
- 4.3.6. Provide a catalogue-like list of participants that is divided by males and females, and first and repeat breed surveys.
- 4.3.7. Submit the checked documents for each dog to the breed survey master before the start of the breed survey.

## **5. REGISTERING FOR THE SURVEY**

The following documents must be submitted no later than the day of the breed survey:

- 5.1. Original USA-recognized pedigree showing proof of USA registration.

- 5.2. Original breed show rating book/card showing proof of breed show rating.
- 5.3. Original scorebook showing proof of AD, BH, and one performance title.
- 5.4. Original hip certificate showing proof of USA-recognized hip certification with tattoo number or microchip identification, if not entered on the pedigree.
- 5.5. Original breed survey report in cases of resurvey.
- 5.6. Original signature authorization form for dogs that are co-owned, unless previously submitted to the USA Breed Book Office (form available from the USA Breed Book Office).
- 5.7. Photocopy of USA membership card.

## **6. SURVEY PROCEDURE**

### **6.1. Temperament Test**

The breed survey master must subject each dog to a temperament test. Temperament evaluation may extend throughout the entire survey. According to the standard, the dog must display sound temperament; i.e., be carefree, self-confident, and good-natured and have steady nerves.

### **6.2. Gun Test**

From a distance of at least 15 paces, at least two shots must be fired from a blank gun (6 mm). The dog must not have a negative reaction to the gunfire.

### **6.3 Protection Work Execution – Surprise Attack with Guarding**

- 6.3.1. The handler reports to the breed survey master with the dog on leash.
- 6.3.2. Upon instruction by the breed survey master, the handler assumes the basic position at a marked spot 30 paces from the blind and takes the leash off the dog.
- 6.3.3. The leash must be placed around the shoulder or in the pocket of the handler.
- 6.3.4. Upon a signal from the breed survey master, the handler walks toward the blind with the free-heeling dog.
- 6.3.5. The dog must stay closely at heel.
- 6.3.6. Upon a signal from the breed survey master, the helper performs an attack while making threatening noises. The attack occurs when handler and dog are five paces away from the blind.
- 6.3.7. The dog must counter the attack immediately and confidently and must bite hard and full.
- 6.3.8. Once the dog has a grip on the sleeve, the helper applies two stick hits with a soft stick on either the thighs, the sides, or in the area of the withers.
- 6.3.9. The handler may verbally encourage the dog to counter the attack.
- 6.3.10. Upon a signal from the breed survey master, the helper stops the attack and stands still.
- 6.3.11. The dog must release either on its own or upon receiving the verbal command “aus/out” and must guard the helper.
- 6.3.12. The breed survey master gives the handler the instruction to step up to the dog.
- 6.3.13. The handler puts the dog on leash and receives the instruction from the breed survey master to step into the assigned blind.

### **6.4. Protection Work Execution – Attack, Fight, and Guarding**

- 6.4.1. The breed survey master tells the handler to leave the assigned blind and take the position on the centerline.
- 6.4.2. The handler takes the dog off leash and holds the dog by the collar.
- 6.4.3. The dog must stay in this position until he is sent to counter the attack with the verbal command “voran/go on.”
- 6.4.4. Upon receiving a signal from the breed survey master, the helper leaves the assigned blind, which is located at a distance of approximately 70-80 paces from the handler, and walks across the field at a normal pace.
- 6.4.5. The handler verbally commands the helper to stop by shouting “stop/stand still.”
- 6.4.6. The helper ignores the command and performs a frontal attack on the handler and the dog.
- 6.4.7. Immediately after the attack begins, the breed survey master gives the handler the instruction to counter the attack/send the dog.

- 6.4.8. The handler immediately sends his dog with the verbal command “voran/go on” and stands still.
- 6.4.9. The dog must energetically counter the attack with drive and with a strong, full, sure, and calm grip.
- 6.4.10. Once the dog has a grip on the sleeve, and after a brief pressure phase, the helper stops the attack on a signal from the breed survey master. No stick hits are given.
- 6.4.11. Thereafter, the dog must release either on its own or upon receiving the verbal command “aus/out” and must guard the helper.
- 6.4.12. Upon a signal from the breed survey master, the handler walks directly to the dog at a normal pace and puts the dog on leash.
- 6.4.13. With the dog on leash, the handler reports to the breed survey master and then leaves the field.

#### **6.5. Protection Work Scoring – Release**

- 6.5.1. After the helper stops the attack, the dog must release on its own.
- 6.5.2. The handler may give the first “aus/out” command on his/her own after a reasonable time.
- 6.5.3. If the dog does not release after the first “aus/out” command, the breed survey master instructs the handler to give two more “aus/out” commands, if necessary.
- 6.5.4. When giving the “aus/out” command, the handler must stand still and may not influence the dog in any way.
- 6.5.5. If the dog’s name is used, it is counted as an “aus/out” command.
- 6.5.6. If the dog releases on its own when the handler approaches, it can still be counted as a release; however, the handler must be at least five paces from the dog at that time.
- 6.5.7. If the dog releases on its own or in response to the “aus/out” command after the attack and after the defense exercise; the rating “does release” is awarded.
- 6.5.8. If the dog does not release—even once—on its own or in response to the “aus/out” command after the attack or after the defense exercise, the dog receives the rating “does not release.”
- 6.5.9. The breed survey ratings themselves are not affected by this rating.
- 6.5.10. The breed survey master stays near the handler during the entire protection routine, and keenly observes the behavior of dog and handler until after the handler has picked up the dog.

#### **6.6. Protection Work Scoring – Evaluation of Instinctive Behavior, Self-Confidence, and Ability to Cope with Stress (TSB)**

- 6.6.1. The overall rating of the protection exercises is scored as “pronounced,” “present,” or “insufficient.”
- 6.6.2. Pronounced: Self-confident, intense, goal-oriented and secure gripping and holding, no negative reactions to the stick hits, and close and attentive watching in the guarding phases.
- 6.6.3. Present: Deficiencies, for example, in self-confidence, in goal-oriented behavior, in grip and stick behavior, as well as in the guarding phases.
- 6.6.4. Insufficient: Lacking self-confidence, strong deficiencies with respect to hardness, and disinterest in the helper.

#### **6.7. Measurements and Weights**

The breed survey secretary or an assistant may weigh the dogs and take measurements for chest depth and chest circumference. The breed survey master must take measurements of the height at the withers.

#### **6.8. Examination of Standing Dog and Evaluation of Movement**

During this examination, the breed survey master writes the breed survey report. The handler must refrain as much as possible from influencing the dog during this examination.

#### **6.9. Reports and Certificates**

After completing the survey for each dog, the breed survey master announces the results over the loudspeaker. The owners of the dogs receive a temporary breed survey certificate signed by the breed survey master that shows the survey result. This certificate is proof of breed survey and replaces the original paperwork while the USA Breed Book Office is processing the breed survey.

## 7. BREED SURVEY

### 7.1. Survey Class 1

Survey Class 1 is the highest breed survey classification and is awarded to dogs recommended for breeding. This class is limited to dogs that conform to the breed characteristics as follows:

- 7.1.1. Measurements, weight, and structure conform to the standard.
- 7.1.2. Overall temperament is self-confident and good-natured, with TSB rating of “pronounced.”
- 7.1.3. Faultless dentition with no missing teeth; however, double premolars #1 are allowed.

### 7.2. Survey Class 2

Survey Class 2 is the lower breed survey classification and is awarded to dogs approved for breeding. This class includes dogs with the following faults:

- 7.2.1. Minor anatomical faults.
- 7.2.2. Oversized or undersized up to 1 cm, measured at the withers (maximum is males 66 cm/ bitches 61 cm and minimum is males 59 cm/bitches 54 cm).
- 7.2.3. TSB rating of “present.”
- 7.2.4. Dentition faults as follows:
  - Missing one premolar #1 or one incisor
  - Missing two premolars #1
  - Missing one premolar #1 and one incisor
  - Missing one premolar #2
  - Slight level bite of the middle incisors

### 7.3. Upgrading of Survey Class

The owner of a dog surveyed in Class 2 (initial or repeat survey) has the option of presenting the dog again for a breed survey improvement in the first year of the current breed survey. Application for survey rating upgrade is possible one time for both the initial survey and resurvey.

### 7.4. One-Year Deferment

A one-year deferment is possible for the following reasons:

- 7.4.1. The physical development of the dog is not advanced enough for surveying, but the dog is expected to reach desirable development.
- 7.4.2. The TSB evaluation of the dog is insufficient to pass the breed survey.
- 7.4.3. A one-year deferment is only possible one time for the same reason.

If the dog fails a second time for the same reason, the dog is not suitable for surveying.

### 7.5. Not Suitable for Survey

The following faults preclude a breed survey:

- 7.5.1. Considerable anatomical faults.
- 7.5.2. Oversized or undersized more than 1 cm, measured at the withers (maximum is males 66 cm/ bitches 61 cm and minimum is males 59 cm/bitches 54 cm).
- 7.5.3. Testicle faults.
- 7.5.4. Dentition faults as follows:
  - Missing one premolar #3
  - Missing two incisors
  - Missing one premolar #2 plus one incisor
  - Missing one premolar #2 plus one premolar #1
  - Missing two premolar #2
- 7.5.5. Considerable pigment deficiencies.
- 7.5.6. Long coat or long stock coat.

### 7.6. Survey Term

- 7.6.1. The term for initial survey and survey after lapse is two years. The dog must be presented again during the second year of the current breed survey for the resurvey for life.
- 7.6.2. Resurvey is effective for life.



- 7.6.3. Upgrading of survey class does not extend the original survey term.
- 7.6.4. The survey term for females that are in an advanced stage of pregnancy or are nursing may be extended for an additional year without the female being presented for evaluation (survey extension). Survey extension is not possible for any other reasons and may be granted one time. On the day of the breed survey the following proof must be presented:
  - Pregnancy of at least 42 days by submission of the stud certificate/report of breeding card.
  - Certificate issued by the local breed warden or a licensed veterinarian verifying that the female is visibly pregnant.
  - Certificate issued by the local breed warden or a licensed veterinarian verifying that the female is nursing if no more than 42 days have elapsed from the whelping day to the survey day.

#### **7.7. Termination of Survey Status**

- 7.7.1. If a surveyed dog is not presented for resurvey, the breed survey status expires at the end of the calendar year.
- 7.7.2. Breed survey status is terminated by “breed survey status repeal.” Breed survey status is repealed upon application of the breed survey master or breed judge directed to the USA Breed Book Office. Breed survey status may be suspended during the time the application is being processed.

### **8. BREED SURVEY CERTIFICATE AND BREED SURVEY BOOK**

The USA Breed Book Office returns to the owner in a timely manner the original documents submitted at the breed survey. Upon processing of the breed survey, the breed survey results will be published in the next possible issue of the USA magazine. The owner receives a translation of the breed survey report from the USA Breed Book Office. The breed survey result is noted on the original pedigree.

Data on dogs surveyed during each year are published, separated by gender, in the USA Breed Survey Book. The Breed Survey Book contains comprehensive information for the dogs recommended or suitable for breeding, including physical characteristics and temperament. Together with the comments of the breed survey master with respect to breeding recommendations, this information makes this book a comprehensive and indispensable reference source for the serious breeder.

## USA BREED SURVEY BOOKS

This document will be revised and published at a later date.

# USA BREED WARDEN AND TATTOOER REGULATIONS

## 1. GENERAL

The United Schutzhund Clubs of America Inc. (USA) is a German Shepherd Dog Breed Organization and is strongly devoted to be responsible for the breed in its original breeding as a working dog.

Breed Warden and Tattooer are an integral part of the registration process of the USA Registry. These regulations have been recommended by the 2000 Breed Advisory Committee and have been approved by the Executive Board on February 24, 2001 at the Executive Meeting.

The adoption of these regulations invalidates all previous ones.

## 2. THE NATIONAL BREED WARDEN

### 2.1 Election and Eligibility

**2.1.1** The National Breed Warden is an officer of USA (Article VII Bylaws) and is to be elected by the General Board.

**2.1.2** The National Breed Warden must be a person of good character, trustworthy, and respected by the membership. He/she must be a member in good standing with USA and should have been a member for at least five years. This person must have marked leadership qualities, be able to conduct him/herself with authority and professionalism, have good communication skills, and a proven record of service and loyalty to the organization.

**2.1.3** It is advisable that this person be a breed judge or, preferably, a koermeister. In the absence of either (or during our forming years), the post can be filled by someone who is knowledgeable in the areas of breeding and the standard and has qualifications similar to those required of a Breed Judge. These include knowledge of the German Shepherd character, structure, type, movement, and trainability. This position requires someone who has been involved in breeding and training for a long time, has officiated in or organized breed events, and has a deep knowledge and experience in all the areas of this post.

### 2.2 Responsibilities

**2.2.1** The National Breed Warden stands in an executive position mirroring that of the Director of Judges. He is listed in the Executive List together with the President, Vice President, Director of Judges, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**2.2.2** Supervises the national breeding of the German Shepherd Dog. Safeguards proper breeding practices and ensures that all areas of activity are accurately recorded in the national Breed Books.

**2.2.3** Guides the genetic selection through programs such as the breed surveys and breeding evaluations. Records and analyzes the results of such selections and makes general statements that set the direction of the national breed program.

**2.2.4** Supervises the activity of regional and local breed wardens (assistants to the National Breed Warden). Devises and proposes national policies regulating these offices.

**2.2.5** Oversees the proper functioning of national breed events. Promotes similar events at regional and local levels.

**2.2.6** Presides as chairperson for the national Breed Advisory Committee. Guides the affairs of this committee as advisor to the Board.

### 2.3 Activities

**2.3.1** The National Breed Warden meets regularly with the President of the organization. In these meetings they discuss the state of the breed in the country, possible avenues to promote the breed and its registry, and possible programs to correct impending problems and pitfalls. The two officials,

further, come to agreements on what steps may be taken and presented for future approval before the Breed Advisory Committee and General Board.

**2.3.2** The National Breed Warden stays closely connected to the registry, receives statements from the office regarding the monthly activity of registrations, answers questions about the technical aspects of registrations, and makes decisions on difficult cases.

**2.3.3** The National Breed Warden analyzes current rules and regulations and makes proposals for changes that will ensure a better functioning of the activity at local and national levels.

**2.3.4** The National Breed Warden presides over annual or semi-annual meetings of the Breed Advisory Committee where the affairs of the breed are discussed. At these meetings he/she listens to the problems of the different regions and proposes measures to remedy them. He/she also presents new programs and regulations for endorsement. He/she imparts instructional seminars or workshops to help and promote the breed warden program.

**2.3.5** The National Breed Warden keeps statistics and important data about the functioning of the program in each region, and analyses and interprets this data as a steppingstone for the creation of new programs for the country.

**2.3.6** The National Breed Warden keeps the membership informed of the activities of the committee, the problems at hand, and what is being done to correct them. This is done through magazine articles as well as by oral presentation at all national events.

**2.3.7** The National Breed Warden is the second presiding authority (after the President) at the National Breed Event (presently the Sieger Show). He/she is ultimately responsible for the proper functioning of this event, including being the principal contact person between foreign judges and the organization. This person is the supervisor over the Sieger Show Chairman and imparts instructions prior to and during the show on behalf of the organization. When necessary, the National Breed Warden makes final decisions regarding rule interpretations and discusses these with the appointed judges. The National Breed Warden is ultimately the head ring steward and dictates the pace of the event, aided by the organizing committee.

### **3. REGIONAL BREED WARDEN**

#### **3.1 Election and Eligibility**

**3.1.1** The Regional Breed Warden is to be elected by the region (Bylaws Article IX).

**3.1.2** Every region must select an individual to fill this post.

**3.1.3** Regional breed wardens are elected by the region at regional meetings presided by regional directors. The regional director and regional breed warden cannot be the same individual. The criteria for eligibility should follow the same principals outlined for the National Breed Warden. This should be a person of good character and experienced in all the aspects of this office.

**3.1.4** The regional breed warden must above all have good communication skills and the time to devote to instructing and training local breed wardens. He or she must be well versed in all aspects of the breed and must be able to answer questions about policies and regulations with authority.

#### **3.2 Responsibilities**

**3.2.1** Promotes the development of breed wardens and tattooers in every club of his or her region.

**3.2.2** Is responsible for training and supervising the proper functioning of local breed wardens. Local wardens respond directly to the regional breed warden in all areas of concern.

**3.2.3** Dispenses all pertinent paperwork needed for the well functioning of local wardens.

**3.2.4** Collects all paperwork when filled out, from which he/she creates regional statistics to be reported to the National Breed Warden and the Breed Advisory Committee.

**3.2.5** Attends all meetings of the BAC and receives instructions to be passed down the line to his Wardens.

**3.2.6** Hears grievances from clubs and individual breeders and tries to correct problems. Decides which of these problems will be elevated referred to the National Breed Warden and/or Breed Advisory Committee for consideration.

**3.2.7** Keeps regional records of all breeding activity in the region and presents the results, findings, and recommendations to the members of the region at the regional meeting.

**3.2.8** Acts as local breed warden and/or tattooer in areas where they have none.

#### **4. LOCAL BREED WARDEN**

##### **4.1 Election and Eligibility**

**4.1.1** The local breed warden is to be elected by the local USA clubs. The approval of breed wardens is the responsibility of the regional breed warden, to whom the local breed warden reports. The regional breed warden must send notice of approval to the National Breed Warden and the USA Office within 14 days.

**4.1.2** Breed wardens and tattooers cannot serve breeders of the same household.

**4.1.3** The position of breed warden is a very critical elected function. Only members who have demonstrated leadership and are knowledgeable in the standard of the German Shepherd Dog should be considered. This person should be someone who stays current on breed and training issues, participates in conformation as well as training events on a regular basis, and breeds actively.

**4.1.4** Breed wardens must be cognizant of the fact that they are the link between our registry and the breeder of German Shepherd Dogs who wish to register their offspring with us.

##### **4.2 Responsibilities**

**4.2.1** Maintains close, cordial relationships with all breeders of German Shepherd Dogs within the framework of his/her coverage area. The breed warden acts on behalf of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, and is functionally responsible to the organization via the regional breed warden.

**4.2.2** When requested, provides guidance to the novice breeder in regard to the selection of partners and provides overall basic information to those who are seeking knowledge.

**4.2.3** The breed warden visits breeders to conduct an inspection of a litter seeking registration. This is done to ascertain the number, sex, and color of all German Shepherd puppies in a litter (first visit – 3rd-10th day after birth, second visit – 7-8 weeks after birth). These visits are done by appointment and must follow the protocol and paperwork established by USA.

Ensures that all puppies are free of dewclaws and conform to the guidelines of the standard of the German Shepherd Dog (no whites, blues, and crippled puppies).

Verifies that mother and puppies are in good physical condition and are of a healthy constitution. In no way shall the breed warden evaluate puppy conformation or otherwise pass judgment on the quality or value of individuals.

The breed warden simply records the number of German Shepherd puppies born who are healthy and are of certain sexes, colors, and markings.

During the second visit the breed warden verifies that puppies have been raised in accordance with the suggested guidelines issued by United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

**4.2.4** The breed warden oversees that all rules and regulations pertaining to the registry are being adhered to by breeders as well as stud dog owners, and that cleanliness is being maintained wherever puppies are being kept.

**4.2.5** Is assigned a geographical area of responsibilities to prevent interference with the responsibilities of other breed wardens. These assignments will be done in cooperation with each club president.

**4.2.6** Maintains statistical information to assist the regional breed warden and the registry in all inquiries.

4.2.7 Ensures that the highest level of integrity regarding the standard is being maintained; and that all prospective, as well as experienced, breeders are being treated equally.

4.2.8 The breed warden will not receive monetary rewards other than paid mileage for the services rendered.

## 5. TATTOOER

### 5.1 Election and Eligibility

5.1.1 The tattooer must be a person of good character; preferably a breeder with experience and knowledge in the areas of breed guardianship.

5.1.2 This person should work well with the breed warden, who supervises his/her activities.

5.1.3 The approval of tattooers is the responsibility of the regional breed warden. The regional breed warden must send notice of approval to the National Breed Warden and the USA Office within 14 days.

5.1.4 The tattooers cannot serve breeders of the same household.

### 5.2 Responsibilities

5.2.1 Maintains close, cordial relationships with all breeders of German Shepherd Dogs within the framework of a local club or region.

5.2.2 Conducts proper and humane tattooing of German Shepherd puppies as prescribed by the rules and regulations of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

5.2.3 When invited by the breeder, the tattooer shall perform these duties and functions in the presence of the breeder and the breed warden.

5.2.4 Maintains impeccable records on behalf of the organization to avoid duplications in numbers or other errors.

5.2.5 The tattooer will not monetary reward other than paid mileage. An optional fee of \$2 per puppy may be charged by the local club or region which owns the tattoo set to help finance the tattoo set and needed supplies.

5.2.6 Will collect all fees and paperwork from the owner of the litter before the puppies are tattooed and forwards this paperwork on to the USA Office.

5.2.7 Collects and forwards fees and paperwork for individual registration if the tattoo number used was not issued by the USA Office. If the number was issued by the USA Office, it is the breeder who is responsible for submitting fees and paperwork. The tattooer must ask the breeder to provide a copy of the letter showing the USA-issued tattoo.

## REVISION HISTORY

2/24/01 Breed Warden/Tattooer Regulations approved.

10/2001 3.2.8. Acts as local breed warden *and/or tattooer* in areas where they have none. Addition shown in semibold italic.

## USA BREEDERS CUP AWARD PROGRAM

This program is designed to encourage German Shepherd Dog breeders in the United States of America to follow the breeding regulations of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America for the German Shepherd Dog as a working dog balanced in character attributes and physical qualities.

These regulations have been submitted by the 1998 Breed Advisory Committee and have been approved on May 6, 1998 by the Executive Board at the meeting in Bangor, Maine.

1. Beginning with the year of 1998, the United Schutzhund Clubs of America will recognize and award every year the first three most successful breeders of German Shepherd Dogs based on the Breed Survey System.

2. The award is named:

“USA Breeders Cup”  
1st to 3rd place (year)

All breeders of German Shepherd Dogs, which are residents of the United States of America and are members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America are eligible to participate under the following conditions:

- a. The dogs must be bred by the same person under the same USA-registered kennel name.
  - b. Only dogs that are breed surveyed, either with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America or the SV in Germany can be recognized. It is the breeder’s responsibility to submit the Breed Survey Certificates before April 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year when the dog has been surveyed in Germany.
4. Beginning with the year 2000, only dogs which have been registered as a complete litter under the regulations of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America can be recognized.
  5. The three (3) breeders earning the highest numbers of points from their breed surveyed dogs of the current year will receive the USA Breeders Cup Award 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place (year).
  6. The following points will be awarded:
    - KKL 1 = 10 points
    - KKL 2 = 7 points
  7. The winners of the “Breeders Cup” will be announced in the USA magazine as soon as results are available (after April 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year).
  8. The winners of the “Breeders Cup” will receive their awards at the Sieger Show banquet of the following year.
  9. Breeders of USA breed surveyed dogs from previous years back to 1992 will receive the same recognition and awards based on the same principles.
  10. Because of the importance to identify the breeders of the “True German Shepherd Dog” in our organization, an ongoing list of the all-time top ten breeders based on these regulations will be established and published once a year in the USA magazine in connection with the “USA Breeders Cup Award.”

## USA BREEDERS CUP AWARD WINNERS

The following kennels and breeders of German Shepherd Dogs have received the prestigious USA Breeders Cup Award for their outstanding efforts to follow USA's regulations for a balanced dog in character attributes and physical qualities.

### 1992

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vom Korbeltal (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Deborah Grundherr	17 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Haus Hitchens (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Sara Hitchens	17 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Haus Tyson (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Randy Tyson-Witmer	17 Points

### 1993

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vom Haus Ledda (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Rita Ledda	27 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Von der Ruine Engelhaus (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Gernot Ridel	20 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Besthaus (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Fred Best	17 Points

### 1994

1 <sup>st</sup>	Von Unserhund (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Loree Poole	30 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Haus Tyson (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Randy Tyson-Witmer	27 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Sunland (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Johannes Grewe	20 Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Grunenfeld (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Jackie Athon-Hodsdon	20 Points

### 1995

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vom Sunland (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Johannes Grewe	57 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Haus Ledda (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Rita Ledda	40 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Haus Tyson (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Randy Tyson-Witmer	20 Points

### 1996

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vom Sunland (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Johannes Grewe	57 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Haus Ledda (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Rita Ledda	40 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Haus Tyson (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Randy Tyson-Witmer	20 Points

### 1997

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vom Steffen-Haus (WI~NC Region) Breeder: Jane Steffenhagen	94 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Sunland (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Johannes Grewe	67 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Von Wilhendorf (CT~NewE Region) Breeder: John Henkel	60 Points



**1998**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vom Steffen-Haus (WI-NC Region) Breeder: Jane Steffenhagen	50 Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Vom Fleischerheim (HI-NW Region) Breeder: William Fleischer, Jr.	50 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Haus Tyson (CA-NW Region) Breeder: Randy Tyson-Witmer	40 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Von Wilhendorf (CT-NewE Region) Breeder: John Henkel	30 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Sunland (CA-SW Region) Breeder: Johannes Grewe	30 Points

**1999**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Von Wilhendorf (CT-NewE Region) Breeder: John Henkel	80 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Steffen-Haus (WI-NC Region) Breeder: Jane Steffenhagen	50 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Sunland (CA-SW Region) Breeder: Johannes Grewe	30 Points

**2000**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Von Wilhendorf (CT-NewE Region) Breeder: John Henkel	50 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Kirchenwald (PA-NE Region) Breeder: Gayle Kirkwood	40 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Mittelwest (IL-NC Region) Breeder: Julie Martinez	40 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Haus Tyson (CA-NW Region) Breeder: Randy Tyson-Witmer	40 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Fleischerheim (HI-NW Region) Breeder: William Fleischer, Jr.	30 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Lundborg-Land (CA-SW Region) Breeder: Linda Lundborg	30 Points

The data is based on the USA Breeders Cup Award Program and begins with the 1992 Breed Survey and ends with the 2001 Breed Survey.

## USA BREEDERS CUP TOP TEN BREEDERS

The USA Breeders Cup Award Program institutes an ongoing all-time list of the top ten German Shepherd Dog breeders who are following USA's breeding regulations for a balanced dog in character attributes and physical qualities. These awards are designed to encourage German Shepherd Dog breeders in the United States of America to follow the breeding regulations of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America for the German Shepherd Dog as a working dog.

### 1998

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vom Haus Tyson (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Randy Tyson-Witmer	112 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Sunland (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Johannes Grewe	87 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Haus Ledda (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Rita Ledda	67 Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Von Unserhund (CA~SW Region)) Breeder: Loree Poole	57 Points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Tannenhof (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Heidi McKinney	57 Points
6 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Korbetal (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Deborah Grundherr	45 Points
7 <sup>th</sup>	Von Alcazar Zwinger (CA~NW Region)) Breeder: Malka Nagel	44 Points
8 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Haus Hitchens (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Sara Hitchens	41 Points
9 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Fleischerheim (HI~NW Region) Breeder: William Fleischer, Jr.	40 Points
10 <sup>th</sup>	Von Wyndmoor (PA~NE Region) Breeder: Jim Hill	38 Points

### 1999

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vom Sunland (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Johannes Grewe	154 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Haus Tyson (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Randy Tyson-Witmer	139 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Steffen-Haus (WI~NC Region) Breeder: Jane Steffenhagen	131 Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Von Wilhendorf (CT~NewE Region) Breeder: John Henkel	80 Points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Haus Ledda (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Rita Ledda	67 Points
6 <sup>th</sup>	Von Unserhund (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Loree Poole	57 Points
7 <sup>th</sup>	Von Alcazar Zwinger (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Malka Nagel	51 Points
8 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Fleischerheim (HI~NW Region) Breeder: William Fleischer, Jr.	50 Points
9 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Haus Hitchens (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Sara Hitchens	41 Points
10 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Elizabeth Klause (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Guillermo Santiso	40 Points
10 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Goldnen Paradies (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Günther Hanschke	40 Points

**2000**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vom Sunland (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Johannes Grewe	184 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Steffen-Haus (WI~NC Region) Breeder: Jane Steffenhagen	181 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Haus Tyson (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Randy Tyson-Witmer	179 Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Von Wilhendorf (CT~NewE Region) Breeder: John Henkel	110 Points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Fleischerheim (HI~NW Region) Breeder: William Fleischer, Jr.	100 Points
6 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Haus Ledda (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Rita Ledda	77 Points
7 <sup>th</sup>	Von Alcazar Zwinger (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Malka Nagel	65 Points
8 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Elizabeth Klause (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Guillermo Santiso	57 Points
9 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Goldnen Paradies (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Günther Hanschke	50 Points
10 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Haus Hitchens (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Sara Hitchens	41 Points

**2001**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vom Steffen-Haus (WI~NC Region) Breeder: Jane Steffenhagen	231 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Sunland (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Johannes Grewe	214 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Haus Tyson (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Randy Tyson-Witmer	206 Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Von Wilhendorf (CT~NewE Region) Breeder: John Henkel	190 Points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Fleischerheim (HI~NW Region) Breeder: William Fleischer, Jr.	100 Points
6 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Haus Ledda (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Rita Ledda	84 Points
7 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Goldnen Paradies (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Günther Hanschke	77 Points
8 <sup>th</sup>	Von Alcazar Zwinger (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Malka Nagel	65 Points
9 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Elizabeth Klause (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Guillermo Santiso	57 Points
10 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Haus Hitchens (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Sara Hitchens	48 Points

**2002**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vom Haus Tyson (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Randy Tyson-Witmer	246 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Von Wilhendorf (CT~NewE Region) Breeder: John Henkel	240 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Steffen-Haus (WI~NC Region) Breeder: Jane Steffenhagen	231 Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Sunland (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Johannes Grewe	214 Points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Fleischerheim (HI~NW Region) Breeder: William Fleischer, Jr.	130 Points

6 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Haus Ledda (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Rita Ledda	94 Points
7 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Goldnen Paradies (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Günther Hanschke	87 Points
8 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Mittelwest (IL~NC Region) Breeder: Julie Martinez	70 Points
9 <sup>th</sup>	Von Alcazar Zwinger (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Malka Nagel	65 Points
10 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Elizabeth Klause (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Guillermo Santiso	57 Points

### 2003

1 <sup>st</sup>	Von Wilhendorf (CT~NewE Region) Breeder: John Henkel	286 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vom Haus Tyson (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Randy Tyson-Witmer	260 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vom Sunland (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Johannes Grewe	234 Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Steffen-Haus (WI~NC Region) Breeder: Jane Steffenhagen	231 Points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Fleischerheim (HI~NW Region) Breeder: William Fleischer, Jr.	140 Points
6 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Haus Ledda (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Rita Ledda	115 Points
7 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Goldnen Paradies (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Günther Hanschke	87 Points
8 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Mittelwest (IL~NC Region) Breeder: Julie Martinez	70 Points
8 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Kirchenwald (PA~NE Region) Breeder: Gayle Kirkwood	70 Points
9 <sup>th</sup>	Von Alcazar Zwinger (CA~NW Region) Breeder: Malka Nagel	65 Points
9 <sup>th</sup>	Von Wyndmoor (PA~NE Region) Breeder: Jim Hill	65 Points
10 <sup>th</sup>	Vom Elizabeth Klause (CA~SW Region) Breeder: Guillermo Santiso	57 Points

## USA UNIVERSAL SIEGER REGULATIONS

This program has been designed to promote the German Shepherd Dog breeding in the United States of America, addressing both physical qualities as well as character attributes as the foundation of the true German Shepherd Dog. These regulations have been submitted by the 1998 Breed Advisory Committee and have been approved on May 6, 1998 by the Executive Board at the meeting in Bangor, Maine.

1. Beginning with the year 1998, the United Schutzhund Clubs of America will recognize and award a "USA Universal Sieger (year)" as a title for German Shepherd Dogs.
2. All German Shepherd Dogs owned by a resident of the United States of America who are members in good standing of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America are eligible to receive this title under the following conditions:
  - The dog must be breed surveyed and receive at least the KKL2 rating.
  - The dog must be shown in the USA Sieger Show and USA GSD National Championship in the same year.
  - The dog must be pronounced and at least SG at the USA Sieger Show.
  - The dog must be pronounced and at least G at the USA-GSD National Championship.
3. The dog receiving the highest number of points combined in both events will be declared as the USA Universal Sieger (year). A minimum of 20 points is necessary.
4. Beginning with the year 2006, dogs bred in the USA under the breeding regulations of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America will receive an additional five points.
5. The following points will be awarded:

Points	Sieger Show	GSD National Championship
25	Sieger – Working Dog Classes	National Champion
20	VA – Working Dog Classes	V
15	V – Working Dog Classes	SG
10	SG – Any Class	G

6. In the event of several dogs achieving identical points (tie), the dog bred in the USA under United Schutzhund Clubs of America regulations will be favored over any other dog. If there is still a tiebreaker necessary, then the points received from the performance in the GSD National Championship will dominate the other points.
7. The Universal Sieger (year) is an important title for our breeding goals and will therefore be recognized within the first two generations in the pedigrees of any progeny bred under the breeding rules of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.
8. The Universal Sieger will be recognized on the front cover of the USA magazine within the following year of winning the award.
9. The person handling the Universal Sieger in the GSD National Championship event will receive a trophy award immediately following the declaration.
10. The breeder and or the owner of the Universal Sieger will receive at the following Sieger Show banquet an award certificate.

**REVISION HISTORY:**

- 05/06/98 Universal Sieger Regulations approved.
- 11/03/05 Beginning with the year 2006, dogs bred in the U.S. competing for the Universal Sieger title will receive an additional five points. (USA-bred dogs were previously awarded five points for each event.)
- 11/03/05 The dog must be pronounced and at least SG at the Sieger Show.
- 11/03/05 The dog must be pronounced and at least G at the GSD National Championship.

## BREED SHOW PROCEDURES

### **E-Ballot #26-05 (Entry in AWDF Affiliated Breed Club Trials)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA will recognize titles awarded by AWDF-affiliated breed clubs. The recognition of these clubs and their judges will be considered on a club-by-club basis. The clubs to be considered will be required to have viable and comprehensive judges programs of their own, with judges who have gone through their respective programs in their entirety; and they will be required to provide a list of judges who are recognized through their respective programs. AWDF clubs must petition USA for recognition.

These AWDF-affiliated breed club judges may award titles that will be recognized exclusively for progression pertaining to performance titles (AD, B, WH, OB, TR, FH, IPO, SchH/VPG).

These titles will not be recognized for entry in the USA-GSD National Championship, which will still require a qualifying score of 270 points at a USA-sanctioned event awarded under a USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judge. These titles will not be recognized for the USA SchH3 Club or the USA Sports Medals Program.

These titles will not be recognized for German Shepherd Dogs in any context that applies to breeding, breed surveys, breed shows, or registration with USA. Titles for such recognition for GSDs must be awarded under USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judges.

### **E-Ballot #7-05 (Breed Registry Requirements for Entry in National Events/Conformation Shows)**

Motion by Sara Wallick to require German Shepherd Dogs entered in the USA German Shepherd Dog National Championship, the USA North American and FH Championship, or USA conformation shows to be registered with either the USA Breed Registry or the USA/SV Breed Registry effective immediately. This requirement excludes dogs under twelve months of age and dogs owned by individuals who are not permanent residents of the United States.

### **2003 GBM–Reno (Breed Judge Limit at Same Club)**

Motion to retain following in USA Breed Judges Program:

4.K. A Judge can judge at any club *only once in a 12 (twelve) month period* and there must be another trial held with a different judge *before they can return*. Furthermore, a Judge may not judge *consecutive events* at any club except in an emergency, which may *only be decided by the Regional Director*. This restriction will also be lifted if the local club is the sponsor of a Championship event from Regional level on up.

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (USA-Recognized Judges)**

USA-recognized judges are USA, Canadian, and SV judges; however, all judges for USA-sanctioned events must first be approved by the Director of Judges or the National Breed Warden respectively.

### **2000 EBM–Austin (Sieger Show Rule Changes)**

Motion to combine (h) (i), (j), and (k) items into a single vote:

- (h) The Performance Test is to be performed before the “stand for exam” on Saturday morning. Dogs that receive a rating of sufficient or insufficient and dogs that will be otherwise dismissed in the Performance Test will not return to the ring to show.
- (i) Kennel Groups require five (5) dogs. All dogs shown in this group must be entered and shown in a regular class.
- (j) Progeny Groups require a minimum of six (6) progeny. All dogs shown in this group, with the exception of the sire, must be entered and shown in a regular class. There is no entry fee for this group.
- (k) Once the helpers have been selected, they will be available for entrants to practice on.

### **2000 EBM–Austin (Use USA Conformation Judges)**

Motion by Jim Elder, amended by Kay Koerner, that starting with 2001, we strongly recommend the usage of USA Conformation judges.

### **2000 EBM–Austin (Sieger Show Performance Test Judge)**

The Director of Judges is the presiding judge for the performance test at the Sieger Show.

### **2000 EBM–Austin (Breed Survey at Sieger Show)**

A breed survey will not be allowed at the USA Sieger Show.

**1998 GBM–Denver (Sieger Show Dates)**

Change the window of dates for the Sieger Show to be no closer than two weeks on either side of the North American or World Qualifier or National Championship to begin in the year 2000 due to airline restrictions.

**1998 EBM–Bangor (USA Breed Show Regulations)**

Motion to accept the USA Breed Show Regulations proposed by the Breed Advisory Committee.

**1997 GBM–St. Joseph (Breed Survey at Sieger Show)**

Motion that the breed survey at the Sieger Show be optional.

**1997 EBM–Madison (Sieger Show Window)**

Motion to create a window for the Sieger Show to be either the first or second weekend in June. **Rescinded at 1998 GBM–Denver.**

**1995 GBM–West Lafayette (Sieger Show Schedule)**

Motion to exclude the Sieger Show from the months of April, May, October, and November, leaving the remaining eight months available. **Rescinded at 1998 GBM–Denver.**

**1994 GBM–Madison (Conformation Show Registration Requirements)**

Motion that all dogs shown in USA conformation shows be registered with the SV/USA Breed Registry or must apply for registration with USA at the show, to become effective July 1995.

**1992 GBM–Albuquerque (Sieger Show Helpers)**

The helpers for the working classes at the Sieger Show will be picked from the USA membership. They will be picked by the protection judge, the regional director, and the Breed Advisory Committee Chairman. Three helpers would be selected, and in case of warm weather could be rotated every five dogs instead of having one helper for the males and one for the bitches. The USA Office will keep the protection judge and the Breed Advisory Committee Chairman informed of the size of the entry in the working classes in case more helpers would be needed.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Conformation Shows)**

Motion to accept 4. Conformation Shows: Local specialty shows, four zone shows/year, one Sieger show/year. Breed survey-type protection mandatory in zone shows and Sieger shows.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Clubs Allowed to Conduct Conformation Shows)**

Mail Ballot to allow Full Member USA clubs to conduct sanctioned conformation shows and for the USA to recognize and record the ratings obtained at these shows.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Conformation Practice Shows)**

Publish a full page on our policy on conformation practice shows and send copies to judges.

**1983 EBM–Peoria (Approval to Host Conformation Shows)**

Subject to SV approval, USA will at that time also have the right to hold, host or conduct shows strictly for the purposes of evaluating dogs in conformation.

**1983 EBM–Peoria (Conformation Ratings)**

The USA recognizes conformation ratings received under SV judges if we receive approval from the SV to do this.



# USA CONFORMATION SHOW HOST GUIDELINES

## INTRODUCTION

The United Schutzhund Clubs of America, Inc. (USA) is a German Shepherd Dog breed organization. In order to preserve and develop the breed, to accomplish the goals laid down in Article II and III of the constitution and bylaws of USA in general and in particular, and to put on breed shows indispensable for the maintenance of the breed, USA sets down the following Breed Show Regulations which are submitted by Johannes Grewe as a modified translation of the SV Breed Show Regulations, Edition 1996, and officially published in 1998.

These regulations have been recommended by the 1998 Breed Advisory Committee, and have been approved by the Executive Board at the meeting in Bangor, Maine on May 6, 1998.

The adoption of these Breed Show Regulations invalidates all previous ones.

## I. DEFINITIONS AND JURISDICTIONS

### 1. We Distinguish Between

- 1.1 Local breed shows.
- 1.2 Regional breed shows.
- 1.3 The USA Sieger Show.

### 2. Local Breed Shows

are held by and are the responsibility of local USA clubs.

- 2.1 Show dates for local breed shows must be approved by the region.
- 2.2 Planning and scheduling of the local breed shows is carried out by the respective region.
- 2.3 Selection of the judges and payment of the judges' expenses is the responsibility of the local clubs.
- 2.4 The local club sponsoring the breed show must prove that insurance coverage has been arranged for the event.
- 2.5 The sponsoring local club is responsible for the flawless organization and execution of the show and observance of all applicable USA rules. This includes availability of a sufficiently large ring.

### 3. Regional Breed Shows

- 3.1 Each region is obligated to hold one regional breed show per year. The regional office may delegate the event in its entirety or in part to one of its local clubs.
- 3.2 The date of the yearly regional breed show is chosen by the region sponsoring the show.
- 3.3 Selection of the judges for the regional breed shows is made by the region holding the shows.
- 3.4 The date of the regional breed show must be approved by USA headquarters.
- 3.5 Insurance must be provided as set forth under 2.4.

### 4. USA Sieger Show

USA conducts one Sieger Show per year.

- 4.1 USA is the sponsoring organization, which delegates the event to a region. Implementation of the show may in part be delegated to the region; however, the USA President has final authority.
- 4.2 The show date is determined by USA.
- 4.3 Judges are selected by the Board of Directors.
- 4.4 In addition, special directives published in the information materials (USA magazine, catalogue, i.e. etc.) apply.

## II. ORGANIZATION OF BREED SHOWS

### 1. For breed shows described under I.1, a printed catalogue must be issued.

- 1.1 The catalogue must indicate name, registration number, date of birth, name of sire and dam, name and address of the breeder, and name and address of the owner for each dog entered.
- 1.2 Only dogs fulfilling conditions below may be entered and listed in the catalogue:
  - 1.2.1 Must be registered with a WUSV registry.

- 1.2.2 Must be registered with USA when owned by a resident of the United States of America.
- 1.2.3 Are over 12 months old.
- 1.2.4 Are free of all signs of illness.
- 1.2.5 Are not barred from progeny registration.
- 1.2.6 The owner must be a USA member when they are a resident of the United States of America.
- 1.2.7 May not be owned by persons barred from exhibiting dogs.

## 2. Show Classes

Dogs exhibited at breed shows are subdivided into classes. The key date for shows of more than one day is the first show day.

- 2.1 Youth Class applies to dogs older than 12 months, but under 18 months.
- 2.2 Young Dog Class applies to dogs older than 18 months, but under 24 months.
- 2.3 Adult Dog Class applies to dogs older than two years more than 2 years old.
- 2.4 Working Dog Class applies to dogs over 2 two years old and they must have at least at least a SchH1 or HGH title.
- 2.5 Herding Dogs fall under age definitions set forth in II.2.1 to II.2.3. The herding dog class only includes dogs actually serving in a herding capacity. Adult Herding Class is limited to dogs who have earned a Herding Dog title.
- 2.6 Breeders' (Kennel) Groups – A breeder's group consists of at least three and at most, six, animals per kennel who have been shown on the same day at the same show and have received a minimum rating of “good.” The breeders' groups are rated according to guidelines established for this purpose: uniformity (taking into account as many different parent animals as possible) and the quality of the individual animals. If several breeder's groups are presented, placings are made.
- 2.7 To promote breeding activities, a puppy show where no ratings are awarded may be held. Dogs between four and six months old, six and nine months old, and nine and twelve months old can be entered in this show. Puppy classes are only possible in conjunction with a regular breed show. The puppy classes must precede the breed show and take place on the same day. Assessment of the dogs must be made by SV, USA, or USA-approved judges.
- 2.8 Dogs older than six years may be shown in a separate class, the Veterans Class. No ratings are awarded, but the animals are ranked and placed according to quality.

## 3. Assessments

In puppy classes under paragraph II.2.7 the following assessments are made:

**Very Promising (VP)** – Animals conforming fully to the breed standard or have minimal anatomical shortcomings.

**Promising (P)** – Animals conforming to the standard, but presenting clearly recognizable anatomical and developmental shortcomings.

**Less Promising (LP)** – Animals who are not outgoing enough or with faults which make them unfit for breeding.

The assessments cannot be interpreted as an evaluation of breeding worth.

## 4. Ratings

4.1 At breed shows as set forth under para I.1.1.1. to 1.1.3, the following ratings can be issued:

**Excellent** – Animals in the Adult Working Class who, after undergoing a thorough examination, fully conform to the breed standard; who are self-confident, outgoing, and indifferent to gun fire; whose pedigree shows the “a” stamp or proof of OFA certification; and, when more than 3-1/2 years old, must be breed surveyed. Double premolars #1 are allowed.

**Very Good** – The highest rating in the Youth and Young Dog classes for animals who fully conform to the breed standard. In the Adult Classes, this rating goes to animals which meet the requirements for “excellent”, but show minor anatomical shortcomings. It also applies to anatomically faultless animals who measure up to one centimeter over or under size limits, or have one missing premolar #1 or one incisor.

**Good** – Applies to animals who conform to the standard, but show clearly recognizable anatomical shortcomings. Missing teeth as follows: two missing premolars #1; or one missing premolar #1 and

one missing incisor; or one missing premolar #2; or one missing premolar #3; or two missing incisors; or one missing premolar #2 and one incisor; or one missing premolar #2 and one missing premolar #1, or 2 missing premolars #2.

**Sufficient** – Applies to animals who are on the day of the show, sensitive to gun fire, do not display the required outgoing behavior or whose overall condition including anatomical factors does not permit award of a higher rating.

**Insufficient** – Applies to animals who are gun shy, show poor character and/or do not display the required degree of outgoing behavior or have faults which preclude their use for breeding. This ranking applies also to animals that exceed the upper and/or lower measurement limits by more than one centimeter. The rating “insufficient” mandates issuance of a “Unavailable for Progeny Registration” notation which must be requested by the breed judge.

4.2 At the National Breed Show, the rating “Excellent-Select” is awarded in addition to the ratings shown under 4.1, which requires proof of the following criteria:

To qualify for a V-Select rating, dogs must have currently a breed survey ranking of Class 1, have complete and faultless dentition, or must have a dental notation as established by the breed book office, and must have at least a SchH2 title or equivalent. They must come from a survey and performance breeding. Dogs competing for the V-Select rating a second time must have a SchH3 title.

4.3 Extraordinary circumstances which resulted in partial tooth damage or tooth loss do not affect breed ratings. The requirement here is that the previous presence of healthy, strong teeth and a faultless scissor bite without faulty incisor tooth line is established without doubt and this fact has been must be documented. The original presence of missing teeth can be documented by:

- A certification of dental completeness by a USA or SV conformation judge documented in the scorebook or the appropriate window of the pedigree.
- The presence of the Breed survey documentation in which the dental completeness has been notified at the breed survey.
- A dental notification entered by the USA Office on the pedigree.

### III. OTHER REGULATIONS

1. Show entry fees must be paid for a dog entered but not shown.
2. Dogs who are present for examination (standing) and are then removed from competition without permission from the officiating judge, must receive an “Insufficient” rating. An “Insufficient” rating mandates that this dog's progeny be barred from registration. This ban takes effect at the same time this rating is issued and is reported to headquarters by the judge.
3. Ratings awarded by a judge during a breed show are final. Protests are not permitted.
4. The exhibitor must give truthful information about his dog. Attempts to mislead result in USA penalty proceedings.
5. The exhibitor must display good sportsmanship when showing their dog. Offenses may entail disqualification of the dog, removal from the show grounds, and/or initiation of penalty proceedings. Anyone who purposely refuses to answer inquiries, or makes false statements, and anyone who changes the dog's appearance (including surgical interventions), in order to mislead the judge or permits others to do so, loses any awards already earned at this show and may, depending on the severity of the case, be excluded from further shows or may be fined by USA.
6. It is not permitted to judge dogs at breed shows who are owned or who are in the possession of the judge officiating that day or whose caretaker he is. Utmost discretion should be practiced with dogs who are owned, are in possession of, or in residence with persons close to the judge. This includes close personal relationships, breeding partnerships, co-ownerships, and persons who share his residence.
7. It is not permitted to use acoustic enhancers (powered by electricity, gas, compressed air) when calling to the dog. It is also prohibited to use pistols, whips, or protection sleeves for double handling. Transgressions may lead to disqualification of the dog, removal from show grounds of the double handler, and the initiation of internal proceedings against the dog's owner and double handler.

# USA SIEGER SHOW REGULATIONS

## I. GENERAL

The USA Sieger Show is a three-day event. Entry is limited to German Shepherd Dogs listed in the USA Breed Registry or other FCI-recognized breed registries. All dogs shown in classes 12 months and older must be registered with USA when owned by a resident of the United States. A Breed Survey is not provided.

These Sieger Show rules are based on USA's breed show regulations, which are also binding unless otherwise stated here. Entrants are advised that they must submit the original proper pedigree and registration papers of the dog during check-in, as well as proof of training titles, breed survey papers, and hip certification, if applicable or awarded. Acceptable training titles are SchH, IP, DPO, HGH, and others deemed acceptable by the Breed Advisory Committee. Dogs brought to the show must provide proof of proper vaccinations required by law. Not acceptable are dogs that seem to be not healthy or have an unhealthy appearance. Dogs who are not entered in the show cannot be brought to the show grounds.

Should a dog entered in classes 12 months and older become sick after the stand exam, it must be brought to the show veterinarian for examination. A written note from the show veterinarian is required for withdrawal from the show. Without exception, this written note is to be delivered to the presiding judge of the appropriate class. Dogs that are withdrawn from the show without explicit permission of the presiding judge must be given the rating of insufficient.

Participants must be alert to prevent their dogs from coming into contact with other dogs. The show organizer is not responsible for damages to any dogs, damages caused by any dogs, or in the event of the theft of any dog. A judge's decision at a breed show is final. A protest is not permitted. For dogs entered and not presented, the full entry fee is payable. The exhibitor is responsible for sportsmanlike behavior and presentation. The exhibitor is also responsible for truthful statements about his dog. Violations lead to disqualification of the dog, expulsion from the show grounds, and/or the initiation of a disciplinary procedure.

## II. CLASSES AND SCHEDULE

The dogs will be judged in seven classes:

### **Baby Puppy Classes (4–6 months)**

Ratings awarded are: Very Promising (VP), Promising (P), Less Promising (LP).

### **Junior Puppy Classes (6–9 months)**

Ratings awarded are: Very Promising (VP), Promising (P), Less Promising (LP).

### **Senior Puppy Classes (9–12 months)**

Ratings awarded are: Very Promising (VP), Promising (P), Less Promising (LP).

The above classes will be judged on the first day of the event.

### **Youth Classes (12–18 months)**

Ratings awarded are: Very Good (SG), Good (G), Sufficient (A), and Insufficient (M).

### **Young Dog Classes (18–24 months)**

Ratings awarded are: Very Good (SG), Good (G), Sufficient (A), and Insufficient (M).

The above classes will be judged on the second day of the event.

### **Working Dog Classes (Over 24 months with working title)**

Ratings awarded are: Excellent-Select (VA), Excellent (V), Very Good (SG), Good (G), Sufficient (A), and Insufficient (M).

The above classes will be judged in the performance evaluation on the second day of the event following the Youth Classes and Young Dog Classes.

Immediately after the performance test, all dogs that receive the evaluation “pronounced” will then be judged in the standing examination. Judging will continue on the third day of the event after the judging of the Progeny Groups and Kennel Groups.

The judging in each class starts with the stand exam. The judge carefully studies the anatomy, structure, and character of the dogs. Also, the character of the dog is tested and the judge will always observe the dog in this respect. There will be a test for gun sensitivity steadiness in the rings. Puppy Classes are excluded from this test. Once this judging has been completed, the dogs will be required to start gaiting. The function of the bones and muscles, firmness of the ligaments and joints, rhythm of movement, strength and endurance, as well as liveliness are now very carefully evaluated.

To qualify for a V-Select rating, dogs must have currently a breed survey ranking of Class 1, have complete and faultless dentition or must have a dental notation as established by the breed book office, the “a” Stamp or OFA Certification, and must have at least a SchH2 title or equivalent. They must come from a survey and performance breeding dogs competing for the V-Select rating a second time must have a SchH3 title.

To be eligible for the rating of Excellent, dogs must possess the “a” Stamp or OFA Certification and when over three and one-half years of age, must be currently breed surveyed.

The age of the dog for determining the proper class and other requirements shall be its age on the day prior to the first day of the show.

### **Kennel Groups**

Each Kennel Group must have no more and no less than (5) five dogs that possess the name of the kennel. These dogs must come from at least two different mothers and two different fathers. Dogs entered in the kennel group must also be entered and shown in a regular class. The most possible uniformity, the most possible combinations of parents, and the quality of the individual dogs in each group are the basis for the judging of the Kennel Groups.

### **Progeny Groups**

Each Progeny Group requires a minimum of at least six (6) dogs. Dogs exhibited in the Progeny Group must also be entered and shown in a regular class. There is no entry fee for this class. The judging of the Progeny Groups shows the quality of the progeny produced by the often-used stud dogs. It also shows which positive and negative factors may have been inherited by their offspring and what to look for in the future breedings of these dogs. Therefore, it is required to show all dogs belonging to the Progeny Group. It is not necessary that the stud dog be shown in the class. The Kennel Groups and Progeny Groups will be judged before the judging of the gaiting of the Working Dog Classes.

## **III. PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION TEST**

All dogs of the Working Dog Classes must participate in the Sieger Show Performance Test. There will be two (2) helpers; one for the “attack on handler” and one for the “pursuit and courage test.”

The dog has three (3) tries to perform the free heeling exercise to the attack on handler and must reach a predetermined distance from the blind (20 feet) to pass. The actual attack will commence when the dog is between 10 to 15 feet from the blind. The distance from the starting point of heeling to the blind will be 60 feet.

The judge will evaluate the grip work as it is described in USA’s Schutzhund Rule Book, “The dog should counter the attack securely and energetically in stopping the attack by the helper.” A lack of self-confidence in the grip work shall be evaluated as “sufficient” in courage.

The “out” should show the dog clearly off the sleeve and in the guarding phase. The only command permitted is one word for the out such as: out, aus, or any other single command of out. The commands of sit or down to affect the out are not permitted here. The dog, however, may sit, down, or stand upon the out command, but may not bother the helper. The sit or down may be reinforced at a distance of 10 (ten) feet, if necessary as the handler approaches the dog.

The handler should, after the attack, leash their dog without physical restraint (such as grabbing the dog to prevent re-grip). The dog may receive an extra command to out to put the leash on the dog with no penalty; however, the dog that must be physically restrained or taken off of the sleeve physically will be disqualified. Once the dog is secured on lead, this exercise is over.

On the pursuit or the long grip, the handler may encourage the dog while holding them by the collar at the basic position to initiate the release as the helper proceeds to the middle of the field to start the exercise. The handler will release the dog upon a signal from the judge. The gripwork and the out will be evaluated the same as in the attack on handler.

**Evaluation of the Performance Test:**

1. Dogs that do not demonstrate a correct performance test cannot receive the rating of Excellent-Select (VA).
2. Dogs that continue to bump or re-grip after the out will be placed at the end of whatever conformation rating they would achieve.
3. Dogs that do not perform the free heeling exercise within three (3) attempts, or dogs that do not perform the “out” exercise, or dogs that receive the evaluation of “sufficient” or “insufficient” cannot continue in the competition of the show. No rating is given.

**REVISION HISTORY:**

10/30/03 Baby puppy classes changed from 3–6 months to 4–6 months.

10/30/03 Adult dog classes eliminated.

# USA GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG STANDARD

## Introduction

The United Schutzhund Clubs of America Inc. is a German Shepherd Dog breed organization guided by the rules of the organization of origin of the German Shepherd Dog, the "Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV)" in Germany, and is strongly devoted to create and promote the German Shepherd Dog in its original breeding as a working dog. The United Schutzhund Clubs of America Inc. is a member of the "World Union of German Shepherd Dog Clubs" (WUSV) and accepts the bylaws of this organization in regards to the breeding rules of German Shepherd Dogs.

The following translation of the German Shepherd Dog F.C.I. Standard, MO. 166/23.03.1991/D translated from the SV publication 1998 has been submitted by Johannes Grewe and is recommended by the 1998 Breed Advisory Committee for approval by the Executive Board at their meeting in 1998.

The "Standard" is part of the USA Bylaws.

The following "Standard" has been approved by the Executive Board at the meeting in Bangor, Maine, on May 6, 1998.

GERMAN SHEPHERD  
F.C.I.-Standard-Mo. 166/23.03.1991/D  
Edition 1993

## Short Historical Overview

In accordance with the official provisions of the German Shepherd Dog Club (SV) e.V., located in Augsburg, a member of the Federation of Dog Clubs in Germany (VDH) is the founding organization of the German Shepherd Dog and therefore, responsible for the breed standard. Work on this document was begun at the first membership meeting in Frankfurt/M on September 20, 1899 and is based on proposals by A. Meyer and v. Stephanitz. Additions and revisions to the standard were made as follows: membership meeting on July 28, 1901; 23rd membership meeting on September 17, 1909 in Koln; Board and Executive Committee Meeting on September 5, 1930 in Wiesbaden; and the Breeders Committee and Board Meeting on March 25, 1961 in conjunction with the WUSV (World Union of German Shepherd Clubs) and during the WUSV Meeting on August 30, 1976 where the standard was agreed upon, revised, and approved by the Board and Executive Committee on March 23 and 24, 1991.

Planned breeding activities began after the inception of the SV in 1899. The German Shepherd Dog was developed from herding dogs in service during that time in Middle and Southern Germany. The goal was to produce a high-performance working dog. To accomplish this goal, the Breed Standard of the German Shepherd Dog was created. This document addresses both physical qualities as well as character attributes.

## General Appearance

The German Shepherd Dog is medium sized, slightly longer than tall, strong and well muscled, bone is dry, the whole dog presenting a picture of firmness.

## Important Measurements

Height at the withers for males: 60-65 cm, bitches: 55-60 cm. Length of torso exceeds height at the withers by 10-17%.

## Character

The German Shepherd should appear poised, calm, self confident, absolutely at ease, and (except when agitated) good natured, but also attentive and willing to serve. He must have courage, fighting drive, and hardness in order to serve as companion, watchdog, protection dog, service dog, and herding dog.

## Head

The head is wedge-shaped and in harmony with the dog's size (length app. 40% of height at the withers) without being coarse or overly long. The head should appear dry, and moderately wide between the ears. Seen from the front and side, the forehead is only slightly domed, the center furrow is either absent or only slightly visible. The length ratio of skull to face is 50 : 50%. Skull width approximately equals skull length. Seen from above, the skull slopes into a wedge-shaped muzzle. The stop should not be pronounced. Upper and lower

jaws are strong, the bridge of the nose should be straight, not a Roman nose or dish-faced nose. Lips are taut, well closed and of dark color.

### **Nose**

The nose should be black.

### **Teeth**

The teeth must be strong and complete in number (42 teeth as per formula). The German Shepherd has a scissor bite, where the upper incisors must meet the lower incisors in a scissor grip. Level bite, overshot and undershot teeth are faulty, as well as widely spaced teeth. A straight incisor tooth line is also faulty. Jawbones must be well developed, to permit deep rooting of the teeth in the gum.

### **Eyes**

The eyes are medium sized, almond-shaped, set slightly oblique and not protruding. The color should be as dark as possible

### **Ears**

The German Shepherd has medium-sized, upright ears which are carried erect and perpendicular to one another, pointed and open to the front. Tipped ears and hanging ears are faulty. Laid-back ears are not faulty when the dog is in motion or resting.

### **Neck**

The neck is strong, well-muscled, and clean cut (without folds of loose skin). The angle of neck to torso is approximately 45 degrees.

### **Body**

The top line extends from the point where the neck meets the skull past the well developed withers and the gently downward sloping back to the slightly sloping croup without a visible break. The back is firm, strong, and well muscled. The loin is broad, well developed, and strongly muscled. The croup should be long and have a slight downward slope (approximately 23 degrees from horizontal) and should merge smoothly into the tail set.

### **Chest**

The chest should be of moderate width, the underchest long and pronounced. Chest depth should be approximately 45 to 48% of height at the withers. The ribs should be moderately sprung. Barrel shaped or flat ribs are faulty.

### **Tail**

The tail reaches at least to the hock joint, but not past the halfway point of the hock itself. The coat is slightly longer on the underside of the tail. The tail hangs in a soft, saber-like curve. When the dog is excited or in motion, the tail is somewhat raised, but should not reach past the horizontal line. Surgical corrections are not permitted.

### **Limbs**

#### **Forelegs**

Seen from all sides, the forelegs are straight and absolutely parallel when viewed from the front. Shoulder and upper arms are of equal length. Both are held snugly to the body by strong muscles. Angulation of shoulder blade to the upper arm ideally is 90 degrees, but up to 110 degrees is permissible. Elbows may not turn out when the dog is standing or in motion or be pinched inward. The lower legs viewed from all sides are straight and absolutely parallel, dry, and well muscled. The pastern measures about 1/3 of the forearm length and is angled 20-22 degrees to the foreleg. Pasterns with an angle of more than 22 degrees or very steep pasterns (less than 20 degrees) reduce working capability especially, endurance.

#### **Paws**

The paws are rounded, tight, and arched. The soles are hard, but not brittle. The nails are strong and dark.

#### **Hind Legs**

The rear legs have a pronounced rounded knee or turn of stifle which projects the dog's rear quarter well behind the point of the pelvis. Seen from the rear, the hind legs are parallel to one another. Upper and lower



thighs are of approximately the same length and form an angle of 120 degrees. Thighs are strong and well muscled. The hock joint is strong and dry and the hock stands upright under the joint.

### **Paws**

The paws are tight, slightly arched, the balls of the feet are hard and dark, nails strong, arched, and dark.

### **Gait**

The German Shepherd is a trotting dog. Length and angulation of front and rear legs must be in proper proportion to one another to permit the dog to move the rear leg underneath the body, matching the reach of the rear legs with that of the front legs and at the same time, keeping the topline over the back relatively undisturbed. Any tendency for over-angulation of the rear reduces firmness and endurance of the dog and therefore, working capability. Correct body proportions and angulation result in a ground-covering gait which moves close to the ground and conveys the impression of effortless movement. With the head held slightly forward and the tail slightly lifted, the dog trotting evenly and smoothly, we see a softly moving topline which flows without interruption from neck to tail tip.

### **Skin**

The skin covers the body loosely, but without folds.

### **Coat**

#### **Coat Characteristics**

The correct coat for the German Shepherd is a stock coat (outer and under coat). The top coat should be as tight as possible, straight, coarse, and clinging closely to the undercoat. The head, including the inside of the ears, the front of the legs, the paws, and toes have short hair. Neck hair is longer and thicker. On the rear side of the legs, hair length increases downward to the pastern and hock. The rear of the thighs is covered show moderate "pants."

### **Pigment**

Black with reddish brown, brown, tan to light-grey markings. Solid black, grey with darker overcast, black saddle and mask. Inconspicuous small white chest markings, as well as lighter pigment on the inside of the legs is permitted, but not desirable. All dogs, no matter what their color, must have black noses.

Missing mask, light to white markings on the chest and inner leg sides, light toenails, and a red tail tip are signs of faulty pigmentation. Undercoat has a slight grey cast. White is not permissible.

### **Size/Weight**

Males: Height at the wither 60 cm to 65 cm

Weight 30 kg to 40 kg.

Females: Height at the wither 55 cm to 60 cm

Weight 22 kg - 32 kg

### **Testicles**

Visual inspection must show two normally developed testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

### **Faults**

Any deviations from the above listed points are considered faults. Points deducted must be in accordance with severity of the deviation.

### **Severe Faults**

Deviations from the breed characteristics described above which compromise the working ability of the animal.

Ear faults: Ears set too low, tipped ears, overset ears, and soft ears.

Considerable lack of pigment.

Firmness strongly compromised.

Faults of Dentition: All deviation from scissor bite and number of teeth, unless they are disqualifying faults.

### **Disqualifying Faults**

- a. Character weakness, nervous biters, and dogs with a weak nervous system.
- b. Dogs with documented severe hip dysplasia.
- c. Monorchids and cryptorchids as well as dogs with testicles of visibly uneven size or shrunken testicles.

- d. Dogs with disfiguring ears and/or tails.
- e. Malformed dogs.
- f. Tooth faults as follows:
  - 1. Missing one #3 premolar and one additional tooth
  - 2. Missing one canine tooth
  - 3. Missing one #4 premolar
  - 4. Missing one molar #1 or #2
  - 5. Missing a total number of three teeth and/or more teeth
- g. Dogs with bite faults: overbite of 2 mm or more, or undershot; level bite.
- h. Dogs that measure more than 1 cm over or under regulation size.
- i. Albinism.
- j. White coat (incl. those with dark eyes and nails).
- k. Long stock coat (long, soft, loosely fitting outer coat with undercoat, flags on ears and legs, bushy pants and bushy tail with flag on underside).
- l. Long coat (long, soft outer coat without undercoat). This coat type frequently is parted along the centerline of the back, has flags on ears, legs, and tail.

## DENTAL NOTATION PROCEDURE

A decision was made by at the SV General Board meeting to change the procedure for dental notations regarding missing or injured teeth. This change will require that for all dental notations, an entry must be made by an SV Körmeister or a USA or SV conformation show judge in the corresponding section of the dog's scorebook showing proof of complete dentition as soon as the dog receives permanent teeth. Even if an x-ray is provided as proof, it is still mandatory that the required entry be made in the corresponding section of the scorebook an SV Körmeister or a USA or SV conformation show judge.

Since most scorebooks at this time do not contain a dental notation section, the required form is available on the USA website on the Official Forms Page. You may print, cut out, and insert the form in your dog's scorebook for future use if ever necessary.

In summary, below please find the revised text paragraph 4.3 of the SV conformation show rules. This also applies to the breed survey rules as well.

Conformation show ratings are not influenced by teeth, which are partially or completely missing due to external influence. It is required to have proof of the existence of a previously healthy and strong dentition with a complete scissor bite. An entry must be made on the original pedigree.

The following proof is acceptable:

1. Entry by a Körmeister or conformation judge in the corresponding section of the scorebook, showing proof of complete dentition as soon as the dog receives permanent teeth.
2. Körschein showing proof of dental status at time of the first survey.
3. X-ray and a letter from a licensed veterinarian showing at least parts of the root or tooth space.

### VETERINARY LETTER FOR DENTAL NOTATIONS

Quite often the veterinary letters for dental notation are missing important information. To keep the processing time as short as possible, the following information must be included in the veterinary letter.

1. Complete registered name of the dog as it appears on the pedigree.
2. Registration number.
3. Tattoo number.
4. Dental status:
  - a. Tooth is broken
  - b. Tooth is completely missing (due to external influence)
  - c. Tooth had to be extracted
5. Reason for dental fault.
6. Location (right/left-upper/lower jaw, please stand behind dog when determining the right or left side).
7. Description of the tooth (please pay attention to correct description, for example P1, 2, etc.).

### RADIOGRAPHS

Dental faults occur in German Shepherd Dogs from time to time. Only genetically caused dental faults matter. Dental faults caused by external influence (however it may happen) cannot be passed on to future generations and do not lower the breeding value of the German Shepherd Dog.

If the tooth is missing completely, including the root or when a tooth is extracted, an x-ray is required. Before a tooth is extracted an x-ray must be taken in any case. The x-ray is required for dental notation. The SV only recognizes x-rays taken by a licensed veterinarian.

***Please pay close attention to the following:***

- X-ray must be taken before the tooth is extracted
- Clear description of the tooth (left/right)

Note: Teeth that are not completely emerged from the gum (or not correctly developed) cannot receive a dental notation on the pedigree.

A certification by a veterinarian and x-rays are only necessary for teeth that were injured or were extracted due to the external influence.

### **PROCEDURE FOR RECORDING DENTAL NOTATION**

German Shepherd Dogs who have had a dental injury or have a dental fault must have the injury, tooth loss, or dental fault noted on the pedigree by the SV. The following items must be submitted to the USA Office for processing of dental notations:

1. Original recognized registration papers, including pedigree.
2. Veterinary letter (please refer to the requirements listed under Veterinary Letter for Dental Notations).
3. Original scorebook to include the entry made by an SV Körmeister or a USA or SV conformation show judge in the corresponding section showing proof of complete dentition.
4. X-ray (please refer to the requirements listed under Radiographs).
5. Dental notation fee of \$45.00 payable to the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

If you plan to attend a USA breed survey or USA conformation show in the near future and any dental faults have not been recorded on the pedigree or registration papers by the SV, the dental notation can be applied for at the USA event and submitted to the USA Office by the club show secretary. In this case, please supply the above-required items to the show secretary to be forwarded to the USA Office for processing.

**UNITED SCHUTZHUND CLUBS OF AMERICA  
(USA)**

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

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## **ARTICLE I. NAME, COLORS, PROFIT STATUS AND BUDGET**

### **SECTION 1. NAME**

- a. The name of this association shall be "United Schutzhund Clubs of America."
- b. The proper abbreviation of this name shall be "USA."

### **SECTION 2. COLORS**

- a. The colors of the association shall be red, white, and blue.

### **SECTION 3. PROFIT STATUS AND BUDGET**

- a. The United Schutzhund Clubs of America is and shall be conducted as a non-profit organization.
- b. Except for the Editor of the association's official publication and the Webmaster, no member may derive any income from the association. Persons who, in the course of official duties or in service to the association, incur expenses may apply to the Treasurer for reimbursement of these expenses.
- c. The President shall be responsible for submitting a budget to the Executive Board for its approval. This budget shall categorize and include all projected income and expenses for USA for a minimum of one year from the date of submission. The Treasurer is directed to pay all budgeted expenses as approved by the Board of Directors. After determining that the monies are available, the President shall have the power to direct payment of expenses of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) over existing budget limitations per category per year. No additional expenses shall be incurred unless full justification is submitted to and formally approved by the Executive Board of Directors.
- d. The fiscal year of USA shall begin on July 1 of each year and end on June 30 of the following year.

## **ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this association shall be to preserve the German Shepherd Dog in accordance with the Breed Standard as a working dog. Activities shall:

1. Promote schutzhund and HGH (Herdengebrauchshund) herding dog training for the working dog.
2. Promote breeding and establish breed surveys for the working German Shepherd Dogs.
3. Promote HGH herding dog trials for the working dog.
4. Establish a Breed Registry for German Shepherd Dogs.
5. Promote events, which evaluate the conformation of German Shepherd Dogs.
6. Develop, qualify, and license local clubs in the United States and its possessions so that they may conduct schutzhund trials, German Shepherd Dog Breed Surveys, conformation shows for German Shepherd Dogs, tracking tests for the FH degree (Faehrtenhundpruefung), HGH herding dog trials, and endurance tests for the AD award (Ausdauerpruefung).
7. Develop, as decided by the Board of Directors, any other tests to insure the further development and maintenance of the German Shepherd Dog as a working breed, and to encourage local clubs to implement these tests.
8. Promote training of working dogs among the youth.
9. Support the use of working dogs for search and rescue work, police work, customs and border patrol work, guide dog work, scenting work, and in other ways for which working dogs are utilized.
10. Publish a magazine to promote the objectives of the association.
11. Conduct annually a USA German Shepherd Dog National Championship to coincide with the meeting of the General Board of Directors between October 1 and November 20.

## ARTICLE III. PERFORMANCE REGULATIONS

1. The performance regulations for all USA working evaluations shall be decided by the Board of Directors, yet shall be based upon international standards. Any changes from the currently accepted trial regulations require approval of the Board of Directors.
  - (i) Handlers may enter up to three dogs in USA trials excepting for any and all championship trials where the specified limit of two dogs shall apply.
2. The regulations governing the German Shepherd Dog breed surveys shall be identical with those of the Verein Fuer Deutsche Schaeferhunde (SV), but with the following exceptions:
  - (1) In lieu of the A stamp, certification by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals will be acceptable.
3. The regulations governing events which evaluate the conformation of the German Shepherd Dog shall be identical with the SV with the following exceptions:
  - (1) In lieu of the A Stamp, certification by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals will be acceptable.
  - (2) The Board shall establish the rules for the championship conformation shows.
4. Only judges licensed by USA, the SV, and/or other WUSV-member organizations that have been approved by the Board shall preside over events sanctioned by USA.
5. USA Judges may not be governing members or judges of competing U.S. German Shepherd Dog organizations.

## ARTICLE IV. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

### SECTION 1. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

This association shall be composed of five (5) types of individual memberships.

#### a. **Full Membership**

Full members shall be provided with an official membership card and shall receive a subscription to the association's official publication. If the member is also a member of a local club, he shall be eligible for election by his club as its Delegate to USA. A person so elected shall be a member of the General Board of Directors. Full members shall be eligible for special awards and privileges as established by the Board of Directors. A full member need not be a resident of the United States.

#### b. **Family Membership**

A family membership shall recognize two (2) persons in a family as individual full members of USA with all rights and privileges as described in part "a" above. This membership shall issue each person a separate membership card. It shall include one (1) subscription to the association's magazine. The dues for a family membership shall be one and one-half (1&1/2) times the dues for a full membership.

#### c. **Honorary Membership**

From time to time, as the association deems appropriate, a person or persons may be offered honorary membership. This is intended to honor a person or persons for an achievement or for a service to the association. Honorary members shall be given a special membership card and shall receive a subscription to the official publication. Honorary members shall have all rights and privileges of membership, but shall not vote or hold office.

#### d. **Lifetime Membership**

Lifetime members shall be provided with an official membership card and shall receive a subscription to the association's publication. Lifetime members shall also receive a National Events Pass, which shall admit such members to all of the association's national events, including the Sieger Show, National Championship, USA German Shepherd Dog Championship, and North American Championship. The names of all Lifetime members shall be published in an annual issue of the association's publication. A Lifetime Membership shall be an individual membership. Lifetime Members are subject to the same USA rules and bylaws provisions as members in other classifications. The Lifetime Membership and/or



National Events Pass are non-transferable, and shall terminate upon the death of the member. Lifetime Memberships shall be available for limited periods determined by the Executive Board.

e. **Youth Membership**

This membership is available to person 18 years of age or younger. It is intended to create interest in the objectives of USA among young people. Dues and privileges of membership shall be determined by the General Board. Youth Members shall not be eligible to hold office or serve on any committee except as specially determined by the Board. Parental or guardian consent is required.

## SECTION 2. RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

a. **Annual Dues**

The General Board of Directors shall establish the amount of dues for all types of membership. Honorary members shall be exempt from annual dues. Dues shall be honored for one (1) year from the date of origin, except in the case of Lifetime Memberships. Lifetime Membership dues are payable in a one-time lump sum and shall be honored for the natural life of each Lifetime Member, who shall pay no further dues to the association. Lifetime Members remain responsible for payment of applicable local club dues.

b. **Non-Payment of Dues**

One (1) month before the expiration date of his membership, each member shall be so notified by USA. Any member whose dues are not paid by the expiration date shall have his membership canceled. Such cancellation shall result in loss of all rights and privileges of membership. In addition, local clubs shall cancel the membership of any person whose membership in USA is canceled.

c. **Resignation**

Any member of USA may resign from the association at any time and shall be deleted from the membership list. Resignations must be submitted to the Treasurer in writing. There shall be no refund of dues or payment, in full, or on a pro rata basis, upon the resignation of any Lifetime Member from the association. Upon resignation from the association, the name of a resigning Lifetime Member shall not appear in the association's publication among the roster of Lifetime Members.

d. **Transfer of Membership**

Memberships are not transferable and shall terminate automatically on the death of the member.

## SECTION 3. DISCIPLINE

a. **Charges**

Any full member or club may prefer charges against any other member for conduct prejudicial to the interests of USA. The allegations must be submitted in writing and must be sworn to before a Notary Public. The charge(s) shall be forwarded to the USA Secretary with a deposit of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each charge. The deposit shall be forfeited for each charge which is not sustained or determined not to be relevant.

b. The Secretary shall send copies of said charges by certified mail to each member of the Board of Inquiry within fifteen (15) days after receipt.

c. The Secretary shall send one (1) copy of the charges to the accused member by certified mail not more than fifteen (15) days after receipt.

d. The accused may answer charges in writing to the Secretary within thirty (30) days of receipt. The accused may also provide testimony from witnesses. The Secretary shall forward copies of any answer and/or any testimony to all members of the Board of Inquiry by certified mail within fifteen (15) days of receiving same. If no answer is received, the Secretary shall so inform the Board after thirty (30) days. The Board must act within sixty (60) days of receiving the answer to the charges or the notification that no answer was forthcoming.

e. Within the thirty (30) days after the Board of Inquiry receives the charges, the Board shall make a determination about the relevancy of the charges and if they shall be considered by the Board of Inquiry.

If not relevant, the accuser shall be notified by the Secretary within fifteen (15) days of the Board's decision.

- f. To be heard, charges must be filed within one (1) year of the date of the alleged misconduct. The Board of Inquiry shall, by majority vote, sustain or not sustain the charge(s).
- g. Charges which solely concern business deals between USA members shall not be heard.
- h. The Board of Inquiry shall recommend, if the charges are sustained, an appropriate disciplinary action which may or may not be imposed by either Board of Directors.
- i. No member who has been suspended or expelled by USA may participate in any activities sponsored by the association, or in activities sponsored by any of its clubs, for the duration of the suspension or permanently if expelled.
- j. Disciplinary action taken by a local club against a member or members is an internal affair of the club and does not affect a person's membership in USA. Such local disciplinary actions need not be recognized or honored by other local clubs.
- k. If the charges fail to be heard by the Board of Inquiry within the time frame specified by Section 3, Paragraphs d and e as provided in these bylaws, all money deposited with USA by the member filing charges will be refunded and a full report will be made to the Board of Directors.
- l. The President and Secretary of the organization may file charges on behalf of USA without the required filing fee to prefer charges against any individual member(s).

## **ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP OF CLUBS**

### **SECTION 1. LEVELS OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

#### **a. Affiliated Clubs**

Affiliated clubs are formally connected with USA and may be represented on the General Board of Directors by a nonvoting Delegate. An affiliated club is considered an apprentice club and must complete a program of qualification before it shall be licensed to hold any USA sanctioned events or vote on the Board of Directors. A club may become affiliated with USA provided that the club:

- (i) Adopts a set of by laws and provides USA with a copy. These bylaws shall state that the club is and shall be conducted as a nonprofit organization and the bylaws shall include: "The objectives of this association shall be to preserve the German Shepherd Dog in accordance with the Breed Standard as a working dog, to promote humane training methods for the working dog, and to support responsible dog ownership and breeding practices."
- (ii) Requires all members of the club to become full members of USA.
- (iii) Pays to USA an annual membership fee, the amount of which will be determined by the General Board of Directors of USA.
- (iv) Supplies to the USA Treasurer, at the time of application, a list of names and addresses of all club members.
- (v) Submits a statement signed by two (2) club officers guaranteeing observance of the USA Constitution and Bylaws and ordinances.
- (vi) Is recommended by a Regional Director.
- (vii) Meets any additional requirements specified by the General Board of Directors.

#### **b. Full Member Clubs**

A full member club is licensed by USA to conduct Schutzhund Trials, German Shepherd Dog Breed Surveys, HGH (Herdengebrauchshund) Herding Dog Trials, and other events sanctioned by USA. If in good standing, a full member club may send a voting Delegate to the meeting of the General Board. A local club may gain full member club status in USA by:

- (i) Being upgraded from affiliated club status.
- (ii) Being admitted directly into the United Schutzhund Clubs of America with full member club rank. Only clubs of exceptional qualification may bypass the affiliated club stage and be admitted directly into USA as a full member club.

- (iii) In order to be upgraded from affiliated status or to be granted direct admittance, a club must consist of not fewer than five (5) members, only two (2) of which may be part of any family membership.
  - (iv) To be in good standing, a club's dues to USA must be current, the USA dues of all members of the club must be current, and the club may not be under any disciplinary action from USA.
  - (v) Each full member club shall hold at least one (1) sanctioned USA schutzhund trial or HGH Herding Dog Trial per calendar year beginning January 1 of the year after the year in which the club is granted full member status. The Regional Director shall approve any waiver of this requirement, provided the club's dues and membership list are current. The Regional Director will advise all the clubs in the region of the proposed waiver and the reasons thereof. Failure to comply with this provision will reduce the club to affiliated status for at least one (1) year. The affiliated club shall meet all the requirements once again to become a full member club.
- c. To be admitted directly to USA as a full member club, the club must:
- (i) Complete the requirements as outlined in this article, Section 1, Part a, Items (i) through (vii).
  - (ii) Be recommended by a Regional Director.
  - (iii) Demonstrate satisfactory performance in the training of dogs in the sport by conducting a practice trial, which was judged by some person who has been approved by the Board of Directors and is not a member of the club.
  - (iv) Be approved by the Regional Director. The Regional Director is to submit to the Executive Board and the club a letter of approval or disapproval, which must be accompanied by:
    - A list of club members, including the club officers.
    - A complete set of score sheets from the practice trial.
  - (v) In the event that the Regional Director does not approve the full member status of the club, then the club may appeal to the Executive Board, which has the authority to override the decision of the Regional Director.
- d. Upgrading of affiliated clubs to full member club status:  
An affiliated club may be upgraded to full member club status when it has met the requirements outlined in this article, Section 1, Part c, Items (i) through (iv).
- e. A full membership shall consist of no less than five (5) members.

## **SECTION 2. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN USA AND LOCAL CLUBS**

- a. All local clubs within USA shall be classified as schutzhund or HGH herding training clubs for working dogs. Events sponsored by these clubs through USA which evaluate the working conformation of dogs shall be restricted to the German Shepherd Dog.
- b. In the event of conflict between the provisions of the USA Constitution and Bylaws and/or rules and the bylaws and/or rules of local clubs, the provision(s) of the USA Constitution and Bylaws and/or rules shall prevail.
- c. Member clubs shall not be members of other schutzhund type organizations. Individual members of the club, however, may be members of other organizations.
- d. A complete and current membership list including full addresses must be included with the club's annual dues. This information will be sent to the USA Office for verification. Clubs that fail to submit both annual dues and membership lists will not be granted trial authorizations by the Regional Director. Should club lists and dues not be submitted by the due date, any previously approved trial authorizations will be recalled. Trial authorizations will be restored when dues and membership lists are submitted and approved.

## **SECTION 3. DISCIPLINE**

- a. Charges  
Any full member of USA may prefer charges against any USA club for violating USA regulations or for conduct which is prejudicial to the interests of USA. The allegations must be submitted in writing and must be sworn to before a Notary Public. The charges shall be forwarded to the USA Secretary with a

deposit of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each charge. The deposit shall be forfeited for each charge which is not sustained.

- b. The Secretary shall send copies of said charges by certified mail to each member of the Board of Inquiry within fifteen (15) days after receipt. The Board of Inquiry shall act upon said charges within sixty (60) days after receipt of same and the answer thereto.
- c. The Secretary shall also send one (1) copy of the charges to the accused club in care of contact person of record listed in *Schutzbund USA* by certified mail not more than fifteen (15) days after receipt.
- d. The club may answer charges in writing to the Secretary within thirty (30) days of receipt, and may also provide testimony from witnesses. The Secretary shall forward copies of any answer and/or any testimony to all members of the Board of Inquiry by certified mail within fifteen (15) days of receiving same. If no answer is received, the Secretary shall so inform the Board after thirty (30) days. The Board must act within sixty (60) days of receiving the answer to the charges or the notification that no answer was forthcoming.
- e. The Secretary shall forward copies of the reply from the accused club and testimony from defense witnesses by certified mail within fifteen (15) days of receipt to each member of the Board of Inquiry.
- f. To be heard, charges must be filed within one (1) year of the date of the alleged misconduct or rule violation. The Board of Inquiry shall, by majority vote, sustain or not sustain the charge(s). The Board of Inquiry shall make a determination about the relevancy of the charges and if they shall be considered by the Board of Inquiry. If not relevant, the accuser shall be notified by the Secretary within fifteen (15) days of the Board's decision.
- g. The Board of Inquiry shall recommend, if the charges are sustained, appropriate disciplinary action.
  - (i) If the guilty club is a full member club, appropriate disciplinary action may include:
    1. A reprimand.
    2. A monetary fine in an amount commensurate with the seriousness of the offense.
    3. Placing the club on probation under the supervision of some person appointed by the Board of Directors.
    4. Suspension of the club for a specified period of time, during which the club may hold no USA sanctioned activities.
    5. Cancellation of the club's license (reduces the club to affiliated club status).
    6. Expulsion of the club.
  - (ii) If the guilty club is an affiliated club, appropriate disciplinary action may include Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 under (i) above and also may include:
    1. Delaying consideration of the club for upgrade to full member status for up to one (1) year.
- h. If any charges against a club fail to be heard within the time frame specified by Section 3.d. as provided in these bylaws, all money deposited with USA by those filing the charges will be refunded and a full report by the Board of Inquiry will be made to the Board of Directors.
- i. The President and Secretary of the organization may file charges on behalf of USA without the required filing fee to prefer charges against clubs or delegates.

#### **SECTION 4. LACK OF PROGRESS**

- a. The progress of affiliated clubs toward the attainment of full member club status shall be monitored by the Regional Director. He shall report on the progress of affiliated clubs in his region to the Executive Board of Directors at least once a year.
- b. Lack of progress by an affiliated club toward the attainment of full member club status within a two (2) year period will cause an automatic investigation by the Regional Director.
- c. The Regional Director may extend until the end of the club's third year its affiliated status with a recommendation that no disciplinary action be taken if justification for lack of progress is shown.
- d. If no justification for lack of progress is shown, the Regional Director shall recommend to the Board appropriate disciplinary action which may include:

1. Probation under the supervision of the Regional Director or someone appointed by the Board of Directors.
  2. Expulsion of the club from USA.
- e. An affiliated club which has not attained full member club status by the end of its third year shall have its membership in USA terminated.

#### **SECTION 5. DISCIPLINE AGAINST CLUB NOT TO AFFECT INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

- a. Disciplinary action taken against any USA club, full member or affiliated, including expulsion of the club from USA membership shall have no effect on the membership in USA of those individuals who make up the club.

### **ARTICLE VI. BOARDS OF DIRECTORS**

There shall be two (2) Boards of Directors which govern the affairs of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America. When a reference in this constitution and bylaws is made to "The Board of Directors" it shall mean either Board unless otherwise specified.

#### **SECTION 1. GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

a. **Definition**

The General Board of Directors shall consist of Delegates elected from full member clubs, USA Officers, Directors at Large, and Regional Directors.

b. **Duties**

It shall be the duty of the General Board of Directors to conduct the affairs of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America. The General Board elects the Officers and standing committee members of USA.

c. **Meetings**

- (i) The General Board of Directors shall choose one (1) date per calendar year between the dates of October 1 and November 20 on which it shall conduct its annual meeting. Written notice shall be provided to all clubs and executive board members not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting unless notice of the meeting is published in the association's official publication not less than ninety (90) days prior to the meeting date.
- (ii) A special meeting of the General Board of Directors shall be called if a petition is received by the USA secretary signed by Delegates of a majority of the full member clubs in good standing. Written notice of the special meeting shall be sent to all USA clubs, Officers, Directors at Large, and Regional Directors not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date.
- (iii) All actions of the Board shall be reported as minutes. A printed copy of the minutes will be mailed within sixty (60) days of the meeting to all clubs and Executive Board. It will be sent by mail or electronic mail to any individual member of USA at that member's request. A copy of the minutes shall be published promptly in the association's official publication and internet web site.

d. **Quorum**

In order for any business to be conducted a quorum must be present. A quorum shall be deemed to be present if 20% of all full member clubs in good standing and at least three (3) USA Officers are present. The formula: USA Full member clubs in good standing divided by five (5) plus at least three (3) USA Officers shall be used to establish the number required for a quorum.

e. **Delegates**

- (i) Each full member club may send one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate to the meetings of the General Board.
- (ii) Each affiliated club may send one (1) nonvoting delegate to attend the meetings of the General Board.

- f. A Delegate to USA shall be elected from the regular membership of each USA club. A full member club may also elect an Alternate Delegate. The Delegate shall be the club's representative of record for a period

of one year beginning on the date of the annual meeting of the General Board of Directors. A club may replace its Delegate and/or Alternate as necessary or desired. The USA Secretary must be notified immediately of the replacement.

- g. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the General Board of Directors every USA club shall send to the USA Secretary a letter signed by two (2) officers of the club naming the club's Delegate. (The Delegate may not be one of the signers.) This letter shall specifically authorize this person to attend the meeting and vote on behalf of the club. The delegate and alternate shall carry a copy of the letter to the meeting naming him/her as the delegate/alternate. The alternate's letter shall be presented to the Secretary if it is necessary for the alternate to be seated in place of the club's Delegate. Clubs which are granted affiliated or full member status after the thirty (30) day deadline but before the meeting may send the required letter to the meeting with the club's Delegate. This letter must be presented to the Secretary before the Delegate or Alternate will be seated. Not later than two (2) days prior to the annual meeting of the General Board of Directors the Treasurer shall verify that a club is in good standing in order for its delegate to be seated.

**h. Club Fails to Send Delegate**

In the event a club does not send a Delegate to the General Board Meeting or, if the club fails to send a letter to the USA Secretary identifying the club's Delegate the club shall be declared to be without representation on the General Board of Directors.

**i. Voting at Meetings**

- (i) The Delegate from each full member club is entitled to cast one (1) vote on any given item of business.
- (ii) Each USA Officer and Regional Director shall have one (1) vote to cast on any given item of business.
- (iii) No person may cast more than one vote on any given item of business.
- (iv) The alternate of any full member club may vote only if he has been seated in place of the Delegate at the time a vote is taken.
- (v) If neither the Delegate nor alternate of a club is present when a vote is taken, the club shall have no vote on that item of business.

## SECTION 2. EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**a. Definition**

The Executive Board of Directors shall consist of all elected USA Officers, Regional Directors, and of not fewer than four (4) and not more than five (5) representatives from the membership at large.

- b. The General Board of Directors shall elect from the list of full members of USA not fewer than four (4) and not more than five (5) persons, who are not USA officers, to be members of the Executive Board of Directors. They shall be known as Directors at Large. They shall serve a two (2) year term and shall be elected in even numbered years. The number of Directors at Large to be elected shall be that number, either four (4) or five (5) that when added to the number of USA officers and Regional Directors equals an odd number. The election for Directors at Large shall be by plurality.

**c. Meetings**

- (i) A meeting of the Executive Board may be called at any time by the President. He/she may set the time and place of the meeting.
- (ii) A meeting of the Executive Board shall be called by the USA Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Executive Board.
- (iii) Executive Board members shall be given written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to any meeting.

**d. Duties**

It shall be the duty of the Executive Board of Directors to conduct the affairs of USA that do not require a vote by the General Board of Directors as specified in these Constitution and Bylaws. The Executive Board shall not have the authority to amend or repeal these Constitution and Bylaws.

- e. All actions of the Board shall be reported as minutes. A printed copy of the minutes will be mailed within 60 days of the meeting to all clubs and will be sent by mail or electronic mail to any individual member of USA at that member's request. A copy of the minutes shall be published in the association's official publication and internet web site. The General Board of Directors may rescind or modify any action of the Executive Board.
- f. **Quorum**  
In order for the Executive Board of Directors to conduct any business, a quorum must be present. A majority of members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.
- g. **Voting**
  - (i) Only members of the Executive Board may vote at its meetings or on mail ballots.
  - (ii) No person may cast more than one (1) vote on any item of business.
  - (iii) In lieu of calling a special meeting, members of the Executive Board of Directors may be polled by mail or electronic communication ballot. Two (2) weeks shall be allowed for the return of ballots before closing the vote. Complete and factual information on the subject(s) to be voted on must be supplied with each ballot. Balloting by telephone is prohibited.
  - (iv) The results of the mail balloting shall be printed in *Schutzhund USA* by roll call. All votes of the Executive Board shall be by roll call unless they pertain to the approval of an application for a judges license or for the selection of a judge for a national event.
- h. Executive Board members may not be governing members of competing U.S. German Shepherd Dog organizations.

### **SECTION 3. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The current edition of "Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures" shall govern this association in all parliamentary situations that are not covered in the law, or in these constitution and bylaws, or adopted rules. In case of a conflict between the provisions of these constitution and bylaws and the parliamentary provisions of "Sturgis," the provisions of these Constitution and Bylaws shall prevail.

## **ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **SECTION 1. OFFICERS**

The Officers of USA are those people who handle the official affairs of the association. Officers shall have a vote on both Boards of Directors. The Officers of the association shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Treasurer
- d. Secretary
- e. Director of Judges
- f. National Breed Warden

### **SECTION 2. TERMS OF OFFICE**

All elected Officers shall have a term of office not to exceed two (2) years.

### **SECTION 3. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

#### **a. President**

The President is the Chief Administrative Officer and legal head of USA. The President exercises supervision over the association and its activities and employees. The President is responsible for handling relations between USA and external associations and represents USA in public, presides at business meetings, and has the authority to carry out the will of the organization. The President serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The President shall be an advisory member of all committees except for the Board of Inquiry and the Nominating Committee. The President shall be responsible for

compiling and maintaining records of all trials, German Shepherd Dog breed surveys, the German Shepherd Dog breed registry, and German Shepherd Dog breed shows. The President shall also be responsible for compiling and maintaining records of individual accomplishments of all dogs entered in USA sanctioned events and may be given responsibility for additional duties and/or records by the Board of Directors. The President shall make or cause to be made a duplicate set of records, which will be kept at a location designated by the Board of Directors. He/she shall be responsible for the distribution of, to clubs and individuals, and for the collection of fees (if any) for all necessary forms for trials, breed surveys, breed registry, breed events, etc. The President employs and manages all the paid staff for USA.

**b. Vice President**

The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in case of his/her absence or incapacitation. The Vice President shall assume that office for the remainder of the term in the event the office is vacated for any reason.

**c. Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting, accounting for and handling all funds of the association. The Treasurer shall insure that all funds are deposited in such financial institution as the Board of Directors may designate. He/she shall see that disbursements therefrom are made as is necessary and proper to meet the just and due obligations of USA. The Treasurer shall be bonded, and the cost of such bond shall be borne by the association. The Treasurer shall secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to audit the accounts of USA annually. This audit shall take place not more than ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting of the General Board. The Treasurer shall present a financial report at every meeting of either Board of Directors, and at any other time as requested by the President or the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall make all of his/her records available at the General Board meeting for review by any full member of USA. The Treasurer shall be responsible for overseeing the membership records of individuals and clubs. The Treasurer shall insure that all membership requirements for USA clubs are met and shall terminate the membership of any individual or club if dues are not paid as specified in Articles IV and V respectively.

**d. Secretary**

The Secretary shall be responsible for taking and preparing accurate minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall maintain a complete file of the ordinances, bylaw revisions, resolutions, and other official USA action. The secretary shall maintain a file of committees and the members thereof. The Secretary shall record all terms of office and inform the General Board when elections are due. During the meeting of the General Board, it shall be his/her duty to insure that only those persons with proper credentials be seated. The Secretary shall insure that only persons authorized to vote are allowed to vote and shall perform other duties as prescribed by the Board.

**e. Director of Judges**

The Director of Judges shall be the chairman of the Judges Committee. He/she shall be a USA Schutzhund judge or Schutzhund Judge Emeritus in good standing.

**f. National Breed Warden**

The National Breed Warden shall be the chairman of the Breed Advisory Committee.

**SECTION 4. OFFICERS SHALL PERFORM DUTIES**

- a. Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these constitution and bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by USA.

**SECTION 5. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**a. Nominations**

Candidates for officer positions may be nominated:



- (i) By the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall make known its selections for Officers, Directors at Large, and standing committee members at the General Board of Directors meeting.
- (ii) From the floor. After the Nominating Committee has delivered its nominations and report, nominations will be accepted from the floor. Only members of the General Board may make nominations. All nominations must be seconded. Nominees for Officers, Directors at Large, and standing committees must be present at the meeting of the General Board of Directors or must have furnished the Secretary with a written statement of agreement to be a candidate.

**b. Eligibility**

To be eligible for election, a nominee or write in candidate must be a full member of USA. He/she may not be under twenty-one (21) years of age. He/she may not be under current disciplinary action.

**c. Election of Officers**

- (i) The General Board of Directors shall elect Officers and Directors at Large at every meeting which takes place in an even numbered year.
- (ii) The voting shall be by secret ballot only.
- (iii) A Ballot Counting Committee shall be appointed by the President. It shall determine the legality of the ballots cast, tabulate the results, and give them to the President, who shall announce the results of the election.
- (iv) A majority of votes of General Board members present is required to elect. Repeat balloting is required if no candidate receives the necessary majority. On reballoting, least vote getter would be dropped.
- (v) Newly elected Officers, members of the Executive Board, and standing committees shall be seated at the conclusion of old business except the Regional Directors who would be seated immediately upon their election.
- (vi) There is no limit to the number of consecutive terms a person may hold office.

**SECTION 6. VACANCIES**

- a. If the office of Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Judges, or National Breed Warden should be vacated for any reason, or if the incumbent becomes incapacitated and cannot or is unwilling to perform the duties of office, the Executive Board shall elect a replacement. For the purposes of these bylaws incapacitation shall mean illness or death.
- b. Nominations for the vacant office must be submitted to the Secretary. The Secretary shall conduct the balloting of the Executive Board. The Vice President shall conduct the balloting if the Secretary's office is vacant.
- c. The newly elected Officer shall hold office until the next General Board meeting. At that time he/she can either be ratified or replaced.

**ARTICLE VIII. APPOINTED POSITIONS**

**SECTION 1. EDITOR**

The editor shall be appointed by the President of USA and confirmed by the Board of Directors. The editor shall publish, at regular intervals, a publication which carries information about, as well as the official views of, USA. The President of USA shall direct its editorial policy so as to promote the programs and policies of the association.

**SECTION 2. APPOINTED COMMITTEES**

- a. The President shall have the right to appoint committees, as he/she deems necessary, but may not appoint a committee to perform a function which is given to an officer or standing committee by these constitution and bylaws. The right to appoint a committee brings with it the right to appoint the chairman of the committee.

## **ARTICLE IX. REGIONS, REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND REGIONAL BREED WARDENS**

### **SECTION 1. REGIONS**

- a. The area served by USA shall be divided into regions. There shall not be fewer than five (5) nor more than twenty (20) regions.
- b. Regional boundaries may be altered or regions may be divided by:
  - (i) Request of the Regional Director.
  - (ii) Request of a majority of full member clubs in the region.
  - (iii) Decision of the Executive Board after a review of the changing needs of a region.
- c. No regional boundary shall be altered without the approval of the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 2. NUMBER AND VOTING RIGHTS**

- a. There shall not be fewer than five (5) nor more than twenty (20) Regional Directors and Regional Breed Wardens.
- b. Regional Directors are members of both Boards of Directors and shall have a vote on each. Regional Breed Wardens do not have a vote on the Board.

### **SECTION 3. DUTIES**

- a. USA Regional Director shall be the regional representative of the association. The Regional Director shall assist in the development of new clubs in the region and shall approve trial dates for all clubs in his/her region. The Regional Director shall forward requests for USA judges to the Director of Judges. He/she may be assigned other duties as needed.
- b. The Regional Breed Warden will:
  - (i) Promote the development of Breed Wardens and tattooers in his/her region.
  - (ii) Be responsible for supervising and training of local breed wardens. Local Breed Wardens will report directly to the Regional Breed Warden.
  - (iii) Dispense and collect breed paperwork and develop regional breeding statistics.
  - (iv) Keep regional reports of all breeding activity in the region and present results and recommendations at the regional meetings.
  - (v) Act as the Local Breed Warden when none is available.

### **SECTION 4. TERRITORY**

- a. The territory over which each Regional Director/Regional Breed Warden shall have supervision shall be decided by the Board of Directors.
- b. A Regional Director/Regional Breed Warden shall have authority in his/her region only. If circumstances dictate, the President or the Board of Directors may require a Regional Director/Regional Breed Warden to take responsibility for an area or a club outside of his/her own region.

### **SECTION 5. ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for election, a nominee must be able to show significant experience in the training and/or breeding of dogs for the schutzhund sport. He/she must be a full member of USA and must reside within or be a full and active member of a full member club which is within the geographical boundaries of the region. The nominee may not be less than twenty-one (21) years of age and may not be under current disciplinary action.

## **SECTION 6. NOMINATION AND ELECTION**

- a. Candidates for the position of Regional Director/Regional Breed Warden may be nominated by a Delegate from a full member club in that particular region. All nominations must be seconded.
- b. One need not be nominated to receive votes. "Write in" balloting is permitted.
- c. Regional Directors/Regional Breed Warden shall have a term of office of two (2) years and shall be elected in odd numbered years.
- d. Elections may be held at a regional meeting or by mail between the dates of January 1 prior to the annual meeting and 14 days prior to the annual meeting of the General Board of Directors, provided all full member clubs in the region are notified in writing, not less than thirty (30) days prior to said election. If this election is held, the USA Secretary shall be notified of the result within ten (10) days.
- e. To be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast by the full member clubs in good standing in that particular region.

## **SECTION 7. ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

- a. Each region shall elect an Assistant Regional Director to assist the Regional Director in his/her duties. The eligibility requirements, nomination, election, and term of office shall be the same as for Regional Directors.
- b. In the event the Regional Director resigns or is incapacitated, the Assistant Regional Director shall assume the position of Regional Director for the remainder of the term.
- c. If the position of Assistant Regional Director becomes vacant for any reason, an election to fill the office will be held within forty-five (45) days. A majority vote of the full member clubs in good standing in that particular region is required to elect.
- d. If the Regional Director is unable to attend a meeting of either Board of Directors, the Assistant Regional Director may attend in his/her place and shall have a vote on either Board.

## **SECTION 8. APPEALING DECISION OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR/REGIONAL BREED WARDEN**

Any Affiliated Club, Full Member Club, or individual member of the association in good standing can appeal the decision of the Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, or Regional Breed Warden to the Executive Board of Directors. The appeal must be made in writing to the Secretary of the association. After consideration of the appeal and allowing the Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, or Regional Breed Warden to explain his/her position, the Executive Board of Directors by majority vote can overrule the decision.

## **ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION 1. STANDING COMMITTEES**

The committees indicated below are permanent. All members of these committees shall be elected by a plurality vote of the General Board. The members of the committee shall elect a committee chairman unless otherwise stipulated in these provisions. All members of standing committees shall serve a two (2) year term and must be full members of USA.

#### **a. Auditing Committee**

The Auditing Committee shall audit the financial accounts of USA. The committee shall consist of three (3) persons. The Treasurer shall not be a member of the Auditing Committee.

- (i) If the Treasurer has not secured the services of a Certified Public Accountant and/or has not presented the CPA's report to the General Board, the Auditing Committee shall perform a complete audit of USA financial records.

- (ii) The committee shall have the power to summon the Treasurer to answer any questions. A report of the audit and/or a report of the legitimacy of USA's expenses shall then be made to the General Board of Directors at the annual meeting.
- (iii) Members of the Auditing Committee shall be elected in even numbered years.

**b. Nominating Committee**

- (i) The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members.
- (ii) The committee shall nominate candidates for Officers, Directors at Large, and standing committee positions in USA excluding regional directors.
- (iii) The committee shall solicit recommendations for the positions it is charged to nominate candidates for. It shall request information from candidates which will enable it to evaluate a person's experience, skills, and willingness to serve.
- (iv) The committee shall choose its slate by balloting. Candidates who receive a plurality of the votes from the Nominating Committee shall be named in the committee's report.
- (v) Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting, the Nominating Committee shall send a list of the persons it is nominating to each full member club.
- (vi) The committee shall submit its report at the meeting of the General Board of Directors.
- (vii) Members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected in odd numbered years.

**c. Board of Inquiry**

- (i) The Board of Inquiry shall consist of seven (7) persons. Five (5) of these persons shall be full members of the Board of Inquiry. The other two (2) persons shall be alternate members. USA Officers, Judges, Directors at Large, and Regional Directors shall not be eligible to serve on the Board of Inquiry.
- (ii) It shall be the duty of this board to hear cases of alleged misconduct and alleged violations of USA regulations. This board shall not entertain any charges which are not filed within one (1) year of the date of the alleged misconduct or rule violation. This board shall, by majority vote, sustain or not sustain the charges or determine the relevancy. It shall report its findings to the Board of Directors and, if its finding is to sustain the charges, the Board of Inquiry shall recommend appropriate disciplinary action.
- (iii) The Board of Inquiry may conduct its business in person, by telephone, or by mail. Balloting by telephone is permissible but must be confirmed in writing.
- (iv) Should any full member of the Board of Inquiry be the subject of charges, the chairman shall, by drawing lots, choose one (1) of the alternate members to hear the case. This person shall also hear any other case which arises while he/she is seated as a full member of the board.
- (v) No member of the Board of Inquiry shall hear charges against any person who is a member of the same local club. The chairman shall, by drawing lots, select an alternate member to hear the case. Any full member so replaced shall hear any other case(s) which arises while his club member's case is pending.
- (vi) Any full member of the Board of Inquiry may request to be excused from hearing a specific case. No reason need be given. The member shall make his/her request to the chairman, in writing, who shall, by drawing lots, choose one of the alternate members to hear the case.
- (vii) If charges are sustained against any member of the Board of Inquiry, the recommendation for discipline shall include this member's removal from the Board of Inquiry for the duration of his/her term.
- (viii) Members of the Board of Inquiry shall be elected in even numbered years.
- (ix) In the event the chairman of the committee cannot act in that capacity for any reason, the chairman shall be that person who received the next highest number of votes from the General Board.

**d. Judges Committee**

- (i) The Judges Committee shall consist of the USA President, the Director of Judges, one additional USA schutzhund judge, and two (2) members at large. The chairman of the committee shall be the Director of Judges.
- (ii) The judges shall be elected in even numbered years and the members at large shall be elected in odd numbered years.

- (iii) The committee shall be responsible for the judges at all USA trials. It shall be the keeper of the trial rules and regulations. It shall be responsible for the conduct of USA judges. It shall recommend that a judges license be granted to persons who have successfully completed the apprentice judge program. It may recommend that a judges license be revoked for conduct prejudicial to the interest of USA. A decision to accept or reject the recommendation shall be made by the Board of Directors. Any judge whose license has been recommended for revocation shall be permitted to speak at the board meeting at which the recommendation is heard.
- (iv) The committee shall design and implement a program to select and train apprentice judges, to see to the ongoing education of licensed judges, and oversee the conduct of all apprentice judges and judges. No candidate for the apprentice judges program, apprentice judges, or judge shall be a professional. That is, he/she cannot earn a substantial portion of his/her income by breeding, handling, training, or selecting schutzhund type dogs. The method of determining the income shall be any reasonable means determined by the committee.
- (v) The host body along with the Judges Committee shall recommend a slate of judges for all national working dog events. The Executive Board shall approve the slate or recommend alternatives. Only the Director of Judges may initially contact the approved judges.

**e. Breed Advisory Committee**

- (i) The Breed Advisory Committee shall consist of all Regional Breed Wardens, the USA President, the Director of Judges, and the National Breed Warden.
- (ii) This committee shall advise the Board on all matters pertaining to the breed registry. It shall recommend criteria for administering the program including the breed standard, tattooing, registration eligibility, etc.
- (iii) This committee shall be the keeper for rules of conformation shows and breed surveys.
- (iv) The committee shall recommend judges for the national breed events to the Executive Board.
- (v) The committee shall recommend the endorsement of future Breed Judges and advancements to the post of Breed Selection Masters (Koermeisters) to the Board.

**f. World Championship Committee**

It is the duty of this committee to recommend rules for the selection of a team to represent USA at the World Schutzhund III Championship for German Shepherd Dogs. The committee selects a person to act as team captain. The committee consists of four (4) members and the President of USA. The committee will be elected every even year by the General Board of Directors.

**g. National Events Committee**

It is the duty of this committee to oversee national championship events as determined by the Board. It shall establish rules and procedures for use by the host clubs which conduct such events. The committee consists of four (4) members and the President of USA, and the committee will be elected every odd year by the General Board of Directors.

**h. Nominations and Replacement**

Nominees for standing committees must be present at the meeting of the General Board of Directors or must have furnished the Secretary with a written statement of agreement to be a candidate. The President/Board may appoint/replace committee member(s) to the above committees, except for the Board of Inquiry, if the elected member resigns, becomes incapacitated for any reason, or unable/unwilling to do the work.

**SECTION 2. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Either Board of Directors shall have the authority to create special committees as deemed necessary. Such a committee shall be dissolved when the task assigned to it is completed. Election to a special committee shall be as determined by the creating authority.

## ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

- a. These Constitution and Bylaws may be amended only by the General Board of Directors at the annual meeting. Any change, addition, or deletion to this Constitution or these Bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote, but no fewer than that equal to a minimal quorum for conducting business.
- b. Amendments to these Constitution and Bylaws may only be considered when written notice of the intent to introduce changes to an article has been mailed to each full member club, USA Officer, and Regional Director not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting of the General Board of Directors. The proposed changes must be specified if such notice is published in the associations official publication not less than ninety (90) days prior to the meeting date then the requirement for mailing written notice shall be waved. If amendments to specific articles of this Constitution and Bylaws are proposed in compliance with this provision, further amendments may be made from the floor of the General Board of Directors meeting for that respective article.

## ARTICLE XII. DISSOLUTION

- a. The United Schutzhund Clubs of America may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the General Board of Directors. The motion to dissolve shall require the same vote as described in Article XI for a bylaw amendment.
- b. Dissolution may only be considered at a meeting of the General Board of Directors. A special meeting for this purpose shall be called if the Secretary receives a written request for such a meeting from a majority of USA full member clubs.
- c. Dissolution may only be considered if written notice of the intent to dissolve is sent to all full member clubs, Regional Directors, and USA Officers not less than thirty (30) days prior to the special meeting called for this purpose.
- d. If the association is dissolved, all just debts and liabilities of the association shall be paid. After payment of all debts and liabilities of the association, its assets and properties shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for dog training purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

### **1997 EBM–Madison (Dates for National Events/Bylaws Changes)**

Motion that the Executive Board recommend to the General Board that we remove dates for national events from USA's bylaws and that these dates become rules, and also recommend the last weekend in October and the first weekend in November as the window for USA National SchH3 Championship Trial.

### **1992 EBM–Manchester (Secret Ballots for Judge Approvals)**

Recommend to the Bylaws Committee that the requirement for the Executive Board to vote in roll call fashion be removed for votes involving the approval of judges, as these votes are normally taken by secret ballot at the General Board meeting.

### **1988 EBM–Bowling Green (Recommend Bylaws Package to General Board)**

Motion to recommend bylaws package to General Board.

### **1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Publication of Constitution and Bylaws)**

Motion that we print the new proposed Constitution and Bylaws as submitted today in the magazine for the general membership to have the time to evaluate, and that we bring this up for approval at the General Board meeting in November. Typos, etc. may be cleaned up before publication.

### **1985 EBM–West Lafayette (Elimination of BOI Telephone Ballots)**

Motion that the Board directs the Bylaws Committee to prepare a proposal to change the bylaws to eliminate telephone ballots by the Board of Inquiry and make changes to allow time for the election of a replacement when that is required.

### **1985 EBM–Bowling Green (General Board to Discuss Bylaw Changes)**

All bylaws changes to be discussed at the General Board meeting,

### **1982 GBM–Washington (Division of Secretary's Position)**

Motion that the President appoint a committee to investigate the splitting of the Secretary's position into two parts, a Recording Secretary who handles minutes of meetings and maintains official club records and a Corresponding Secretary who answers requests for information and handles general correspondence. **President Slavens appointed the Bylaws Committee.**

### **1981 GBM–St. Louis (Election of Committee Chairmen)**

Motion to allow committees to elect their own chairmen at the General Board meeting after all of the committees have been elected.

### **1979 EBM–Peoria (Attorney Fees for Drafting Bylaws)**

Motion that a maximum expenditure of \$500 be allowed for attorney fees for drafting of the bylaws.

### **1979 EBM–Peoria (Special Committee for Bylaws Revisions)**

Motion that the Executive Board appoint a special committee to investigate and prepare revisions to the USA Bylaws because the current bylaws contain many defects and insufficiencies. The bylaws do not adequately cover many of the problem areas which have arisen since the adoption of the charter and the bylaws. Further, that an attorney be retained to assist in proper preparation of the revisions. In the alternative, I then hereby move that the Executive Board direct a standing Bylaws Committee to prepare a revised set of bylaws in order that the problems with our current set of bylaws be remedied. I further move that the entire committee, whether it be a special committee or the standing bylaws, be directed to prepare a revised set of bylaws which are to be completed and presented to the Executive Board within 90 days after the retiring of such a committee and that the Executive Board read and recommend whether or not the revised bylaws be adopted or rejected.

## CLUBS

### **E-Ballot #26-05 (Entry in AWDF Affiliated Breed Club Trials)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA will recognize titles awarded by AWDF-affiliated breed clubs. The recognition of these clubs and their judges will be considered on a club-by-club basis. The clubs to be considered will be required to have viable and comprehensive judges programs of their own, with judges who have gone through their respective programs in their entirety; and they will be required to provide a list of judges who are recognized through their respective programs. AWDF clubs must petition USA for recognition.

These AWDF-affiliated breed club judges may award titles that will be recognized exclusively for progression pertaining to performance titles (AD, B, WH, OB, TR, FH, IPO, SchH/VPG).

These titles will not be recognized for entry in the USA-GSD National Championship, which will still require a qualifying score of 270 points at a USA-sanctioned event awarded under a USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judge. These titles will not be recognized for the USA SchH3 Club or the USA Sports Medals Program.

These titles will not be recognized for German Shepherd Dogs in any context that applies to breeding, breed surveys, breed shows, or registration with USA. Titles for such recognition for GSDs must be awarded under USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judges.

### **E-Ballot #18-05 (Amend Event Notification Guidelines)**

Motion by Randall Hoadley to amend the notification guidelines for USA-sanctioned events to include written event notice consisting of any form of U.S. mail, electronic mail, and/or digital communication. Notification is to be provided to all clubs in the respective region at least three weeks in advance of the event. Event notices must contain the specific date, location, and time of the event; the judge for the event; and a contact for information. Any changes must be provided to all clubs in the region by the same means as the original notice. Electronic mail and/or digital communication must contain a copy of the notice, the date the notice was sent, and the identities (e.g., email addresses) of all recipient clubs. If a club is found to have hosted an improperly publicized USA-sanctioned event, it shall be reduced to affiliated status for one year; and shall be required to meet all the requirements once again to become a full member club. **Supersedes 1987 EBM-St. Louis (Prohibition of Unpublicized Events).**

### **E-Ballot #10-05 (Rescind Tattoo Variance for German Shepherd Dogs)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that tattoos or microchips will be required for German Shepherd Dogs entered in all USA performance events effective January 1, 2006, and the identification information is to be recorded in the scorebook. Dogs of breeds other than the German Shepherd Dog will be required to have a tattoo or microchip for entry in USA national and regional events, but not for entry in USA local events. Owners of dogs with microchips are responsible for providing the identification equipment. The only change resulting from this motion will be requiring identification for German Shepherd Dogs entered in local performance events. **Supersedes E-Ballot #25-04 (Tattoo Variance).**

### **E-Ballot #2-05 (Three-Day Event Authorizations [Rulebook/USA Variances Addition])**

Motion by Mike Hamilton to allow USA full member clubs to host three-day events in lieu of two-day events. Clubs may use Friday or Monday to host events offering all performance titles and degrees awarded by USA. Performance titles such BH, SchH/VPG1-2-3, FH1-2, IPO1-2-3, and DPO (any) must be offered on Saturday and Sunday in addition to Friday or Monday. If clubs anticipate more trial entries than can be accommodated in two days, a three-day event should be authorized with performance titles offered on both days of the weekend and the extra day intended for overflow. Clubs are allowed to offer performance titles on Friday or Monday and just one day of a weekend if also hosting a breed survey or conformation show on the other day of the weekend. Breed surveys and conformation shows must be held on Saturday or Sunday.

A three-day event will not be allowed unless the club has three days of activities. It is not intended to allow a club to host a SchH/VPG trial on Friday or Monday and a one-day event on the weekend. The three-day event is intended for larger events with multiple venues. The regional director must receive a request from the club for a three-day event, and will authorize three-day events only in the cases listed above. All other USA trial regulations are applicable.

### **E-Ballot #25-04 (Tattoo Variance)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that the VDH requirement for having a tattoo or microchip on your dog is not required at local events only. Effective January 1, 2005, all entries to our championships (regional and



national) are required to be tattooed or microchipped. Owners of dogs that are microchipped are responsible for providing the necessary equipment for the identity check. **Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville. Superseded by E-Ballot #10-05 (Rescind Tattoo Variance for German Shepherd Dogs).**

#### **E-Ballot #15-04 (Sportsmanship Statement)**

Motion by John Oliver to add following statement:

USA encourages and supports sportsmanship and camaraderie among all USA members; however, local clubs reserve their right to refuse entries at their events. In the interest of good sportsmanship, entries should not be unreasonably denied.

The exception to this rule will apply to the host club for national and regional events where the right of refusal rests with the sponsoring organization. National Events are: USA National Championship, North American and FH Championship, *H.O.T. Championship, Sieger Show*, and regional championships. **Amended at 2004 GBM–Nashville to include H.O.T. Championship and Sieger Show as shown in semibold italic. Supersedes 1986 EBM–Sacramento (Club’s Right to Refuse Trial Entries).**

#### **E-Ballot #9-04 (Event Authorizations)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque that the Regional Director has the authority to automatically suspend a club for one year if it is found to have hosted another organization’s event on the same day as that given on a USA Event Authorization. This will also incur if a club is found to have hosted an event that is not authorized on a particular day, i.e., Friday afternoon, without an EA. All suspensions will be printed in the magazine. Suspended clubs will need to be re-affiliated and that club’s trial will not count toward the club’s annual trial requirement.

#### **E-Ballot #17-03 (Two-Dog Rule Variance)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA make a variance from SV rules to allow handlers to show three dogs per handler per trial in all USA trials, excepting any and all championship trials where the two-dog limit will still apply. **Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville.**

#### **2003 GBM–Reno (Breed Judge Limit at Same Club)**

Motion to retain following in USA Breed Judges Program:

4.K. A Judge can judge at any club *only once in a 12 (twelve) month period* and there must be another trial held with a different judge *before they can return*. Furthermore, a Judge may not judge *consecutive events* at any club except in an emergency, which may *only be decided by the Regional Director*. This restriction will also be lifted if the local club is the sponsor of a Championship event from Regional level on up.

#### **E-Ballot #21-03 (Deletion of Forming Club Status)**

Motion by Diane Madigan to no longer offer a forming club status.

#### **2002 GBM–Gadsden (Performance Judge Limit at Same Club)**

USA Performance Judges Program:

4.J. A Judge can judge at any club *only once in a 12 (twelve) month period* and there must be another trial held with a different judge *before they can return*. Furthermore, a Judge may not judge *consecutive trials* at any club except in an emergency, which may *only be decided by the Regional Director*. This restriction will also be lifted if the local club is the sponsor of a Championship event from Regional level on up.

#### **2002 GBM–Gadsden (Annual Trial Requirement)**

Each full member club shall hold at least one (1) sanctioned USA schutzhund trial or HGH herding dog trial per calendar year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year after the year in which the club is granted full member status. The Regional Director shall approve any waiver of this requirement, provided the club’s dues and membership list are current. The Regional Director will advise all the clubs in the region of the proposed waiver and the reasons thereof. Failure to comply with this provision will reduce the club to affiliated status for at least one (1) year. The affiliated club shall meet all the requirements once again to become a full member club. **Bylaw amendment.**

#### **2002 GBM–Gadsden (Club Membership List Requirement)**

A complete and current membership list including full addresses must be included with the club’s annual dues. This information will be sent to the USA Office for verification. Clubs that fail to submit both annual dues and membership lists will not be granted trial authorizations by the Regional Director. Should club lists

and dues not be submitted by the due date, any previously approved trial authorizations will be recalled. Trial authorizations will be restored when dues and membership lists are submitted and approved. **Bylaw amendment.**

**E-Ballot #6-01 (SV Judges Travel Program)**

Motion by William Plumb to amend the current SV Judges Travel Program by encouraging clubs to pay for the judges' airfare directly and not have it billed through the USA Office. The SV Judges Request Form will be modified to include a place for credit card information. We will continue to provide the current program for member clubs that do not have a credit card available; however, the deposit will be increased to the average cost of an overseas ticket. This amount will be adjusted annually by the Treasurer. **Rescinded at 2002 EBM–St. Louis.**

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Withhold Event Authorizations for Outstanding Debts)**

Regional Directors may withhold or cancel Event Authorizations requested or issued to any clubs who have not resolved any outstanding debts to the organization 30 days after a second notice of this debt. The organization's office staff will notify the concerned Regional Director of this outstanding debt and the dates of the notices.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Acknowledge Approval of Clubs)**

Regional Directors are required to formally acknowledge the approval of a full member club in their region at each Executive Board and General Board meeting. **Ratified at 2000 GBM–Madison.**

**2000 EBM–Austin (Scheduling Regional Championships)**

Motion by John Oliver that a club that is hosting a regional championship event, working or breed, may host a trial on the day preceding the event. **Ratified at 2000 GBM–Madison.**

**1999 GBM–Reno (Emailed/Faxed Trial Authorizations)**

Accept trial authorizations sent by email or fax.

**1999 GBM–Reno (Tracklayers/Helpers from Same Household)**

Delete rule from Judge's Program that states that people living in the same household cannot lay tracks or do helper work. This will only include club trials and not championships.

**1998 GBM–Denver (Nonmember Surcharge for USA Event Entry)**

Motion by George Shumaker to rescind the \$35 surcharge.

**Mail Ballot #12-98 (Nonmember Surcharge for USA Event Entry/National Event Entry Requirements)**

Effective January 1, 1999, any individual who is not a member in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America must pay a surcharge of \$35 in order to enter any USA sanctioned event. This money is payable to USA and must be submitted to the office in St. Louis along with the event's other paperwork. Collection of this fee is the responsibility of the hosting club. In the event the club fails to submit the required fees for nonmembers of USA, all paperwork for that event will be held in abeyance until the required fees for nonmembers are received in the USA Office. Also effective January 1, 1999, entry into any USA National Event is limited to members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, who must also be a full member of a full member club of USA. Individuals whose permanent residence is outside the North American continent are excepted from these requirements. **Nonmember entry surcharge rescinded by 1998 GBM–Denver (Nonmember Surcharge for USA Event Entry). National event entry requirements superseded by 1999 EBM–St. Louis (National Event Entry Requirements).**

**1998 EBM–Bangor (German Shepherd Schutzhund Club Region Change)**

Motion to allow the German Shepherd Schutzhund Club to move from the Northwestern Region to the Pacific Northwest Region.

**1997 GBM–Denver (Way Out West Schutzhund Club Trial Variance)**

Motion that the 1997 trial hosted by the Way Out West Schutzhund Club be counted as their 1997 trial even though the trial only had five B's and one SchH2.

**1995 EBM–Albuquerque (Minimum Number of Trial Entries)**

A trial must have no fewer than three dogs shown; at least one must be SchH or IPO.

**1994 GBM–Madison (German Shepherd Schutzhund Club Reinstatement)**

Motion to reinstate the German Shepherd Schutzhund Club of Sacramento.

**Mail Ballot 1994 (German Shepherd Schutzhund Club Late Dues)**

Shall the dues of the German Shepherd Schutzhund Club be accepted late and the club remain a full member in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America as per letter from Jack Smith.

**Mail Ballot 1994 (German Shepherd Schutzhund Club Late Dues Penalty)**

If the above ballot passes, shall the German Shepherd Schutzhund Club be charged a penalty of \$25, with the full membership status not being in effect until the full amount of the dues and the penalty are paid.

**1993 EBM–Norton (Affiliation Trials)**

The only people eligible to officiate at USA affiliation trials are USA licensed judges, USA apprentice judges, and USA regional directors, and the trial must be conducted at an appropriate facility for the club in question in close proximity to the home of record of the club.

**1992 EBM–Manchester (Electric Training Collars/Devices)**

There shall be no public display of electric training devices at any authorized USA event. Any individual displaying such a device shall be dismissed from this event.

**1992 EBM–Manchester (Unpublicized Event)**

Southland Schutzhund Club trial held without meeting the requirement of notifying all of the full member clubs in the region three weeks ahead. Peggy Hintz read the rule from the minutes of the 1987 General Board meeting: Clubs may not hold unpublicized USA events. To be properly publicized, all full member clubs in the host club's region must be notified in writing a reasonable time before the USA sanctioned event: at least three weeks. All scores and ratings awarded at unpublicized events shall be null and void." Vote to null and void titles and any subsequent titles.

**1989 EBM–Albuquerque (Trial Recording Fee)**

Motion to establish a \$2 fee for each dog that is processed by USA as part of a USA-sanctioned event.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Event Authorization Forms)**

Event Authorization forms for judges be filled out after judges' availability is obtained and prior to (as applicable) approval is sought from SV.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Free Event Entry for USA Judges)**

Motion that USA judges receive free entry to USA events. They pay to enter a trial, but may attend other functions free.

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (Prohibition of Unpublicized Events)**

Clubs may not hold unpublicized USA-sanctioned events. To be properly publicized, all full member clubs in the host club's region must be notified in writing a reasonable time before the USA-sanctioned event: at least three weeks. *There is to be direct communication between the club having the trial and the other clubs in the region by means of a flyer or letter and reliance is not be placed in an advertisement in the magazine.* All scores and ratings awarded at unpublicized USA-sanctioned events shall be null and void. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis after addition shown in semibold italic. Superseded by E-Ballot #18-05 (Amend Event Notification Guidelines).**

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (USA Judges Per Diem Reimbursement)**

Motion to increase the per diem reimbursement for USA judges to \$50 per day.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Club Approval Procedures)**

Motion than no club be voted on for approval at a meeting without the completed paperwork in hand.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Club Names)**

The same name shall not be identified with a person or kennel and a club. Does not apply to the two existing conflicts (Main, Burgberg).

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Scheduling Judges)**

Regional Directors must approve all clubs asking for a foreign judge before the request goes to the Scheduler of Judges.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Revoke West Coast K-9 Affiliation Status)**

Motion to drop the West Coast K-9 Club from the list of affiliated clubs, and that the USA President write a letter asking them never again to use the USA logo or name or any facsimile or resemblance.

**Mail Ballot 1987 (Clubs Allowed to Conduct Conformation Shows)**

Motion to allow Full Member USA clubs to conduct sanctioned conformation shows and for the United Schutzhund Clubs of America to recognize and record the ratings obtained at these shows. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

**Mail Ballot 1987 (Exclusion of Spectators from USA Events)**

No spectator(s) may be excluded from or ejected from any USA events: trials, show, koerung, youth evaluation, etc., whether admission is charged or not, unless disruptive in overtly, openly hostile manner. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

**1986 EBM–Sacramento (Club’s Right to Refuse Trial Entries)**

A club can refuse any entry except for the host club for national events where the right of refusal rests with the sponsoring organization. National Events are: National Championship, SchHIII Tournament/North American, FH Championship, Regional Championship, and Zone Trials. **Superseded by E-Ballot #15-04 (Sportsmanship Statement).**

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Deposit for Forgotten Scorebooks)**

Motion to require a \$50 deposit for forgotten scorebooks.

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (Deposit for Forgotten Scorebooks)**

Any entry that the scorebook is not available, that the handler put forth a \$50 deposit (check payable to USA) that is sent in with the paperwork (Bewertungsliste) to the Administrator, and upon receipt of the scorebook the check is refunded. Scorebook to be received within ten days. It is up to the judge and he can refuse to judge the dog without a scorebook.

**1984 GBM–Oxford (Clubs with Unacceptable Trial Paperwork)**

Motion that we publish which trials in which scores have been held up.

**1984 GBM–Oxford (Clubs with Unacceptable Trial Paperwork)**

Motion that clubs with unacceptable trial paperwork not be allowed to have another trial until the paperwork is correct.

**1984 GBM–Oxford (Payment of Judge’s Deposit)**

Motion that if the judge’s deposit is not paid, Kay Koerner (Treasurer) has the authority to cancel the judge to the club that did not pay and substitute another club. **Program discontinued 2002.**

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (Disciplinary Action for Material Sent with Event Flyer)**

Disciplinary action for USA member sending out advertising material for his kennel business in the same envelope as the flyer and entry form for their club trial, and promoting the sale of dogs at sanctioned events and training. Motion that the Regional Director and the Secretary take action under the direction of the Executive Board to inform the individual that this is unacceptable.

**1982 EBM–Washington (Regional Championships)**

Motion that the Executive Board recommend to the General Board that each region sponsor a SchHI, II, and III Championship. **Ratified at 1982 GBM–Washington.**

**1981 EBM–St. Louis (Requirement to Show Scorebooks/Membership Cards)**

Motion that individuals must show a registered scorebook and membership card before showing at a trial and that a checklist must be attached to the judge’s book before the trial.

**1980 EBM–St. Louis (Information Package for Forming Clubs)**

Motion by John Koerner that Kay Koerner, Jack Smith, and Dean Calderon come up with a handout package for regional directors which will include guidelines to be followed by regional directors when a new club comes into the organization.

**1979 GBM–San Jose (Scorebook Program)**

Motion to have the scorebook program (Appendix I) accepted as presented, i.e., only contestants can enter a trial who have pre-registered scorebooks, with non-USA members paying a \$15 surcharge, effective March 1, 1980. **Amended at 1985 GBM–Bowling Green.**

## CLUB APPROVALS/CHANGES/DISSOLUTIONS

### 2005 NEW CLUBS

Alaska Schutzhund Club (PNW) 5/05  
 Aloha Schutzhund Club (NW) 5/05  
 Lake Valley Schutzhund Club (SE) 6/05  
 Metro Richmond Schutzhund Club (NE) 11/05  
 Mid-Missouri Hundesport Club (MC) 11/05

Northeast Iowa Schutzhund Club (NC) 5/05  
 Red River Schutzhund Club (SC) 11/05  
 Southern California Schutzhund Club (SW) 5/05  
 Somis Schutzhund Club (SW) 12/05

### 2005 REINSTATEMENTS/DOWNGRADES

Maryland T.O.P. Dog Club (NE) 5/90 (Moved to affiliate status 10/05)

O.G. North Texas Schutzhund Club (SC) 1/86  
 (Reinstated 5/05)

### 2005 NAME CHANGES

Denver Area Working Group (RM/GP) 5/03 to Above  
 The Peak Schutzhund Club  
 Hunde Arbeits Verein Schutzhund Club (NE) 10/86  
 to Lehigh Valley Schutzhund & Police  
 Association  
 North Coast Schutzhund Club (ME) 11/00 to  
 Feuerlands Hundesport  
 Northeastern Ohio Police & Working Dog  
 Association (ME) 5/00 to Northeast Ohio  
 Working Dog Association

O.G. Kentucky Schutzhund Club (ME) 3/00 to Cedar  
 Hill Working Dog Club  
 O.G. Solano Schutzhund Club (NW) 4/02 to  
 Sacramento Valley Schutzhund Club  
 Western Indiana Schutzhund & Police Club (ME)  
 1/83 to O.G. Indianapolis Schutzhund und  
 Polizei

### 2005 REGION CHANGES

O.G. Volmarstein Schutzhund Club 9/96 (NE to SE)

### 2005 DISSOLUTIONS

Allgemeiner Schutzhund Club of Long Island (NE)  
 9/79-1/05  
 Canyon K-9 Club (SW) 11/83-12/05  
 Empire Schutzhund & Police Dog Club (NewE) 6/04-  
 1/05  
 Feather River Schutzhund Club (NW) 1/77-2/05  
 Gateway Schutzhund Dawg Club (MC) 4/02-8/05

Kenai Schutzhund Club (PNW) 11/96-5/05  
 Nature Coast Sport Dog Club (SE) 10/92-1/05  
 Piedmond Schutzhund Club (SE) 4/02-12/05  
 Seagoville Working Dog Club (SC) 3/99-4/05  
 West Texas Working Dog Association (RM/GP)  
 11/96-12/05

### 2004 NEW CLUBS

Denver Mile High Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 9/04  
 Empire Schutzhund & Police Dog Club (NewE) 6/04  
 Greater Baltimore Schutzhund Club (NE) 6/04

Southern New Hampshire Working Dog Club  
 (NewE) 6/04  
 Treffpunkt Schutzhund Verein (MC) 12/04

### 2004 NAME CHANGES

Spirit Schutzhund Club (SE) 7/02 to Hundesport  
 Schutzhund Club of Florida

### 2004 REGION CHANGES

Indian Creek Schutzhund Club 9/99 (MC to NC)

O.G. Volmarstein Schutzhund Club 9/96 (SE to NE)

### 2004 DISSOLUTIONS

Central Virginia Schutzhund Club (NE) 9/88-9/04  
 Desert Winds Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 10/97-5/04  
 East Fork Schutzhund Club (ME) 1/92-10/04  
 Granite State Schutzhund Club (NewE) 2/90-9/04  
 High Desert Schutzhund Club (SW) ???-7/04  
 High Drive Schutzhund Club (SE) 1998-2/04  
 Northwoods German Shepherd Club (NC) 12/03-8/04

O.G. California Schutzhund Association (SW) 2/95-  
 12/04  
 O.G. Im Wald Schutzhund Verein (MC) 7/81-8/04  
 O.G. Wisconsin Schutzhund Club (NC) 3/76-3/04  
 Pensacola German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (SE)  
 5/94-2/04  
 River Valley Schutzhund & Canine Corp (ME) 9/01-  
 8/04

Spring Valley Working Dog Club (SC) 4/84–9/04  
 Tennessee Valley Schutzhund Club (SE) 4/96–2/04  
 Tri-County Schutzhund Association (MC) 6/97–3/04

### 2003 NEW CLUBS

Bayou City Schutzhund Club (SC) 7/03  
 Boise Working Dog Association (PNW) 12/03  
 Carolina Schutzhund Club (SE) 2003  
 Clackamas Schutzhund Club (PNW) 9/03  
 DFW Working Dogs (SC) 1/03  
 Denver Area Working Group (RM/GP) 5/03

### 2003 NAME CHANGES

Chesapeake Schutzhund Club (NE) 1/01 to  
 Chesapeake Working Dog Association  
 Mass-Conn Police & Schutzhund Club (NewE) to  
 Empire State Working Dogs

### 2003 CLUBS REINSTATED WITH NAME CHANGES

Alexandria Schutzhund Group (NE) 4/02 to  
 Alexandria Schutzhund Verein  
 Mid Atlantic Schutzhund Club (NE) 3/92 to Mid  
 Atlantic Working Dog Club

### 2003 DISSOLUTIONS

Collin County Schutzhund Club (MC) 12/99–7/03  
 Greater Nassau Hundesport Verein (NE) 2/93–7/03  
 Guam Schutzhund Club (NW) 3/99–3/03  
 Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/00–3/03  
 Naugatuck Valley Police & Schutzhund Association  
 (NewE) 12/98–8/03

### 2002 NEW CLUBS

Alexandria Schutzhund Group (NE) 4/02  
 Alpha K-9 Schutzhund Club (NE) 8/02  
 Colorado Alpine Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 10/02  
 Liberty Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/02  
 O.G. Solano Schutzhund Club (NW) 4/02  
 O.G. West Penn Schutzhund Club (NE) 5/02

### 2002 NAME CHANGES

Brandon Schutzhund Verein (SE) to Nature Coast  
 Sport Dog Club  
 Chesapeake Schutzhund Club (NE) 1/01 to  
 Chesapeake Working Dog Association  
 Greater Orlando Schutzhund Club (SE) to Central  
 Florida Police & Schutzhund Club  
 Massachusetts-Conneticut Schutzhund Club (NewE)  
 9/85 to Empire State Working Dogs

### 2002 REGION CHANGES

O.G. West Penn Schutzhund Club (NE) 5/02 (NE to  
 ME)

### 2001 NEW CLUBS

Baystate Police & Schutzhund Club (NewE) 6/01  
 Blitzberg Hundesport Club (NE) 9/01  
 Chesapeake Schutzhund Club (NE) 1/01

Tucson Working Dog Association (SW) 5/00–2/04  
 Wolverine Schutzhund Club of Michigan (ME)  
 10/84–9/04

Empire Schutzhund Club (NewE) 11/03  
 Great Lakes Working Dog Association (ME) 6/03  
 Northwoods German Shepherd Club (NC) 12/03  
 Rivanna Schutzhund & Police Club (NE) 7/03  
 Rocky Mountain Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 503  
 Working Dogs of Central Illinois (MC) 10/03

Podium Schutzhund Club (NE) 7/99 to Northern  
 Virginia VPG Club  
 Verhaltern Schutzhund Verein (MC) to Iowa  
 Hundesport Club

Middle Tennessee Working Dog Association (ME)  
 6/97 (Changed WDA name)  
 State Line Schutzhund Club (NC) 1/01 (Changed  
 WDA name)

San Diego Schutzhund Club (SW) 8/83–10/03  
 Santiam Valley Schutzhund Club (PNW) 1/88–1/03  
 Schutzhund of East Tennessee (ME) 5/93–10/03  
 Southern Idaho Working Dog Association (PNW)  
 1998–10/03  
 Underwood Schutzhund Verein (NE) 10/87–3/03

Orange County Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/02 or 9/02  
 Piedmont Schutzhund Klub (SE) 4/02 or 9/02  
 Pikes Peak Schutzhund & Police Association  
 (RM/GP) 11/02  
 Southwest Working Dog Association (SW) 1/02  
 Spirit Schutzhund Club (SE) 7/02

Podium Schutzhund Club (NE) 7/99 to Northern  
 Virginia VPG Club  
 Silver State Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/95 to Vegas  
 Valley Schutzhund Club USA  
 Western Indiana Schutzhund Club (ME) 1/83 to  
 Western Indiana Schutzhund & Police Club  
 Western Maine Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/92 to  
 Maine Schutzhund Club

Jacksonville Schutzhund Club (SE) 1/01  
 Long Island Hard Dog Schutzhund Club (NE) 6/01  
 Mid Island Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/01

O.G. Tierra Del Oro (SW) 8/01  
 River Valley Schutzhund & Canine Corp (ME) 9/01  
 South Metro Atlanta Schutzhund Club (SE) 1/01

### 2001 NAME CHANGES

Brandywine Schutzhund Club (NE) 7/00 to Fair Hill Schutzhund Club  
 Jefferson County Schutzhund Association (SE) to Jefferson-St. Clair County Schutzhund Association

### 2000 NEW CLUBS

Brandywine Schutzhund Club (NE) 7/00  
 Dutch East Schutzhund Club (NE) 1/00  
 Erster HGH Hueteverein Club (NE) 12/00  
 Gateway Schutzhund Dawg Club (MC) 5/00  
 Grand Rapids Area Schutzhund Club (ME) 5/00  
 Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/00  
 North Coast Schutzhund Club (ME) 11/00  
 Northeastern Ohio Police & Working Dog Association (ME) 5/00

### 1999 NEW CLUBS

Blue Tahoe Schutzhund Club (NW) 3/99  
 Canyon K-9 Club (SW) 12/99  
 Collin County Schutzhund Club (SC) 12/99  
 Guam Schutzhund Club (NW) 3/99  
 Hundesport Alaska (PNW) 8/99  
 Indian Creek Schutzhund Club (MC) 9/99

### 1999 NAME CHANGES

Treasure State Working Dog Association (PNW) 10/93 to Big Sky Schutzhund Club

### 1998 NEW CLUBS

Anacapa Working Dog Association (SW) 9/98  
 Aztec Schutzhund Club (SW) 5/98  
 Belleville Dogsport Association (ME) 7/98  
 der Michigan Schutzhund Verein (ME) 9/98  
 Dublin Canyon Shepherd Dog Club (NW) 1/98  
 Field Of Dreams Schutzhund Club (SW) 11/98  
 International Working Dog Association (SW) 9/98  
 Kansas City Schutzhund Club (MC) 6/98  
 Middlesex County Schutzhund Club (NewE) 6/98

### 1997 REGION CHANGES

German Shepherd Schutzhund Club 7/87 (NW to PNW)

### 1997 NEW CLUBS

Arizona Valley German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (SW) 10/97  
 Capital Area Schutzhund Club (ME) 5/97  
 Delaware Valley Police & Schutzhund Club (NE) 5/97  
 Denton Schutzhund Club (SC) 9/97  
 Desert Winds Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 10/97

State Line Schutzhund Club (NC) 1/01  
 Upper Bucks Schutzhund Club (NE) 8/01  
 Willamette Valley Schutzhund Club (PNW) 6/01

L.A. Working Dogs Club (SW) 2/95 to O.G. California Schutzhund Association  
 Lost Pines Working Dog Club (SC) 7/95 to Texas Working Dogs

O.G. Kentucky Schutzhund Club (ME) 3/00  
 O.G. Oregon Schutzhund Association (PNW) 3/00  
 Palmetto State Schutzhund Klub (SE) 1/00  
 Penn Ohio Working Dog Club (ME) 11/00  
 Triangle Schutzhund Club (SE) 12/00  
 Tucson Working Dog Association (SW) 5/00  
 Twin Beech Schutzhund Club (ME) 12/00  
 Yolo County Schutzhund Club (NW) 1/00

Merrimack Valley Working Dog (NewE) 10/99  
 Michiana Working Dog Association (ME) 7/99  
 O.G. Palo Duro Working Dog (RM/GP) 2/99  
 Pacific Coast Working Dog Club (NW) 9/99  
 Podium Schutzhund Club (NE) 7/99  
 Seagoville Working Dog Club (SC) 3/99

Treasure Valley Schutzhund Club (PNW) 11/85 to Southern Idaho Working Dog Association

Mt. Ogden Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 10/98  
 Naugatuck Valley Police & Schutzhund Association (NewE) 12/98  
 North Jersey Schutzhund & Police Association (NE) 12/98  
 Southern Idaho Working Dog Association (PNW) 1998  
 Southern Tier Schutzhund Club (NewE) 12/98

Greater Seattle Working Dog Association (PNW) 11/97  
 Kenai Schutzhund Club (PNW) 11/96  
 Middle Tennessee Working Dog Association (ME) 6/97  
 Placer County Schutzhund Club (NW) 5/97  
 South Central PA Working Dog Club (NE) 4/97  
 Tri-County Schutzhund Association (MC) 6/97



**1996 NEW CLUBS**

Air Capital Schutzhund Club (MC) 5/96  
 Alliance Schutzhund Klub (PNW) 11/96  
 Arizona Valley German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (SW) 10/96  
 Asherville Schutzhund Club (SE) 8/96  
 Central Oregon Schutzhund Club (PNW) 11/96  
 Coastal Bend Schutzhund Club (SC) 11/96  
 Dog Star Schutzhund Club (SW) 1/96  
 Greater Orlando Working Dog Association (SE) 8/96  
 Kenai Schutzhund Club (PNW) 11/97  
 Low Country Schutzhund Club (SE) 3/96  
 Mountain Empire Schutzhund Club (SE) 2/96  
 New Mexico Hundesport Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 6/96

**1995 NEW CLUBS**

Alameda County Schutzhund. & Police K-9 Club (NW) 2/95  
 Alpine Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 10/95  
 Arkansas Working Dog Association (SC) 10/95  
 Buena Vista Working Dog Club (SC) 5/95  
 Fox Valley Police & Schutzhund Club (NC) 10/95  
 Gold Rush Schutzhund Club (NW) 12/95  
 Graceland Schutzhund Club (ME) 5/95  
 L.A. Working Dogs Club (SW) 2/95  
 Lost Pines Working Dog Club (SC) 7/95  
 Machtig Strom Schutzhund Verein (MC) 9/95  
 North Central Florida Schutzhund Club (SE) 3/95  
 O.G. Omaha Schutzhund Club (NC) 5/95

**1995 REGION CHANGES**

Twin Peaks Schutzhund Club 7/91 (SW to RM/GP)

**1994 NEW CLUBS**

Aztec Schutzhund Club (SW) 7/94  
 Broken Arrow Schutzhund & Police Club (MC) 10/94  
 Bunde Sooner Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 5/94  
 Central Maryland Schutzhund Club (NE) 10/94  
 Central Ohio Schutzhund Association (ME) 7/94  
 East Coast Schutzhund & Police Club (NE) 4/94  
 Falconhurst Police Canine Corps (ME) 10/94  
 Front Range Hundesport (RM/GP) 10/94  
 Iowa City Schutzhund Verein (MC) 12/94  
 Iron Mountain Schutzhund Club (SC) 10/94  
 Johann Platt Schutzhund Verein (NE) 10/94

**1994 DISSOLUTIONS**

Caribou Schutzhund Club (PNW) 8/92-9/94

**1993 NEW CLUBS**

Austin Schutzhund Club (SC) 11/93  
 Chicagoland Schutzhund Club (NC) 2/93  
 Der Hundesport Performance Club (SW) 10/93  
 Fireball Working Dog Club of Daytona Beach (SE) 2/93  
 German Shepherd Working Dog Club of Western New York (NewE) 2/93

North County Schutzhund Club (SW) 1/96  
 Northbay Working Dog Club (NW) 2/96  
 O.G. Wesconn Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/96  
 O.G. Volmarstein Schutzhund Club (SE) 9/96  
 Oxford Schutzhund Club (SE) 1/96  
 Seminole Schutzhund Club (SE) 8/96  
 Tennessee Valley Schutzhund Club (SE) 4/96  
 Trajan Schutzhund Club of Central New York (NewE) 1/96  
 West Texas Working Dog Association (RM/GP) 11/96  
 Wilmington Schutzhund Club (SE) 2/96

Oak Valley Schutzhund Club (NW) 12/95  
 Red Rock German Shepherd Dog Club (MC) 1/95  
 Sacramento County Working Dogs (NW) 7/95  
 Sierra Foothills German Shepherd Club (NW) 9/95  
 Silver State Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/95  
 St. Croix Valley Schutzhund Verein (NC) 7/95  
 Southern Nevada Schutzhund Club (SW) 3/95  
 Superiorland Schutzhund Verein (NC) 9/95  
 The Dallas Team (SC) 9/95  
 Tornado Alley Schutzhund Club (MC) 3/95  
 White River Working Dog Club (ME) 5/95

Marysville Schutzhund Club (NW) 10/94  
 Monterey Bay Schutzhund Club (NW) 5/94  
 North Area Working Dogs of Colorado (RM/GP) 10/94  
 Pensacola German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (SE) 5/94  
 Schutzhund Hawaii (NW) 10/94  
 Southern New Mexico Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 5/94  
 West Coast Schutzhund Club (SW) 5/94  
 Western Colorado Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 3/94

Denali Schutzhund Club (PNW) ???-8/22

Great Smokey Mountain Schutzhund Club (ME) 2/93  
 Greater Missouri Working Dog Association (MC) 2/93  
 Greater Nassau Hundesport Verein (NE) 2/93  
 High Point Mountain Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/93

Inner City Schutzhund Club (NewE) 11/93  
 Mississippi Gulf Coast German Shepherd Dog Club  
 (SE) 8/93  
 Missouri Working Dogs (MC) 11/93  
 Mountain Shadows Schutzhund Club (MC) 2/93  
 North Coast Schutzhund Club (ME) 8/93  
 O.G. Binnenland Schutzhund Club (SW) 11/93  
 O.G. Inselstadt (NC) 2/93  
 O.G. Landseite Schutzhund Club (ME) 2/93  
 O.G. Michigan Schutzhund Club (ME) 8/93

### 1992 NEW CLUBS

Brandon Verein (SE) 10/92  
 Caribou Schutzhund Club (PNW) 8/92  
 Coyote Valley Schutzhund Club (NW) 7/92  
 East Fork Schutzhund Club (ME) 1/92  
 Georgia-Lina Schutzhund Club (SE) 5/92  
 Great Lakes Schutzhund Club (ME) 1/92  
 Housatonic Police & Schutzhund Association (NewE)  
 7/92

### 1992 REGION CHANGES

Western Indiana Schutzhund Club 1/83 (MC to ME)

### 1991 NEW CLUBS

Bold City Schutzhund Club (SE) 5/91  
 Conejo Valley Schutzhund Club (SW) 10/91  
 Fayetteville Schutzhund Club (SE) 10/91  
 Fluss-Stadt Schutzhund Club (SC) 7/91  
 Greater San Diego Police & Schutzhund Club (SW)  
 7/91  
 High Plains Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 10/91  
 Hundesport Alaska (PNW) 9/91-9/98

### 1990 NEW CLUBS

Alaska Schutzhund Club (PNW) 9/90  
 Canadian River Working Dog Club (MC) 5/90  
 Cascade Working Dog Association (PNW) 1/90  
 Central Maine Schutzhund Club (NewE) 9/90  
 Central Valley Schutzhund Club (NW) 9/90  
 Emerald Valley Schutzhund Club (PNW) 1/90  
 Garden State Schutzhund Club (NE) 9/90  
 German Shepherd Dog Working Alliance (SE) 9/90  
 Golden Triangle Schutzhund Club (SC) 4/90  
 Granite State Schutzhund Club (NewE) 2/90

### 1990 REGION CHANGES

Air Capital Schutzhund Club 8/87 (RM/GP to MC)  
 Oklahoma Working Dog Association 4/86 (RM/GP to  
 MC)

### 1989 NEW CLUBS

Chattahoochee Schutzhund Club (SE) 8/89  
 Connecticut Working Dog Association (NewE) 11/89  
 North Valley Schutzhund Verein (NW) 6/89  
 Indian Hills Schutzhund Club (NC) 7/89  
 North Valley Schutzhund Verein (NW) 6/89  
 O.G. Keystone Hundesport Club (NE) 6/89

O.G. Texoma Schutzhund Club (SC) 11/93  
 Rose City Working Dog Association (PNW) 8/93  
 Schaeferhund Schutzhund Club (NE) 2/93  
 Schutzhund of East Tennessee (ME) 5/93  
 Southern Kentucky Schutzhund Club (ME) 8/93  
 Southwest German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (SW)  
 2/93  
 Southwest Schutzhund Club (SW) 2/93  
 Treasure State Working Dog Association (PNW)  
 10/93

Hundesport Dallas Club (SC) 8/92  
 Mid Atlantic Schutzhund Club (NE) 3/92  
 Nebraska Schutzhund Club (NC) 7/92  
 Rocket City Schutzhund Club (SE) 1/92  
 Schutzhund Club of Lee County Florida (SE) 1/92  
 Southern Ohio Schutzhund Organization (ME) 5/92  
 Western Maine Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/92

Iredell County Schutzhund Club (SE) 7/91  
 Lincoln Mountain Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 10/91  
 North Jersey Schutzhund & Police Association (NE)  
 4/91  
 Sacramento County Working Dogs (NW) 9/91  
 San Diego Diensthund Club (SW) 7/91  
 Skunk Hollow Schutzhund Club (NC) 7/91  
 Twin Peaks Schutzhund Club (SW) 7/91

Hawaiian Islands Schutzhund Club (NW) 2/90  
 Hegins Valley Police & Schutzhund Club (NE) 9/90  
 Kentuckiana Schutzhund Club (ME) 4/90  
 Long Island Schutzhund Club (NewE) 2/90  
 Maryland T.O.P. Dog Club (NE) 5/90  
 Mason County Schutzhund Club (PNW) 1/90  
 Mid-Rivers Schutzhund Club (MC) 5/90  
 O.G. Valencia Schutzhund Verein (RM/GP) 9/90  
 Puget Sound Working Dog Association (PNW) 1/90  
 Tri-State Working Dog Association (ME) 1/90

Santa Clara Valley Schutzhund Club (NW) 9/89  
 South Louisiana Schutzhund Club (SC) 4/89  
 South Michigan Schutzhund & Police Club (ME)  
 11/89  
 Stanislaus County Schutzhund Club (NW) 1/89  
 Way Out West Schutzhund Club (NW) 9/89

**1989 REGION CHANGES**

O.G. Keystone Hundesport Club (NE) 6/89 (NE to ME)

**1988 NEW CLUBS**

Aztec Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/88  
 Capital City Schutzhund Association (MC) 1988  
 Catawba Valley Schutzhund Club (SE) 1/88  
 Central Maryland Schutzhund Club (NE) 4/88  
 Central Virginia Schutzhund Club (NE) 9/88  
 Charm City Schutzhund Club (NE) 1/88  
 Eel River Valley Schutzhund Club (NW) 10/88  
 Greater Rochester Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/88  
 Marysville Schutzhund Club (NW) 4/88

**1988 REGION CHANGES**

South Central Region split: The South Central Region will be Arkansas, Louisiana, and Eastern Texas and the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Region

**1987 NEW CLUBS**

Air Capital Schutzhund Club (MC) 8/87  
 Albuquerque Working Dog Association (SWC) 11/87  
 Bi City Schutzhund Club (SE) 7/87  
 Central Maine Schutzhund Club (NewE) 9/90  
 Central Wisconsin Schutzhund Club (NC) 3/87  
 Contra Costa Schutzhund Club (NW) 8/87  
 Lincoln Mountain Schutzhund Club (SWC) 11/87  
 Lubbock Schutzhund Club (SWC) 8/87  
 Minnesota Valley Schutzhund Verein (NC) 10/87

**1986 NEW CLUBS**

Appalachian Schutzhund Club (NE) 10/86  
 Arizona Valley Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/86  
 Carolina Schutzhund Club (SE) 6/86  
 Channel Islands Schutzhund Club (SW) 2/86  
 Clovis Schutzhund Club (NW) 7/86  
 Golden Isle Schutzhund Club (SE) 9/86  
 Greater Atlanta Schutzhund Association (SE) 12/86  
 Greater Philadelphia Schutzhund Club (NE) 9/86  
 Greater Wilkes-Barre Schutzhund Club (NE) 9/86  
 Hauptstadt Schutzhund Verein (NC) 6/86  
 Hunde Arbeits Verein (NE) 10/86

**1985 NEW CLUBS**

Baton Rouge Schutzhund Club (SC) 10/85  
 Cape Rock Schutzhund Club (MC) 1985  
 Central Massachusetts Schutzhund Club (NewE) 3/85  
 Columbus Schutzhund Club (ME) 10/85  
 Coosa Valley Schutzhund Club (SE) 3/85  
 Florida Working Dog Association (SE) 4/85  
 Greater Austin Schutzhund Club (SC) 1985  
 Heart of Texas Schutzhund Club (SC) 11/85  
 Hill Country Working Dog Association (SC) 11/85  
 Lehigh Valley Schutzhund Club (NE) 1985  
 Lone Star Schutzhund Club (SC) 4/85

Mid America German Shepherd Dog Schutzhund Club (NC) 10/88  
 Santiam Valley Schutzhund Club (PNW) 1/88  
 Shasta County Schutzhund Club (NW) 10/88  
 Southern New York Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/88  
 Thousand Valley Schutzhund Club (PNW) 1/88  
 Tri-County Schutzhund Verein of Western New York (NewE) 3/88

will be Colorado, New Mexico, Western Texas, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

Northern Indiana Schutzhund Club (ME) 11/87  
 Penns Wood Schutzhund Club (ME) 8/87  
 Pioneer Valley Schutzhund Club (NewE) 1987  
 Riverside Schutzhund Group (SW) 11/87  
 Sunland Schutzhund Club (SW) 3/87  
 Tennessee Valley Schutzhund Club (ME) 8/87  
 Underwood Schutzhund Verein (NE) 10/87  
 Central Wisconsin Schutzhund Club (NC) 3/87  
 Wolf Creek Schutzhund Club (NW) 11/87

McHenry County Schutzhund Club (MC) 9/86  
 Northeast Kansas Schutzhund Association (MC) 4/86  
 O.G. North Texas Schutzhund Club (SC) 1/86  
 O.G. Tucson Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/86  
 O.G. Zauberland Schutzhund Verein (SWC) 10/86  
 Oklahoma Working Dog Association (MC) 4/86  
 Southern California Schutzhund Club (SW) 10/86  
 Tarheel Schutzhund Association (SE) 1986  
 West Texas Schutzhund Association (SWC) 10/86  
 Working Dogs of the Permian Basin (SC) 1986  
 Woodstock Schutzhund Club (MC) 11/86

Massachusetts-Conneticut Schutzhund Club (NewE) 9/85  
 O.G. Boston Schutzhund Club (NewE) 5/85  
 Redwood Empire Schutzhund Club (NW) 1985  
 Redwood Hundesport (NW) 10/85  
 Rio Grande Valley Schutzhund Club (SC) 2/85  
 Schaeferhund Schutzhund Association (SC) 11/85  
 Schutzhund Club of Buffalo (NewE) 7/85  
 Schutzhund Club of Tulsa (SWC) 4/85  
 Schutzhund Staatsgemeinschaft PA & NJ (NE) 1985  
 Six Rivers Dog Training Club (NW) 4/85  
 Snohomish Schutzhund Club (PNW) 10/85

Southern Kentucky Schutzhund Club (ME) 8/85  
 Southern New England Police & Schutzhund  
 Association (NewE) 9/85  
 Treasure Valley Schutzhund Club (PNW) 11/85

### 1984 NEW CLUBS

Capital District Schutzhund Club (NewE) 8/04  
 Chicagoland Schutzhund Club (MC) 10/84  
 Cypress Hills Schutzhund Club (NE) 1984  
 East County Working Dog Association (SW) 8/84  
 Ft. Lauderdale Schutzhund Club (SE) 1984  
 Greater Rochester Schutzhund Club (NewE) 8/84  
 Green Mountain Schutzhund Association (NE) 8/84  
 Interstate Schutzhund Club (NewE) 8/84  
 Mid-Florida Schutzhund Club (SE) 4/84  
 Music City Schutzhund Club (ME) 1984  
 O.G. Buckeye Schutzhund Club (ME) 4/84  
 O.G. Schutzhund Club of Southern Illinois (MC)  
 10/84

### 1984 DISSOLUTIONS

Evansville Schutzhund Club (MC) 1981–1984  
 Montana Schutzhund Club (NW) ???–1984  
 North Bay Schutzhund Club (NW) ???–1984  
 O.G. Arkansas Schutzhund Club (MC) 12/82–1984  
 Phoenix Roadrunner Schutzhund Club (SW) ???–1984

### 1983 NEW CLUBS

Canyon K-9 Club (SW) 11/83  
 Central Texas Schutzhund Club (SC) 1/83  
 Greater New Orleans Schutzhund Association (SC)  
 11/83  
 Greater Northeastern Schutzhund Club (NewE) 7/83  
 Main Schutzhund Club (MC) 11/83  
 O.G. Ogeechee Schutzhund Club (SE) 6/83

### 1982 NEW CLUBS

Evergreen Working Dog Association (PNW) 10/82  
 Golden State Schutzhund Club (SW) 12/82  
 Greater Cincinnati Schutzhund Club (ME) 10/82  
 Jefferson County Schutzhund Association (SE) 10/82  
 Mid Atlantic Schutzhund Club (NE) 3/82  
 Mid-Jersey Schutzhund Club (NE) 12/82  
 O.G. Arkansas Schutzhund Club (MC) 12/82

### 1981 NEW CLUBS

Greater Spokane Schutzhund Club (NW) 1981  
 Evansville Schutzhund Club (MC) 1981  
 Indiana Schutzhund Club (MC) 1981  
 Inland Northwest Working Dog Association (PNW)  
 11/81

### 1980 NEW CLUBS

Greater Houston Schutzhund Club (SC) 10/80  
 Menlo Park Schutzhund Club (NW) 11/80  
 Mo-Kan Schutzhund Association of Kansas City  
 (MC) 2/80  
 Northern Illinois Schutzhund Club (MC) 1/80

Upstate Schutzhund Club (NewE) 3/85  
 West Alabama Schutzhund Club (SE) 1985  
 West Central Indiana Schutzhund Club (MC) 1985  
 Western Colorado Schutzhund Club (SWC) 4/85

Riverside County Peace Officers Schutzhund  
 Association (SW) 1984  
 Sonntag Schutzhund Club (NE) 1984  
 Southeast Missouri Schutzhund Club (MC) 1/84  
 Spring Valley Working Dog Club (SC) 4/84  
 Torrey Pines Schutzhund Club (SW) 1984  
 Tri-State Schutzhund Association (PNW) 11/84  
 Ventura County German Shepherd Schutzhund  
 Club (SW) 5/84  
 White Mountain Schutzhund Association (NewE)  
 6/84  
 Wolfburg Schutzhund Verein (NE) 10/84  
 Wolverine Schutzhund Club of Michigan (ME) 10/84

Riverside County Peace Officers Schutzhund  
 Association (SW) ???–1984  
 Southeastern Michigan Schutzhund Club (NC) ???–  
 1984  
 Southwest Missouri Schutzhund Club (MC) ???–1984

River City Schutzhund Club (MC) 1/83  
 San Diego Schutzhund Club (SW) 8/83  
 Santa Clarita Valley Schutzhund Club (SW) 11/83  
 Schutzhund Club of Buffalo (NewE) 7/83  
 Southland Schutzhund Club (SW) 11/83  
 Western Indiana Schutzhund Club (MC) 1/83

O.G. Quohog (NE) 12/82  
 Ocean State Schutzhund Club (NewE) 12/82  
 Ozark Schutzhund (MC) 12/82  
 Raleigh Schutzhund Club (SE) 12/82  
 San Francisco Schutzhund Club (NW) 6/82  
 York Schutzhund Club (NE) 11/82

Middle Tennessee Schutzhund Club (ME) 5/81  
 O.G. Im Wald Schutzhund Verein (MC) 7/81  
 South County Schutzhund Club (NW) 1/81  
 Twin County Schutzhund Club (PNW) 5/81

O.G. Peapack Valley Schutzhund Verein (NE) 9/80  
 Pacific Coast Schutzhund (SW) 1980  
 Southwestern Ohio Working Dog Association (ME)  
 3/80

**1979 NEW CLUBS**

Allgemeiner Schutzhund Club of Long Island (NE)  
9/79  
Cumberland Valley Schutzhund Club (ME) 1/79  
German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (NW) 4/79  
Los Angeles Schutzhund Club (SW) 10/79

**1978 NEW CLUBS**

Central Alabama Schutzhund Club (SE) 9/78  
Central Oklahoma Schutzhund Club 1978  
Greater Washington, D.C. Schutzhund Group (NE)  
5/78  
Greater New York Working Dog Group 1978  
Middle Georgia Schutzhund Club 1978

**1977 NEW CLUBS**

Feather River Schutzhund Club (NW) 1/77  
Greater Atlanta Schutzhund Association 1977  
Jurupa Hills Schutzhund Club 1977  
New Mexican Schutzhund Club 1977  
Northeast Georgia Schutzhund Club 1977  
O.G. Arkansas Schutzhund Club 1977

**1976 NEW CLUBS**

Central Illinois Schutzhund Association (MC) 3/76  
Greater Dallas Working Dog Club (SC) 3/76  
Illinois Schutzhund and Hundesport Club 1976?  
O.G. Modesto Schutzhund Club 1976  
O.G. Wisconsin Schutzhund Club (NC) 3/76  
Peninsula Canine Corps (NW) 3/76

O.G. Bierstadt (NC) 11/79  
Show-Me Schutzhund Club (MC) 10/79  
Western Kentucky Schutzhund Club (ME) 10/79

O.G. Ohio Hundesport Club (ME) 9/78  
Phoenix Schutzhund Club (SW) 7/78  
San Jose Schutzhund Club (NW) 3/78  
Wichita K-9 Schutzhund Club 1978

O.G. Eastern Nebraska Schutzhund Club 1977  
Pacific Northwest Schutzhund Club (PNW) 3/77  
Permian Basin Schutzhund Club (SWC) 11/77  
Sacramento Schutzhund Club (NW) 1/77  
Sooner Schutzhund Club 1977  
Twin City Working Dog Association (NC) 10/77

Rocky Mountain Schutzhund Club (SWC) 9/76  
San Fernando Valley Schutzhund Group 1976  
South Florida Schutzhund Club 1976  
Spirit of St. Louis Working Dog Association 1976  
St. Louis Schutzhund Association (MC) 5/76  
Woodstock Schutzhund Club (MC) 11/76

## CLUB LIST

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Above The Peak Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 5/03  
(Changed from Denver Area Working Group 2005)  
Air Capital Schutzhund Club (MC) 5/96  
Air Capital Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 8/87 (RM/GP to  
MC 1990)  
Alameda County Schutzhund & Police K-9 Club  
(NW) 2/95  
Alaska Schutzhund Club (PNW) 5/05  
Alaska Schutzhund Club (PNW) 9/90  
Albuquerque Working Dog Association (SWC) 11/86  
Alexandria Schutzhund Group (NE) 4/02 (Changed to  
Alexandria Schutzhund Verein 2003)  
Alexandria Schutzhund Verein (NE) 4/02 (Changed  
from Alexandria Schutzhund Group 2003)  
Allgemeiner Schutzhund Club of Long Island (NE)  
9/79–1/05  
Alliance Schutzhund Klub (PNW) 11/96

Baton Rouge Schutzhund Club (SC) 10/85  
Bayou City Schutzhund Club (SC) 7/03  
Baystate Police & Schutzhund Club (NewE) 6/01  
Belleville Dogsport Association (ME) 7/98  
Bi City Schutzhund Club (SE) 7/87  
Big Sky Schutzhund Club (PNW) 10/93 (Changed from  
Treasure State Working Dog Association 1999)  
Blitzberg Hundesport Club (NE) 9/01  
Blue Tahoe Schutzhund Club (NW) 3/99  
Boise Working Dog Association (PNW) 12/03

Calcasieu Canine Corps (SC)  
Canadian River Working Dog Club (MC) 5/90  
Canyon K-9 Club (SW) 12/99  
Canyon K-9 Club (SW) 11/83–12/05  
Cape Rock Schutzhund Club (MC) 1985  
Capital Area Schutzhund Club (ME) 5/97  
Capital City Schutzhund Association (MC) 1988  
Capital District Schutzhund Club (NewE) 8/04  
Caribou Schutzhund Club (PNW) 8/92–9/94  
Carolina Schutzhund Club (SE) 2003  
Carolina Schutzhund Club (SE) 6/86  
Cascade Working Dog Association (PNW) 1/90  
Catawba Valley Schutzhund Club (SE) 1/88  
Cedar Hill Working Dog Club (ME) 3/00 (Changed  
from O.G. Kentucky Schutzhund Club in 2005)  
Central Alabama Schutzhund Club (SE) 9/78  
Central Florida Police & Schutzhund Club (SE)  
(Changed from Greater Orlando Schutzhund Club 2002)  
Central Illinois Schutzhund Association (MC) 3/76  
Central Maine Schutzhund Club (NewE) 9/90  
Central Maryland Schutzhund Club (NE) 10/94  
Central Maryland Schutzhund Club (NE) 4/88  
Central Massachusetts Schutzhund Club (NewE) 3/85

Aloha Schutzhund Club (NW) 5/05  
Alpha K-9 Schutzhund Club (NE) 8/02  
Alpine Schutzhund Club (NW)  
Alpine Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 10/95  
Anacapa Working Dog Association (SW) 9/98  
Appalachian Schutzhund Club (NE) 10/86  
Arizona Valley German Shepherd Schutzhund Club  
(SW) 10/96  
Arizona Valley Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/86  
Arkansas Working Dog Association (SC) 10/95  
Asheville Schutzhund Club (SE) 8/96  
Austin Schutzhund Club (SC) 11/93  
Aztec Schutzhund Club (SW) 5/98  
Aztec Schutzhund Club (SW) 7/94  
Aztec Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/88

### B

Bold City Schutzhund Club (SE) 5/91  
Brandon Verein (SE) 10/92 (Changed to Nature Coast  
Sport Dog Club 2002)  
Brandywine Schutzhund Club (NE) 7/00 (Changed to  
Fair Hill Schutzhund Club 2001)  
Broken Arrow Schutzhund & Police Club (MC) 10/94  
Buena Vista Working Dog Club (SC) 5/95  
Bunde Sooner Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 5/94

### C

Central Missouri Schutzhund Association (MC)  
Central Ohio Schutzhund Association (ME) 7/94  
Central Oklahoma Schutzhund Club 1978  
Central Oregon Schutzhund Club (PNW) 11/96  
Central Texas Schutzhund Club (SC) 1/83  
Central Valley Schutzhund Club (NW) 9/90  
Central Virginia Schutzhund Club (NE) 9/88–9/04  
Central Wisconsin Schutzhund Club (NC) 3/87  
Channel Islands Schutzhund Club (SW) 2/86  
Charm City Schutzhund Club (NE) 1/88  
Chattahoochee Schutzhund Club (SE) 8/89  
Chesapeake Schutzhund Club (NE) 1/01 (Changed to  
Chesapeake Working Dog Association 2002)  
Chesapeake Working Dog Association (NE) 1/01  
(Changed from Chesapeake Schutzhund Club 2002)  
Chicagoland Schutzhund Club (NC) 2/93  
Chicagoland Schutzhund Club (MC) 10/84  
Clackamas Schutzhund Club (PNW) 9/03  
Clovis Schutzhund Club (NW) 7/86  
Coastal Bend Schutzhund Club (SC) 11/96  
Collin County Schutzhund Club (MC) 12/99–7/03  
Colorado Alpine Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 10/02  
Columbus Schutzhund Club (ME) 10/85

Conejo Valley Schutzhund Club (SW) 10/91  
 Connecticut Working Dog Association (NewE) 11/89  
 Contra Costa Schutzhund Club (NW) 8/87  
 Coosa Valley Schutzhund Club (SE) 3/85

Delaware Valley Police & Schutzhund Club (NE) 5/97  
 Denali Schutzhund Club (PNW) ???-8/22  
 Denton Schutzhund Club (SC) 9/97  
 Denver Area Working Group (RM/GP) 5/03 (Changed to Above The Peak Schutzhund Club 2005)  
 Denver Mile High Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 9/04  
 Der Hundesport Performance Club (SW) 10/93

East Coast Schutzhund & Police Club (NE) 4/94  
 East County Working Dog Association (SW) 8/84  
 East Fork Schutzhund Club (ME) 1/92-10/04  
 Eel River Valley Schutzhund Club (NW) 10/88  
 El Cerrito Schutzhund Club (NW)  
 Emerald Valley Schutzhund Club (PNW) 1/90  
 Empire Schutzhund Club (NewE) 11/03

Fair Hill Schutzhund Club (NE) (Changed from Brandywine Schutzhund Club 2001)  
 Falconhurst Police Canine Corps (ME) 10/94  
 Fayetteville Schutzhund Club (SE) 10/91  
 Feather River Schutzhund Club (NW) 1/77-2/05  
 Feuerlands Hundesport (ME) 11/00 (Changed from North Coast Schutzhund Club 2005)  
 Field Of Dreams Schutzhund Club (SW) 11/98  
 Fireball Working Dog Club of Daytona Beach (SE) 2/93

Garden State Schutzhund Club (NE) 9/90  
 Gateway Schutzhund Dawg Club (MC) 4/02-8/05  
 Georgia-Lina Schutzhund Club (SE) 5/92  
 German Shepherd Dog Working Alliance (SE) 9/90  
 German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (PNW) 4/79 (PNW from NW 1998)  
 German Shepherd Working Dog Club of Western New York (NewE) 2/93  
 Gold Rush Schutzhund Club (NW) 12/95  
 Golden Isle Schutzhund Club (SE) 9/86  
 Golden State Schutzhund Club (SW) 12/82  
 Golden Triangle Schutzhund Club (SC) 4/90  
 Graceland Schutzhund Club (ME) 5/95  
 Grand Canyon Schutzhund Club (SW)  
 Grand Rapids Area Schutzhund Club (ME) 5/00  
 Granite State Schutzhund Club (NewE) 2/90-9/04  
 Great Lakes Schutzhund Club (ME) 1/92  
 Great Lakes Working Dog Association (ME) 6/03  
 Great Smokey Mountain Schutzhund Club (ME) 2/93  
 Greater Atlanta Schutzhund Association (SE) 12/86

Coyote Valley Schutzhund Club (NW) 7/92  
 Cumberland Valley Schutzhund Club (ME) 1/79  
 Cypress Hills Schutzhund Club (NE) 1984

## D

Der Michigan Schutzhund Verein (ME) 9/98  
 Desert Winds Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 10/97-5/04  
 DFW Working Dogs (SC) 1/03  
 Dixie Schutzhund Association (SE)  
 Dog Star Schutzhund Club (SW) 1/96  
 Dublin Canyon Shepherd Dog Club (NW) 1/98  
 Dutch East Schutzhund Club (NE) 1/00

## E

Empire Schutzhund & Police Dog Club (NewE) 6/04-1/05  
 Empire State Working Dogs (NewE) 9/85 (Changed from Massachusetts-Connecticut Schutzhund Club 2003)  
 Erster HGH Hueteverein Club (NE) 12/00  
 Evansville Schutzhund Club (MC) 1981-1984  
 Evergreen Working Dog Association (PNW) 10/82

## F

Florida Working Dog Association (SE) 4/85  
 Fluss-Stadt Schutzhund Club (SC) 7/91  
 Fox Valley Police & Schutzhund Club (NC) 10/95  
 Free State Schutzhund Club (NE)  
 Front Range Hundesport (RM/GP) 10/94  
 Front Range Schutzhund Club (SC)  
 Ft. Lauderdale Schutzhund Club (SE) 1984

## G

Greater Atlanta Schutzhund Association (SE) 1977  
 Greater Austin Schutzhund Club (SC) 1985  
 Greater Baltimore Schutzhund Club (NE) 6/04  
 Greater Chattanooga Schutzhund Club (MC)  
 Greater Cincinnati Schutzhund Club (ME) 10/82  
 Greater Dallas Working Dog Club (SC) 3/76  
 Greater Houston Schutzhund Club (SC) 10/80  
 Greater Missouri Working Dog Association (MC) 2/93  
 Greater Nassau Hundesport Verein (NE) 2/93-7/03  
 Greater New Orleans Schutzhund Association (SC) 11/83  
 Greater New York Working Dog Group 1978  
 Greater Northeastern Schutzhund Club (NewE) 7/83  
 Greater Orlando Schutzhund Club (SE) (Changed to Central Florida Police & Schutzhund Club 2002)  
 Greater Orlando Working Dog Association (SE) 8/96  
 Greater Philadelphia Schutzhund Club (NE) 9/86  
 Greater Rochester Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/88  
 Greater Rochester Schutzhund Club (NewE) 8/84

Greater San Diego Police & Schutzhund Club (SW)  
7/91  
Greater Seattle Working Dog Association (PNW)  
11/97  
Greater Spokane Schutzhund Club (NW) 1981

Hauptstadt Schutzhund Verein (NC) 6/86  
Hawaiian Islands Schutzhund Club (NW) 2/90  
Heart of Texas Schutzhund Club (SC) 11/85  
Hegins Valley Police & Schutzhund Club (NE) 9/90  
High Desert Schutzhund Club (SW) ???-7/04  
High Drive Schutzhund Club (SE) 1998-2/04  
High Plains Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 10/91  
High Point Mountain Schutzhund Club (NewE)  
10/93  
Hill Country Schutzhund Club (SC) 11/85 (Changed  
from Hill Country Working Dog Association)

Illinois Schutzhund and Hundesport Club 1976  
Indian Creek Schutzhund Club (NC) 9/99 (MC to NC  
2004)  
Indian Hills Schutzhund Club (NC) 7/89  
Indiana Schutzhund Club (MC) 1981  
Inland Northwest Working Dog Association (PNW)  
11/81  
Inner City Schutzhund Club (NewE) 11/93

Jacksonville Schutzhund Club (SE) 1/01  
Jefferson County Schutzhund Association (SE) 10/82  
(Changed to Jefferson-St. Clair County Schutzhund  
Association 2001)  
Jefferson-St. Clair County Schutzhund Association  
(SE) 10/82 (Changed from Jefferson County Schutzhund  
Association 2001)

Kansas City Schutzhund Club (MC) 6/98  
Kenai Schutzhund Club (PNW) 11/96-5/05

L.A. Working Dogs Club (SW) 2/95-12/04 (Changed to  
O.G. California Schutzhund Association 2001)  
Lake Houston Schutzhund Club (SC)  
Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/00-3/03  
Lake Valley Schutzhund Club (SE) 6/05  
Lehigh Valley Schutzhund & Police Association (NE)  
10/86 (Changed from Hunde Arbeits Verein Schutzhund  
Club 2005)  
Liberty Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/02  
Lincoln Mountain Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 10/91

Mchtig Strom Schutzhund Verein (MC) 9/95  
Main Schutzhund Club (MC) 11/83

Greater Washington, D.C. Schutzhund Group (NE)  
5/78  
Greater Wilkes-Barre Schutzhund Club (NE) 9/86  
Green Mountain Schutzhund Association (NE) 8/84  
Guam Schutzhund Club (NW) 3/99-3/03

## H

Hill Country Working Dog Association (SC) 11/85  
(Changed to Hill Country Schutzhund Club)  
Housatonic Police & Schutzhund Association (NewE)  
7/92  
Hunde Arbeits Verein Schutzhund Club (NE) 10/86  
(Changed to Lehigh Valley Schutzhund & Police  
Association 2005)  
Hundesport Alaska (PNW) 8/99  
Hundesport Alaska (PNW) 9/91-9/98  
Hundesport Dallas Club (SC) 8/92  
Hundesport Schutzhund Club of Florida (SE)  
(Changed from Spirit Schutzhund Club 2004)

## I

International Working Dog Association (SW) 9/98  
Interstate Schutzhund Club (NewE) 8/84  
Iowa City Schutzhund Verein (MC) 12/94  
Iowa Hundesport Club (MC) (Changed from Verhaltern  
Schutzhund Verein 2003)  
Iredell County Schutzhund Club (SE) 7/91  
Iron Mountain Schutzhund Club (SC) 10/94

## J

Johann Platt Schutzhund Verein (NE) 10/94  
Jurupa Hills Schutzhund Club 1977

## K

Kentuckiana Schutzhund Club (ME) 4/90  
Keystone Country K-9 Schutzhund Club (NE)

## L

Lincoln Mountain Schutzhund Club (SWC) 11/87  
Lone Star Schutzhund Club (SC) 4/85  
Long Island Hard Dog Schutzhund Club (NE) 6/01  
Long Island Schutzhund Club (NewE) 2/90  
Los Angeles Schutzhund Club (SW) 10/79  
Lost Pines Working Dog Club (SC) 7/95 (Changed to  
Texas Working Dogs 2001)  
Low Country Schutzhund Club (SE) 3/96  
Lubbock Schutzhund Club (SWC) 8/87

## M

Maine Schutzhund Club (NE) (Changed from Western  
Maine Schutzhund Club 2002)



Maryland T.O.P. Dog Club (NE) 5/90 (Moved to affiliate status 10/05)  
 Marysville Schutzhund Club (NW) 10/94  
 Marysville Schutzhund Club (NW) 4/88  
 Mason County Schutzhund Club (PNW) 1/90  
 Massachusetts-Connecticut Schutzhund Club (NewE) 9/85 (Changed to Empire State Working Dogs 2003)  
 McHenry County Schutzhund Club (MC) 9/86  
 Menlo Park Schutzhund Club (NW) 11/80  
 Merrimack Valley Working Dog (NewE) 10/99  
 Metro Richmond Schutzhund Club (NE) 11/05  
 Michiana Working Dog Association (ME) 7/99  
 Mid America German Shepherd Dog Schutzhund Club (NC) 10/88  
 Mid Atlantic Schutzhund Club (NE) 3/92 (Changed to Mid Atlantic Working Dog Club 2003)  
 Mid Atlantic Schutzhund Club (NE) 3/82  
 Mid Atlantic Working Dog Club (NE) 3/92 (Changed from Mid Atlantic Schutzhund Club 2003)  
 Mid Island Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/01  
 Middle Georgia Schutzhund Club 1978  
 Middle Tennessee Schutzhund Club (ME) 5/81  
 Middle Tennessee Working Dog Association (ME) 6/97

Nature Coast Sport Dog Club (SE) 10/92–1/05 (Changed from Brandon Verein 2002)  
 Naugatuck Valley Police & Schutzhund Association (NewE) 12/98–8/03  
 Nebraska Schutzhund Association (NC)  
 Nebraska Schutzhund Club (NC) 7/92  
 New England Schutzhund Association (NE)  
 New Mexican Schutzhund Club 1977  
 New Mexico Hundesport Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 6/96  
 North Area Working Dogs of Colorado (RM/GP) 10/94  
 North Bay Schutzhund Club (NW) ???–1984  
 North Central Florida Schutzhund Club (SE) 3/95  
 North Coast Schutzhund Club (ME) 11/00 (Changed to Feuerlands Hundesport 2005)  
 North Coast Schutzhund Club (ME) 8/93  
 North County Schutzhund Club (SW) 1/96  
 North Jersey Schutzhund & Police Association (NE) 12/98

O.G. Arkansas Schutzhund Club (MC) 12/82–1984  
 O.G. Arkansas Schutzhund Club 1977  
 O.G. Bierstadt (NC) 11/79  
 O.G. Binnenland Schutzhund Club (SW) 11/93  
 O.G. Boston Schutzhund Club (NewE) 5/85  
 O.G. Buckeye Schutzhund Club (ME) 4/84  
 O.G. California Schutzhund Association (SW) 2/95–12/04 (Changed from L.A. Working Dogs Club 2001)  
 O.G. Eastern Nebraska Schutzhund Club 1977  
 O.G. Finthen Schutzhund Club (NC)

Middlesex County Schutzhund Club (NewE) 6/98  
 Mid-Florida Schutzhund Club (SE) 4/84  
 Mid-Jersey Schutzhund Club (NE) 12/82  
 Mid-Missouri Hundesport Club (MC) 11/05  
 Mid-Rivers Schutzhund Club (MC) 5/90  
 Mid-West Schutzhund Club (MC)  
 Minnesota Valley Schutzhund Verein (NC) 10/87  
 Mississippi Gulf Coast German Shepherd Dog Club (SE) 8/93  
 Missouri Working Dogs (MC) 11/93  
 Mo-Kan Schutzhund Association (MC) 2/80 (Changed from Mo-Kan Schutzhund Association of Kansas City)  
 Mo-Kan Schutzhund Association of Kansas City (MC) 2/80 (Changed to Mo-Kan Schutzhund Association)  
 Monroe Schutzhund Club (NC)  
 Montana Schutzhund Club (NW) ???–1984  
 Monterey Bay Schutzhund Club (NW) 5/94  
 Mountain Empire Schutzhund Club (SE) 2/96  
 Mountain Shadows Schutzhund Club (MC) 2/93  
 Mt. Ogden Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 10/98  
 Music City Schutzhund Club (ME) 1984

## N

North Jersey Schutzhund & Police Association (NE) 4/91  
 North Valley Schutzhund Verein (NW) 6/89  
 Northbay Working Dog Club (NW) 2/96  
 Northeast Georgia Schutzhund Club 1977  
 Northeast Iowa Schutzhund Club (NC) 5/05  
 Northeast Kansas Schutzhund Association (MC) 4/86  
 Northeast Ohio Working Dog Association (ME) 5/00 (Changed from Northeastern Ohio Police & Working Dog Association in 2005)  
 Northeastern Ohio Police & Working Dog Association (ME) 5/00 (Changed to Northeast Ohio Working Dog Association in 2005)  
 Northern Illinois Schutzhund Club (MC) 1/80  
 Northern Indiana Schutzhund Club (ME) 11/87  
 Northern Virginia VPG Club (NE) (Changed from Podium Schutzhund Club in 2003)  
 Northwoods German Shepherd Club (NC) 12/03–8/04

## O

O.G. Im Wald Schutzhund Verein (MC) 7/81–8/04  
 O.G. Indianapolis Schutzhund und Polizei (ME) 1/83 (Changed from Western Indiana Schutzhund & Police Club)  
 O.G. Inselstadt (NC) 2/93  
 O.G. Kentucky Schutzhund Club (ME) 3/00 (Changed to Cedar Hill Working Dog Club in 2005)  
 O.G. Keystone Hundesport Club (NE) 6/89  
 O.G. Landseite Schutzhund Club (ME) 2/93  
 O.G. Michigan Schutzhund Club (ME) 8/93

O.G. Modesto Schutzhund Club 1976  
 O.G. North Texas Schutzhund Club (SC) 1/86  
 (Reinstated 5/05)  
 O.G. Ogeechee Schutzhund Club (SE) 6/83  
 O.G. Ohio Hundesport Club (ME) 9/78  
 O.G. Omaha Schutzhund Club (NC) 5/95  
 O.G. Oregon Schutzhund Association (PNW) 3/00  
 O.G. Palo Duro Working Dog (RM/GP) 2/99  
 O.G. Peapack Valley Schutzhund Verein (NE) 9/80  
 O.G. Quohog (NE) 12/82  
 O.G. Schutzhund Club of Southern Illinois (MC)  
 10/84  
 O.G. Solano Schutzhund Club (NW) 4/02 (Changed to  
 Sacramento Valley Schutzhund Club)  
 O.G. Texoma Schutzhund Club (SC) 11/93  
 O.G. Tierra Del Oro (SW) 8/01  
 O.G. Tucson Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/86

Pacific Coast Schutzhund (SW) 1980  
 Pacific Coast Working Dog Club (NW) 9/99  
 Pacific Northwest Schutzhund Club (PNW) 3/77  
 Palmetto State Schutzhund Klub (SE) 1/00  
 Peninsula Canine Corps (NW) 3/76  
 Penn Ohio Working Dog Club (ME) 11/00  
 Penns Wood Schutzhund Club (ME) 8/87  
 Pennsylvania Schutzhund Association (NE)  
 Pensacola German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (SE)  
 5/94–2/04  
 Permian Basin Schutzhund Club (SWC) 11/77

Raleigh Schutzhund Club (SE) 12/82  
 Red River Schutzhund Club (SC) 11/05  
 Red Rock German Shepherd Dog Club (MC) 1/95  
 Redwood Empire Schutzhund Club (NW) 1985  
 Redwood Hundesport (NW) 10/85  
 Richmond Schutzhund Club (NE)  
 Rio Grande Valley Schutzhund Club (SC) 2/85  
 Rivanna Schutzhund & Police Club (NE) 7/03  
 River City Schutzhund Club (MC) 1/83  
 River Valley Schutzhund & Canine Corp (ME) 9/01–  
 8/04

Sacramento County Working Dogs (NW) 7/95  
 Sacramento County Working Dogs (NW) 9/91  
 Sacramento Schutzhund Club (NW) 1/77  
 Sacramento Valley Schutzhund Club (NW) 4/02  
 (Changed from O.G. Solano Schutzhund Club)  
 San Diego Diensthund Club (SW) 7/91  
 San Diego Schutzhund Club (SW) 8/83–10/03  
 San Fernando Valley Schutzhund Group 1976  
 San Francisco Schutzhund Club (NW) 6/82  
 San Gabriel Valley Schutzhund Club (SW)

O.G. Valencia Schutzhund Verein (RM/GP) 9/90  
 O.G. Volmarstein Schutzhund Club (SE) 9/96 (SE to  
 NE 2004 and NE to SE 2005)  
 O.G. Wesconn Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/96  
 O.G. West Penn Schutzhund Club (ME) 5/02 (NE to  
 ME 2002)  
 O.G. Wisconsin Schutzhund Club (NC) 3/76–3/04  
 O.G. Zauberland Schutzhund Verein (SWC) 10/86  
 Oak Valley Schutzhund Club (NW) 12/95  
 Ocean State Schutzhund Club (NewE) 12/82  
 Oklahoma Working Dog Association (MC) 4/86 (NE to  
 MC 2002)  
 Orange County Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/02 or 9/02  
 Oxford Schutzhund Club (SE) 1/96  
 Ozark Schutzhund Club (MC) 12/82

## P

Phoenix Roadrunner Schutzhund Club (SW) ???–1984  
 Phoenix Schutzhund Club (SW) 7/78  
 Piedmont Schutzhund Klub (SE) 4/02–9/02  
 Pikes Peak Schutzhund & Police Association  
 (RM/GP) 11/02  
 Pioneer Valley Schutzhund Club (NewE) 1987  
 Placer County Schutzhund Club (NW) 5/97  
 Podium Schutzhund Club (NE) 7/99 (Changed to  
 Northern Virginia VPG Club 2003)  
 Puget Sound Working Dog Association (PNW) 1/90

## R

River Valley Schutzhund Association (NC)  
 Riverside County Peace Officers Schutzhund  
 Association (SW) 1984–1984  
 Riverside Schutzhund Group (SW) 11/87  
 Roadrunner Schutzhund Club (SC)  
 Rocket City Schutzhund Club (SE) 1/92  
 Rocky Mountain Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 5/03  
 Rocky Mountain Schutzhund Club (SWC) 9/76  
 Rose City Working Dog Association (PNW) 8/93

## S

San Jose Schutzhund Club (NW) 3/78 (Changed to San  
 Jose German Shepherd Dog Club)  
 San Jose German Shepherd Dog Club (NW) 3/78  
 (Changed from San Jose Schutzhund Club)  
 Santa Clara Valley Schutzhund Club (NW) 9/89  
 Santa Claritia Valley Schutzhund Club (SW) 11/83  
 Santiam Valley Schutzhund Club (PNW) 1/88–1/03  
 Saugatuck Schutzhund Club (NE)  
 Schaeferhund Schutzhund Association (SC) 11/85  
 Schaeferhund Schutzhund Club (NE) 2/93  
 Schutzhund Club of Buffalo (NewE) 7/85

Schutzhund Club of Buffalo (NewE) 7/83  
 Schutzhund Club of Central North Carolina (SE)  
 Schutzhund Club of Lee County Florida (SE) 1/92  
 Schutzhund Club of Southern Illinois (MC)  
 Schutzhund Club of Tulsa (SWC) 4/85  
 Schutzhund Club of Western North Carolina (SE)  
 Schutzhund Hawaii (NW) 10/94  
 Schutzhund of East Tennessee (ME) 5/93–10/03  
 Schutzhund Staatsgemeinschaft PA & NJ (NE) 1985  
 Seagoville Working Dog Club (SC) 3/99–4/05  
 Seminole Schutzhund Club (SE) 8/96  
 Shasta County Schutzhund Club (NW) 10/88  
 Show-Me Schutzhund Club (MC) 10/79  
 Sierra Foothills German Shepherd Club (NW) 9/95  
 Sierra Schutzhund Club (NW)  
 Silver State Schutzhund Club (SW) 4/95 (Changed to  
 Vegas Valley Schutzhund Club USA 2002)  
 Six Rivers Dog Training Club (NW) 4/85  
 Skunk Hollow Schutzhund Club (NC) 7/91  
 Snohomish Schutzhund Club (PNW) 10/85  
 Somis Schutzhund Club (SW) 12/05  
 Sonntag Schutzhund Club (NE) 1984  
 Sooner Schutzhund Club 1977  
 South Central PA Working Dog Club (NE) 4/97  
 South County Schutzhund Club (NW) 1/81 (Changed  
 from South County Working Dog Club)  
 South County Working Dog Club (NW) 1/81  
 (Changed to South County Schutzhund Club)  
 South Florida Schutzhund Club 1976  
 South Louisiana Schutzhund Club (SC) 4/89  
 South Metro Atlanta Schutzhund Club (SE) 1/01  
 South Michigan Schutzhund & Police Club (ME)  
 11/89  
 Southeast Missouri Schutzhund Club (MC) 1/84  
 Southeastern Michigan Schutzhund Club (NC) ???–  
 1984  
 Southern California Schutzhund Club (SW) 5/05

Tarheel Schutzhund Association (SE) 1985  
 Tennessee Valley Schutzhund Club (SE) 4/96–2/04  
 Tennessee Valley Schutzhund Club (ME) 8/87  
 Texas Working Dogs (SC) 7/95 (Changed from Lost Pines  
 Working Dog Club 2001)  
 The Dallas Team (SC) 9/95  
 The Working Dog Group (SC)  
 Thousand Valley Schutzhund Club (PNW) 1/88  
 Tornado Alley Schutzhund Club (MC) 3/95  
 Torrey Pines Schutzhund Club (SW) 1984  
 Trajan Schutzhund Club of Central New York  
 (NewE) 1/96  
 Treasure State Working Dog Association (PNW)  
 10/93 (Changed to Big Sky Schutzhund Club 1999)

Southern California Schutzhund Club (SW) 10/86  
 Southern Idaho Working Dog Association (PNW)  
 1998–10/03  
 Southern Indiana Schutzhund Club (MC)  
 Southern Kentucky Schutzhund Club (ME) 8/93  
 Southern Kentucky Schutzhund Club (ME) 8/85  
 Southern Nevada Schutzhund Club (SW) 3/95  
 Southern New England Police & Schutzhund  
 Association (NewE) 9/85  
 Southern New Hampshire Working Dog Club  
 (NewE) 6/04  
 Southern New Mexico Schutzhund Club (RM/GP)  
 5/94  
 Southern New York Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/88  
 Southern Ohio Schutzhund Organization (ME) 5/92  
 Southern Tier Schutzhund Club (NewE) 12/98  
 Southland Schutzhund Club (SW) 11/83  
 Southwest German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (SW)  
 2/93  
 Southwest Missouri Schutzhund Club (MC) ???–1984  
 Southwest Schutzhund Club (SW) 2/93  
 Southwest Working Dog Association (SW) 1/02  
 Southwestern Ohio Working Dog Association (ME)  
 3/80  
 Spirit of St. Louis Working Dog Association 1976  
 Spirit Schutzhund Club (SE) 7/02 (Changed to  
 Hundesport Schutzhund Club of Florida 2004)  
 Spring Valley Working Dog Club (SC) 4/84–9/04  
 St. Croix Valley Schutzhund Verein (NC) 7/95  
 St. Louis Schutzhund Association (MC) 5/76  
 Stanislaus County Schutzhund Club (NW) 1/89  
 State Line Schutzhund Club (NC) 1/01  
 Suffolk County Schutzhund Club (NE)  
 Sunland Schutzhund Club (SW) 3/87  
 Superiorland Schutzhund Verein (NC) 9/95

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Treasure Valley Schutzhund Club (PNW) 11/85  
 (Changed to Southern Idaho Working Dog Association)  
 Treffpunkt Schutzhund Verein (MC) 12/04  
 Triangle Schutzhund Club (SE) 12/00  
 Tri-County Schutzhund Association (MC) 6/97–3/04  
 Tri-County Schutzhund Verein of Western New  
 York (NewE) 3/88  
 Tri-State Schutzhund Association (PNW) 11/84  
 Tri-State Working Dog Association (ME) 1/90  
 Tucson Working Dog Association (SW) 5/00–2/04  
 Twin Beech Schutzhund Club (ME) 12/00  
 Twin City Working Dog Association (NC) 10/77  
 Twin County Schutzhund Club (PNW) 5/81  
 Twin Peaks Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 7/91 (SW to  
 RM/GP 1995)

Underwood Schutzhund Verein (NE) 10/87–3/03  
Upper Bucks Schutzhund Club (NE) 8/01

Vegas Valley Schutzhund Club USA (SW) 4/95  
(Changed from Silver State Schutzhund Club 2002)  
Ventura County German Shepherd Schutzhund  
Club (SW) 5/84

Way Out West Schutzhund Club (NW) 9/89  
West Alabama Schutzhund Club (SE) 1985  
West Central Indiana Schutzhund Club (MC) 1985  
West Coast Schutzhund Club (SW) 5/94  
West Michigan Schutzhund Club (NC)  
West Texas Schutzhund Association (SWC) 10/86  
West Texas Working Dog Association (RM/GP)  
11/96–12/05  
West Virginia Schutzhund Association (NE)  
Western Colorado Schutzhund Club (RM/GP) 3/94  
Western Colorado Schutzhund Club (SWC) 4/85  
Western Indiana Schutzhund & Police Club (ME)  
1/83 (Changed to O.G. Indianapolis Schutzhund und  
Polizei 2005)  
Western Indiana Schutzhund & Police Club (ME)  
1/83 (Changed from Western Indiana Schutzhund Club  
2002)  
Western Indiana Schutzhund Club (MC) 1/83 (ME to  
MC 1992)  
Western Indiana Schutzhund Club (ME) 1/83  
(Changed to Western Indiana Schutzhund & Police Club  
2002)

Yolo County Schutzhund Club (NW) 1/00

## U

Upstate Schutzhund Club (NewE) 3/85

## V

Verhalten Schutzhund Verein (MC) (Changed to Iowa  
Hundesport Club 2003)

## W

Western Kentucky Schutzhund Club (ME) 10/79  
Western Maine Schutzhund Club (NewE) 10/92  
(Changed to Maine Schutzhund Club 2002)  
White Mountain Schutzhund Association (NewE)  
6/84  
White River Working Dog Club (ME) 5/95  
Wichita K-9 Schutzhund Club  
Willamette Valley Schutzhund Club (PNW) 6/01  
Wilmington Schutzhund Club (SE) 2/96  
Wolf Creek Schutzhund Club (NW) 11/87  
Wolfburg Schutzhund Verein (NE) 10/84  
Wolverine Schutzhund Club of Michigan (ME)  
10/84–9/04  
Woodstock Schutzhund Club (MC) 11/86  
Woodstock Schutzhund Club (MC) 11/76  
Working Dogs of Central Illinois (MC) 10/03  
Working Dogs of the Permian Basin (SC) 1986

## Y

York Schutzhund Club (NE) 11/82

## CLUB TRIAL WAIVERS

### 2005 TRIAL WAIVERS

Boise Working Dog Association (PNW)  
Buena Vista Working Dog Club (SC)  
Chicagoland Schutzhund Club (NC)

Mid America German Shepherd Dog Schutzhund Club (NC)  
Texas Working Dogs (SC)

### 2004 TRIAL WAIVERS

Canyon K-9 Club (SW)  
Carolina Schutzhund Club (SE)  
Channel Islands Schutzhund Club (SW)  
German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (PNW)  
Maine Schutzhund Club (NewE)  
O.G. Wesconn Schutzhund Club (NewE)  
Pikes Peak Schutzhund & Police Association (RM/GP)

South Louisiana Schutzhund Club (SC)  
Sunland Schutzhund Club (SW)  
Texas Working Dogs (SC)  
Tri-State Schutzhund Association (PNW)  
Twin Peaks Schutzhund Club (RM/GP)

### 2003 TRIAL WAIVERS

Alexandria Schutzhund Verein (NE)  
Chicagoland Schutzhund Club (NC)  
Delaware Valley Police & Schutzhund Club (NE)  
East Fork Schutzhund Club (ME)  
Empire State Working Dogs (NewE)  
Mid Atlantic Working Dog Club (NE)  
Minnesota Valley Schutzhund Verein (NC)

Northern Virginia VPG Club (NE)  
Schutzhund Hawaii (NW)  
Seagoville Working Dog Club (SC)  
State Line Schutzhund Club (NC)  
Way Out West Schutzhund Club (NW)  
West Coast Schutzhund Club (SW)

### 2002 TRIAL WAIVERS

Arizona Valley German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (SW)  
Blue Tahoe Schutzhund Club (NW)

O.G. Boston Schutzhund Club (NewE)  
Southern Idaho Working Dog Association (PNW)

### 2001 TRIAL WAIVERS

Air Capital Schutzhund Club (MC)  
Chicagoland Schutzhund Club (NC)  
German Shepherd Working Dog Club of Western New York (NewE)  
Graceland Schutzhund Club (ME)

Northbay Working Dog Club (NW)  
O.G. California Schutzhund Association (SW)  
South Central PA Working Dog Club (NE)  
Tri-County Schutzhund Verein of Western New York (NewE)

### 2000 TRIAL WAIVERS

Arizona Valley German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (SW)  
Guam Schutzhund Club (NW)  
Lost Pines Working Dog Club (SC)

New Mexico Hundesport Schutzhund Club (RM/GP)  
Underwood Schutzhund Verein (NE)  
West Texas Working Dog Association (RM/GP)

### 1999 TRIAL WAIVERS

Austin Schutzhund Club (SC)  
Greater Nassau Hundesport Verein (NE)

North County Schutzhund Club (SW)  
Spring Valley Working Dog Club (SC)

### 1998 TRIAL WAIVERS

Capital Area Schutzhund Club (ME)  
Hundesport Alaska (PNW)

Long Island Schutzhund Club (NewE)  
Mid Atlantic Schutzhund Club (NE)

### 1997 TRIAL WAIVERS

German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (NW)  
Hundesport Alaska (PNW)

L.A. Working Dogs Club (SW)  
Way Out West Schutzhund Club (NW)

**1996 TRIAL WAIVERS**

Arkansas Working Dog Association (SC)  
Catawba Valley Schutzhund Club (SE)

**1994 TRIAL WAIVERS**

German Shepherd Schutzhund Club (NW)  
Way Out West Schutzhund Club (NW)

**1993 TRIAL WAIVERS**

Green Mountain Schutzhund Association (NE)  
Kentuckiana Schutzhund Club (ME)

Western Indiana Schutzhund Club (ME)

**1987 TRIAL WAIVERS**

Capital District Schutzhund Club (NewE)

## DIRECTOR OF JUDGES

### **2003 GBM–Reno (Chairman of Judges Committee)**

The Director of Judges shall be the chairman of the Judges Committee. He/she shall be a USA Schutzhund Judge or Schutzhund Judge Emeritus in good standing.. **Bylaw amendment.**

### **2003 GBM–Reno (National Event Slate of Judges)**

The host body along with the Judges Committee shall recommend a slate of judges for all national working dog events. The Executive Board shall approve the slate or recommend alternatives. Only the Director of Judges may initially contact the approved judges. **Bylaw amendment.**

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (VDH/SV Rule Variances)**

We will continue with the variances from VDH/SV rules:

- Waiting period between USA trials reduced from four weeks to two weeks.
- Limit on the number of dogs to be judged by one judge in one day in a schutzhund trial increased from 10 dogs to 12 dogs.

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (National Event Slate of Judges)**

Motion to have no mandate for judges selected for national events. The judges could be all SV, all USA, or a combination of both. The host club recommends the slate, the Judges Committee passes on the slate, and the Board approves.

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (USA-Recognized Judges)**

USA-recognized judges are USA, Canadian, and SV judges; however, all judges for USA-sanctioned events must first be approved by the Director of Judges or the National Breed Warden respectively.

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (Director of Judges Reports)**

Future Director of Judges reports will provide a report on the judges' college, including attendance.

### **2001 GBM–Taunton (Replacement of Judges)**

Motion to ratify the amended Executive Board decision that in the event of extenuating circumstances, a judge that is unable to fulfill his duties at a USA national event may be replaced by any USA-recognized, qualified judge approved by the Director of Judges and/or trial or show chairperson in the absence of the Director of Judges. Addition to USA Judge's Program 11.A.

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Replacement of Judges)**

In the event of extenuating circumstances, a judge that is unable to fulfill his duties at a USA national event may be replaced by any qualified judge approved by the Director of Judges or the trial chairperson.

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

### **2000 GBM–Madison (Sieger Show Helper Selection)**

The Director of Judges, the National Breed Warden, or their appointee shall select the helpers at the National Sieger Show.

### **2000 EBM–Austin (Sieger Show Performance Test Judge)**

The Director of Judges is the presiding judge for the performance test at the Sieger Show.

### **1999 GBM–Reno (National Event Helper Selection)**

The selection of helpers for national events will consist of the regional director, Director of Judges, and a member of the Helper Committee.

### **1998 GBM–Denver (National Event Helper Selection)**

Helpers will be selected for national events by the Director of Judges, the regional director, and a representative from the Handlers Committee. No one entered in the trial may be a part of the selection process. A member of the Helpers Committee will provide any required substitution for the selection process. **Rescinded at 1999 GBM–Reno.**

**1992 GBM–Albuquerque (Director of Judges Travel Budget)**

Proposal that the \$2,000 budgeted for Director of Judges travel be used for attendance at the SV Judges meeting. Any surplus may be used toward travel to any other meeting the Director of Judges feels will benefit the organization.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Free Event Entry for USA Judges)**

Motion to give free entry to USA events to USA judges. They pay to enter a trial, but may attend other functions free.

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (Assignment of Apprentice Judges to USA Events)**

The Director of Judges may assign apprentice judges to any USA event. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Responsibilities of Clubs Hosting Judges)**

Motion that the Judges Committee prepare a list of responsibilities of clubs in hosting judges, and prepare a form in German and English for judges to report to the USA to be directed to the Director of Judges. The Regional Directors will have feedback about which clubs have been deficient.

**1982 GBM–Washington (Judges Program Additions)**

Additions to Judges Program:

3. Apprenticing Procedure
  - f. Before his/her last apprenticing the apprentice should contact the Director of Judges, who will then assign him a judge for the final assignment.
7. Judges Contact
  - g. It is absolutely necessary for anyone involved in the judges program to inform the Director of Judges of his/her correct address and phone number.
2. Procedure for Application
  - f. The applicant is required to fill out a questionnaire accepted by the Board.



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### **E-Ballot #8-04 (Education Program)**

Based upon Vicki Keller's response to a questionnaire, Vicki asked that we develop a mock trial/fun trial program. Recommend that helper education receive priority in USA education efforts in 2005. This education would be delivered at the regional level.

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS 2006

### **E-Ballot #4-06 (Updated USA Breed Survey Regulations)**

Motion by Karen MacIntyre to approve the updated USA Breed Survey Regulations as proposed by the Breed Advisory Committee.

**Background:** This is a complete update for translation corrections, clarifications, grammatical changes, renumbering, organizational changes, and hip certification clarification.

**Vote: Yes–20** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Pia Blackwell, Uwe Doose, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, Lynne Lewis, John Oliver, Mark Scarberry), **NR–1** (Peggy Park). **Motion carried 2/5/06.**

### **E-Ballot #3-06 (Updated USA Breeding Regulations)**

Motion by Karen MacIntyre to approve the updated USA Breeding Regulations as proposed by the Breed Advisory Committee.

**Background:** This is a complete update for translation corrections, clarifications, grammatical changes, renumbering, organizational changes, and hip certification clarification.

**Vote: Yes–20** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Pia Blackwell, Uwe Doose, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, Lynne Lewis, John Oliver, Mark Scarberry), **NR–1** (Peggy Park). **Motion carried 2/5/06.**

### **E-Ballot #2-06 (National Event Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that two USA judges be utilized for USA national events whenever possible; with the option of using one recognized non-USA judge in one of the three phases, and the non-USA judge rotated through the phases on a regular basis. Beginning in 2007, the USA Judges Committee will provide a possible slate of authorized USA judges for all USA national events by January 31 of the event year.

**Background:** It has become glaringly apparent over the past few years that the only judges we see in the stadium at our national events are SV judges, with the occasional Canadian SV judge thrown in for variety. Since 2001, there have only been two USA judges in the stadium for the obedience and protection phases. That could be construed as an insult to our fully-licensed USA judges, of which many are more than qualified for the major events; and it certainly casts a cloud over all of the work they do every year officiating at the various local club trials. We need to utilize our USA judges as the ones who pick our World Team every year, exactly the same as Germany does. After all, we do not judge at their Bundessieger in any phase; not even the SV-licensed USA judges we had in our organization were ever afforded this honor. Therefore, our USA judges need to be more of a factor as well as a mainstay at our major events.

**Vote: Yes–17** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Pia Blackwell, Uwe Doose, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Randy Kromer, Lynne Lewis), **No–2** (Peggy Park, Mark Scarberry), **NFD–2** (Vicki Keller, John Oliver). **Motion carried 2/2/06.**

### **E-Ballot #1-06 (Judge Emeritus Status for Willi Ortner)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that Willi Ortner be named a Judge Emeritus, and granted all of the privileges awarded with the title, based on his years of service as the USA Director of Judges and his standing as the first USA Judge.

**Background:** Willi Ortner retired just five months shy of the 15-year tenure required for Judge Emeritus status.

**Vote: Yes–21** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Pia Blackwell, Uwe Doose, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, Lynne Lewis, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Mark Scarberry). **Motion carried unanimously 1/18/06.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS 2005

### **E-Ballot #27-05 (2006 Sieger Show Slate of Judges) – Withdrawn**

Motion by Karen MacIntyre to approve the Breed Advisory Committee's recommended slate of judges for the 2006 Sieger Show:

- Lothar Quoll (SV) – Male Classes and Progeny Groups
- Henning Setzer (SV) – Female Classes and Kennel Groups
- Karen MacIntyre (USA) – General Classes
- Ricardo Carbajal (USA) – Puppy Classes

**Motion withdrawn 10/27/05.**

### **E-Ballot #26-05 (Entry in AWDF Affiliated Breed Club Trials)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA will recognize titles awarded by AWDF-affiliated breed clubs. The recognition of these clubs and their judges will be considered on a club-by-club basis. The clubs to be considered will be required to have viable and comprehensive judges programs of their own, with judges who have gone through their respective programs in their entirety; and they will be required to provide a list of judges who are recognized through their respective programs. AWDF clubs must petition USA for recognition.

These AWDF-affiliated breed club judges may award titles that will be recognized exclusively for progression pertaining to performance titles (AD, B, WH, OB, TR, FH, IPO, SchH/VPG).

These titles will not be recognized for entry in the USA-GSD National Championship, which will still require a qualifying score of 270 points at a USA-sanctioned event awarded under a USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judge. These titles will not be recognized for the USA SchH3 Club or the USA Sports Medals Program.

These titles will not be recognized for German Shepherd Dogs in any context that applies to breeding, breed surveys, breed shows, or registration with USA. Titles for such recognition for GSD's must be awarded under USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judges.

**Vote: Yes–21** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Pia Blackwell, Uwe Doose, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, Lynne Lewis, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Mark Scarberry). **Motion carried unanimously 10/13/05.**

### **E-Ballot #25-05 (AWMA Judge License for Nathaniel Roque)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that Nathaniel Roque be permitted to accept a working dog judge license in the AWMA (American Working Malinois Association).

**Background:** USA Judge Nathaniel Roque has petitioned for permission to accept a working dog judge license in the AWMA (American Working Malinois Association). Their President, Michael Ellis, and their current Director of Judges, Glenn Stephenson, are sponsoring him. Nathaniel Roque will also be judging the AWMA Nationals in November of this year.

I have spoken with Nathaniel about this and he says this will in no way be in conflict with his current duties as USA Vice President, Chair of the USA Helper Committee, and USA working dog judge. Nathaniel has always performed his duties with professionalism and responsibility and has never shirked from whatever USA has asked of him. He judges upwards of ten trials a year as a USA Judge, is very sought after as a judge for USA events, and is one of the most active members of the USA Helper Committee. He has assured me that USA will always come first and that he will continue to be just as active in judging USA events as he has in the past.

Due to my relationship with Nathaniel Roque over the years, and having worked with him closely on the USA Helper Committee and also as the USA Director of Judges, I feel this would be a very positive step for the two organizations involved and would like to voice my support for this action by sponsoring this motion.

**Vote: Yes–20** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Uwe Doose, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, Lynne Lewis, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Frank Phillips, Mark Scarberry), **ABS–1** (Nathaniel Roque). **Motion carried 10/12/05.**

### **E-Ballot #24-05 (Hip Certification Clarification)**

Motion by Karen MacIntyre to approve the following clarifications:

#### USA BREED SURVEY REGULATIONS

#### 3. Prerequisites for Breed Survey Participation

**From:** 3.4. An “a” stamp must be in the pedigree or an OFA passing certification must have been submitted.

*To:* 3.4. Hip Certification – Dogs must have a USA-recognized hip certification with tattoo number or microchip identification. Note: Check with the USA Office for a current list of recognized hip certifications.

#### USA BREED REGISTRY *change to* USA BREED REGISTRY REGULATIONS

##### D. Breeding Regulations for USA Registered Litters

*From:* 3. Hip Certification – At time of breeding, both parents must have a USA recognized hip rating (OFA or SV).

*To:* 3. Hip Certification – At the time of breeding, both parents must have a USA-recognized hip rating with tattoo number or microchip identification.

**Background:** We have many dogs entering this country with hip certifications from other countries that would be accepted for breed surveys by the SV (list attached). Our current definition is very restrictive; only allowing the acceptance of OFA or SV “a” stamp hip certifications, when in fact we should be accepting the same certifications that the SV allows. Many older dogs have undergone anesthesia unnecessarily to get a new hip certification for a breed survey. This minor, but important, clarification to our rules should hopefully encourage more breed survey and breed registry participation without compromising our standard.

The current USA Breeding Regulations on our website and in the USA Rules and Regulations document are from 1998 and are way out of date. They are redundant and conflicting, and need to be replaced with the new USA Breed Registry Regulations (under Member News & Info) as soon as possible to avoid confusion. The proposed change to the USA Breed Registry Regulations is necessary to reflect the change in the USA Breed Survey Regulations.

**Vote: Yes–19** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Uwe Doose, Randall Hoadley, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, Lynne Lewis, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Frank Phillips, Mark Scarberry), **NFD–1** (Jerrold Gray), **NR–1** (Mike Hamilton). **Motion carried 10/11/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #23-05 (Royal Canin Sponsorship Funds Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to approve the following budget for the Royal Canin sponsorship funds for a one-year period beginning April 1, 2005:

Taxes – \$2,100

Magazine Ads – \$3,000

National Events – \$11,000 (\$3,000 each for the GSD National Championship, North American & FH Championship, and H.O.T. Championship and \$2,000 for the Sieger Show)

Regional Events – \$4,400 (\$200 for each regional championship and conformation show)

Judges Program – \$1,000

USA World Team – \$1,000

Education Events – \$6,500

Helper Program – \$1,000

TOTAL – \$30,000

**Vote: Yes–19** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Sara Wallick, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Bill Bimrose, Uwe Doose, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, Lynne Lewis, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Frank Phillips, Mark, Scarberry), **No–1** (Bill Plumb), **NFD–1** (Howie Rodriguez). **Motion carried 9/16/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #22-05 (Youth National Championship)**

Motion by Randy Kromer to initiate a Youth National Championship to be held in conjunction with the annual H.O.T. Championship and possibly other national events in the future. The championship will be for two age groups, 12 years and under and 13 through 18 years. Competitors can compete without a H.O.T. dog, but a special award will also be given to the highest scoring H.O.T. competitor.

**Vote: Yes–21** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Uwe Doose, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, Lynne Lewis, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Frank Phillips, Mark Scarberry). **Motion carried unanimously 8/23/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #21-05 (IRS Audit Expense Approval)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to approve payment of up to \$1,500 to our audit firm for work required to comply with an IRS audit related to fiscal year 2004 and our tax-exempt status.

**Vote: Yes–21** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Uwe Doose, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, Lynne Lewis, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Frank Phillips, Mark Scarberry). **Motion carried unanimously 8/10/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #20-05 (Approval for Helper Book Printing)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to approve \$1,943.98 for printing the new helper books.

**Background:** The new Helper Program required a new helper book design to allow USA to develop and track helper data (classifications and total number of dogs worked as well as seminar and evaluation attendance). This amount of \$1,943.98 will cover the expense of printing 1,500 new books. About 700 or less of these books will be issued at no charge to replace current helper books for members in good standing with current membership. The remainder will be sold at the normal price of \$5.00 per book, which will generate a gross amount of about \$4,000. USA will show a profit of about \$2,056.02 from the sale of all books from this first printing after the printing cost is paid, and all subsequent printings will show a greater profit since we will not be replacing outdated books. The Helper Program has classified more than 60 helpers in the first two months of the program (out of 450), and has received excellent support from the membership. This is a necessary cost of developing this much-needed program.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Sara Wallick, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Uwe Doose, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Vicki Keller, Lynne Lewis, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Frank Phillip, Mark Scarberry), **ABS-2** (Bill Plumb, Randy Kromer). **Motion carried 7/21/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #19-05 (WUSV Judges School Seminar Attendance by USA Judges)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to approve spending up to \$5,000 to send two USA Judges to the WUSV Judges School Seminar in Germany in July 2005.

**Vote: Yes-20** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Uwe Doose, Jerrold Gray, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, Lynne Lewis, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Frank Phillips, Mark Scarberry), **No-1** (Randall Hoadley). **Motion carried 6/22/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #18-05 (Amend Event Notification Guidelines)**

Motion by Randall Hoadley to amend the notification guidelines for USA-sanctioned events to include written event notice consisting of any form of U.S. mail, electronic mail, and/or digital communication. Notification is to be provided to all clubs in the respective region at least three weeks in advance of the event. Event notices must contain the specific date, location, and time of the event; the judge for the event; and a contact for information. Any changes must be provided to all clubs in the region by the same means as the original notice. Electronic mail and/or digital communication must contain a copy of the notice, the date the notice was sent, and the identities (e.g., email addresses) of all recipient clubs. If a club is found to have hosted an improperly publicized USA-sanctioned event, it shall be reduced to affiliated status for one year; and shall be required to meet all the requirements once again to become a full member club.

**Background:** When the previous motion was made in 1987 regarding the requirement for publicizing events, the concept of digital communication had not been established. It is time to update the forms of communication to include email and digital now that we are a digital communication society, as all other USA business is handled in this manner. This motion also modifies the consequences of an improperly publicized event, as the previously stipulated consequences were excessively severe and potentially harmful to entrants who were not responsible for the error.

**Vote: Yes-21** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Uwe Doose, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, Lynne Lewis, John Oliver, Frank Phillips, Mark Scarberry, Diane Vegsund). **Motion carried unanimously 6/9/05.**  
**Supersedes 1987 EBM-St. Louis (Prohibition of Unpublicized Events).**

#### **E-Ballot #17-05 (Regional Participation Waivers for USA-GSD National Championship) – Withdrawn**

Motion by Vicki Keller to allow regional directors to consider the circumstances and issue a waiver, if warranted, for the required regional participation for entry in the USA-GSD National Championship. Circumstances which would warrant a waiver would include, but not be limited to, unforeseen illness or injury of the handler or dog, unexpected job-related or family emergencies, conflicting activities on behalf of the organization (e.g. judging or teaching helper assignments), etc. Waivers shall not be unreasonably denied. The regional director shall advise all clubs in the region of the waiver and the reasons thereof. A copy of the waiver shall be sent to the USA Office and a copy shall be retained in the official files of the region. **Motion withdrawn 5/31/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #16-05 (Amend Event Notification Guidelines) – Withdrawn**

Motion by Randall Hoadley to amend the notification guidelines for USA-sanctioned events to include written event notice consisting of any form of U.S. mail, electronic mail, or any other electronic and/or digital communication. Notification is to be provided to all clubs in the respective region at least three weeks in advance of the event. Event notices must contain the specific date, location, and time of the event; the judge for the event; and a contact for information. Any changes must be provided to all clubs in the region by the same means as the original notice. Electronic mail or other electronic and/or digital communication must

contain a copy of the notice, the date the notice was sent, and the identities (e.g., email addresses) of all recipient clubs. All scores and ratings awarded at unpublicized USA-sanctioned events shall be null and void.

**Background:** When the previous motion was made in 1987 regarding the requirement for publicizing events, the concept of digital communication had not been established. It is time to update the forms of communication to include email and digital now that we are a digital communication society, as all other USA business is handled in this manner.

**Motion withdrawn 5/25/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #15-05 (Amend Fiscal Year 2006 Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the fiscal year 2006 budget to accommodate the USA Office rent increase of \$205 per month/\$2,460 per year to a total of \$19,460 per year.

**Vote: Yes–20** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Frank Phillips, Nathaniel Roque, Mark Scarberry, Diane Vegsund). **Motion carried unanimously 5/27/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #14-05 (Fiscal Year 2006 Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to approve the fiscal year 2006 budget of total income \$499,700, total expenses \$496,600, and net income \$3,100.

**Vote: Yes–21** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Frank Phillips, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund). **Motion carried unanimously 5/5/05. Amended by E-Ballot #15-05 (Amend Fiscal Year 2006 Budget).**

#### **E-Ballot #13-05 (Event Authorization Processing Fees) – Withdrawn**

Motion by Bill Plumb to prohibit regions from charging a fee to process event authorizations.

**Background:** USA clubs are required to have a trial once per year, and I feel it is wrong to charge clubs a fee to meet this requirement.

**Motion withdrawn 4/19/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #12-05 (2005 H.O.T. Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the USA Judges Committee's recommended slate of judges for the 2005 H.O.T. Championship:

Tracking – Nikki Banfield (USA)

Obedience – Mike Hamilton (USA)

Protection – Jakob Meyer (SV)

**Vote: Yes–20, ABS–1. Motion carried 4/20/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #11-05 (Entry in AWDF Affiliated Breed Club Trials) – Withdrawn**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA will recognize titles earned under American Working Dog Federation (AWDF) affiliated breed club judges. These titles will fall under the same guidelines as those recognized for DVG. These titles will only be recognized for progression pertaining to working titles and will not be recognized as prerequisites for breeding, breed surveys, or conformation events. Entry in the USA German Shepherd Dog National Championship will still require a qualifying score of 270 points under a USA, SV, Canadian, or USA-recognized judge. Qualifications for other national events will remain in place as currently written.

**Background:** The intent of this motion is to create more avenues for our members to trial and to bring added support to the AWDF as an organization.

**Motion withdrawn 3/17/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #10-05 (Rescind Tattoo Variance for German Shepherd Dogs)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that tattoos or microchips will be required for German Shepherd Dogs entered in all USA performance events effective January 1, 2006, and the identification information is to be recorded in the scorebook. Dogs of breeds other than the German Shepherd Dog will be required to have a tattoo or microchip for entry in USA national and regional events, but not for entry in USA local events. Owners of dogs with microchips are responsible for providing the identification equipment. The only change resulting from this motion will be requiring identification for German Shepherd Dogs entered in local performance events.

**Background:** It is necessary to rescind the USA tattoo variance for German Shepherd Dogs in order to be in compliance with the SV rule requiring tattoos or microchips for German Shepherd Dogs for all events. WDA has already put this requirement into effect. Implementing the change January 1, 2006 will give every-

one enough time to have their dogs tattooed or microchipped and to have their scorebooks updated. The tattoo variance was introduced to accommodate members with USA scorebooks issued for dogs that did not have a tattoo or microchip, and was meant to be member friendly and to give enough time to adhere to SV regulations.

**Vote: Yes-17** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Sara Wallick, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Vicki Keller, John Oliver, Frank Phillips, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund), **No-2** (Bill Plumb, Ray Blomberg), **NFD-2** (Carl Johnson, Randy Kromer). **Motion carried 3/25/05. Supersedes E-Ballot #25-04 (Tattoo Variance).**

#### **E-Ballot #9-05 (Amend 2005 Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the 2005 fiscal year budget to increase Sieger Show income by \$30,000 and increase Sieger Show expenses by \$26,150. This amendment to the budget is needed to accommodate the 2005 Sieger Show.

**Background:** These amounts are being added to already existing budgeted amounts that were expended for the fall Sieger Show. We are now having two Sieger Shows this fiscal year and we only budgeted for one. The original budgeted amounts were \$33,250 and \$29,420, so the totals will now be \$63,250 and \$55,570. Since we do not have budgeted funds to pay any of the bills for the spring event, according to the bylaws payment of any expenses cannot be authorized until they are included in the budget for the fiscal year.

**Vote: Yes-21** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Randall Hoadley, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Frank Phillips, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund). **Motion carried unanimously 3/25/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #8-05 (Host for 2005 H.O.T. Championship)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to accept the bid from Penn Ohio Working Dog Club to host the 2005 H.O.T. Championship as approved by the National Events Committee.

**Vote: Yes-21** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Frank Phillips, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund). **Motion carried unanimously 3/2/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #7-05 (Breed Registry Requirements for National Event/Conformation Show Entry)**

Motion by Sara Wallick to require German Shepherd Dogs entered in the USA German Shepherd Dog National Championship, the USA North American and FH Championship, or USA conformation shows to be registered with either the USA Breed Registry or the USA/SV Breed Registry effective immediately. This requirement excludes dogs under twelve months of age and dogs owned by individuals who are not permanent residents of the United States.

**Background:** USA is implementing its own registry, the USA Breed Registry, and this motion is intended to give USA members a choice of registering with either the USA/SV Breed Registry (as is presently required for the events) or the new USA Breed Registry in order to enter the USA German Shepherd Dog National Championship, the USA North American and FH Championship, or USA conformation shows.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Frank Phillips, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund), **NR-2** (Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez). **Motion carried 2/21/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #6-05 (2005 USA-GSD National Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the USA Judges Committee's recommended slate of judges for the 2005 USA German Shepherd Dog National Championship:

- Tracking – Al Kerr (USA)
  - Obedience – Peter Jacobs (SV)
  - Protection – Heinz Balonier (SV)
- Motion carried unanimously 2/11/05.**

#### **E-Ballot #5-05 (2005 North American and FH Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the USA Judges Committee's recommended slate of judges for the 2005 North American and FH Championship:

- Tracking and FH – Carla Griffith (USA)
  - Obedience – Bill Szentmiklosi (USA)
  - Protection – Dirk Stocks (SV)
- Motion carried unanimously 2/11/05.**

**E-Ballot #4-05 (Rescind Tattoo Variance) – Withdrawn**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to rescind the USA tattoo variance that allowed entering dogs in local events without a tattoo or microchip. Effective January 1, 2006, tattoos or microchips will be required for all USA events, and the identification information is to be recorded in the scorebook. Owners of dogs with microchips are responsible for providing the identification equipment.

**Background:** It is necessary to rescind the USA tattoo variance in order to be in compliance with the SV rule requiring tattoos for all events. WDA has already put this requirement into effect. Implementing the change January 1, 2006 will give everyone enough time to have their dogs tattooed or microchipped and to have their scorebooks updated. The tattoo variance was introduced to accommodate members with USA scorebooks issued for dogs that did not have a tattoo or microchip, and was meant to be member friendly and to give enough time to adhere to SV regulations.

**Motion withdrawn 2/9/05.**

**E-Ballot #3-05 (Payment of WUSV Invoice)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to pay the WUSV invoice for 2006 membership deposit in the amount of Euro 511. We will be required to pay the membership fee when due, and the deposit will roll over to the next year. This payment is required in order to continue to obtain SV judges for our events.

**Vote: Yes–21** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Frank Phillips, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund). **Motion carried unanimously 2/3/05.**

**E-Ballot #2-05 (Three-Day Event Authorizations [Rulebook/USA Variances Addition])**

Motion by Mike Hamilton to allow USA full member clubs to host three-day events in lieu of two-day events. Clubs may use Friday or Monday to host events offering all performance titles and degrees awarded by USA. Performance titles such BH, SchH/VPG1-2-3, FH1-2, IPO1-2-3, and DPO (any) must be offered on Saturday and Sunday in addition to Friday or Monday. If clubs anticipate more trial entries than can be accommodated in two days, a three-day event should be authorized with performance titles offered on both days of the weekend and the extra day intended for overflow. Clubs are allowed to offer performance titles on Friday or Monday and just one day of a weekend if also hosting a breed survey or conformation show on the other day of the weekend. Breed surveys and conformation shows must be held on Saturday or Sunday.

A three-day event will not be allowed unless the club has three days of activities. It is not intended to allow a club to host a SchH/VPG trial on Friday or Monday and a one-day event on the weekend. The three-day event is intended for larger events with multiple venues. The regional director must receive a request from the club for a three-day event, and will authorize three-day events only in the cases listed above. All other USA trial regulations are applicable.

**Background:** This rule variance would allow clubs with historically large numbers of trial entries to accommodate more entries. It would allow entrants who work weekends as well as those who work weekdays to enter a trial without being required to take time off work. It would also allow clubs with large entries to host breed events in addition to a performance trial. The event should be a large venue to qualify for a three-day event authorization, and the regional director should be able to see from what is being offered whether it falls into the three-day category.

**Vote: Yes–18** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Sara Wallick, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Karen MacIntyre, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Frank Phillips, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund), **NR–3** (Terry Macias, Howie Rodriguez, Julia Grayson). **Motion carried 1/18/05.**

**E-Ballot #1-05 (2005 Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Karen MacIntyre to approve the Breed Advisory Committee's recommended slate of judges for the 2005 Sieger Show:

Wilfred Scheld (SV)  
Ernst Seifert (SV)  
Richard Brauch (SV alternate)  
Karen MacIntyre (USA)  
Johannes Grewe or Ricardo Carbajal (USA alternate TBD)

**Vote: Yes–20, NFD–1. Motion carried 1/15/05.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).



## EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS 2004

### **E-Ballot #30-04 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer to defer indefinitely the adoption of the 2005 requirement of a passing score at a regional championship to participate at the GSD National Championship.

**Vote: Yes-17** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund), **NFD-2** (Mike Hamilton, Carl Johnson), **NR-2** (Bill Bimrose, David Wood). **Motion carried 10/18/04. Ratified at 2004 GBM-Nashville. Supersedes E-Ballot #19-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry).**

### **E-Ballot #29-04 (Amend Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the budget to include \$2,000 for the Judges Committee.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund), **NR-2** (Julia Grayson, David Wood). **Motion carried 10/8/04.**

### **E-Ballot #28-04 (Amend Budget) – Withdrawn**

### **E-Ballot #27-04 (Sponsorship Merchandise)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to support the National Events including the HOT by contributing merchandise to those events that is contributed to USA by sponsors.

**Vote: Yes-16** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund), **NR-5** (Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Ray Blomberg, Randy Kromer, David Wood). **Motion carried 10/2/04.**

### **E-Ballot #26-04 (Scheduling Regional Championships)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer that, beginning in 2005, USA Regional Championships for SchH/VPG competition shall not be scheduled the weekend before or the weekend of the FCI IPO Championship and WUSV World (SchH/VPG) Championship.

**Vote: Yes-10** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund), **No-8** (Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Kay Koerner, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Randy Kromer, John Oliver), **NR-2** (Ray Blomberg, David Wood), **NFD-1** (Vicki Keller). **Motion carried 9/14/04. Rescinded at 2004 GBM-Nashville.**

### **E-Ballot #25-04 (Tattoo Variance)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that the VDH requirement for having a tattoo or microchip on your dog is not required at local events only. Effective January 1, 2005, all entries to our championships (regional and national) are required to be tattooed or microchipped. Owners of dogs that are microchipped are responsible for providing the necessary equipment for the identity check.

**Vote: Yes-15** (Jim Elder, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund), **No-1** (David Wood), **NFD-3** (Diane Madigan, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer), **ABS-1** (Ray Blomberg), **NR-1** (Lyle Roetemeyer). **Motion carried 9/3/04. Ratified at 2004 GBM-Nashville. Superseded by E-Ballot #10-05 (Rescind Tattoo Variance for German Shepherd Dogs).**

### **E-Ballot #24-04 (BOI Case: USA vs. Thomas Sauerhoefer)**

Motion to accept the Board of Inquiry's recommendation of a five-year expulsion of Thomas Sauerhoefer's membership from the USA organization. This expulsion is to include, but not limited to, all USA activities of club membership, training, trialing, showing, breeding, registration, and advertising.

Also recommend that Mr. Sauerhoefer make restitution to the Laurita's in the amount of \$1,000.00, as it is the amount he charged them to attain the BH which never occurred. Mr. Sauerhoefer may reapply for membership after the five-year expulsion has been completed, and his application shall be reviewed. However, this may not guarantee renewal of his membership depending on the circumstances leading up to his application.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund), **NR-2** (Bill Bimrose, David Wood). **Motion carried 9/9/04.**

### **E-Ballot #23-04 (Tattoo Variance) – Withdrawn**

**E-Ballot #22-04 (Amend Budget)**

Motion by Vicki Keller to amend the budget to include \$3,000 to go to the host club of the 2005 North American Championship. This money will be used for judge and helper expenses and stadium and tracking field expenses.

**Vote: Yes–21** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund, David Wood). **Motion carried unanimously 8/31/04.**

**E-Ballot #21-04 (Regional Director Waivers for Regional Participation)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to allow the regional director to consider the circumstances and either issue or deny a waiver for the required regional participation for entry to the 2004 National Championship. The Office will verify the waiver with the regional director.

**Vote: Yes–8** (Diane Madigan, Al Govednik, Howie Rodriguez, Jerrold Gray, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque), **No–6** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Bill Plumb, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Bill Bimrose, Diane Vegsund), **NFD–5** (Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Julia Grayson, Randy Kromer, David Wood), **NR–2** (Jim Elder, Ray Blomberg). **Motion carried 8/15/04.**

**E-Ballot #20-04 (Exemption for Regional Participation) – Withdrawn****E-Ballot #19-04 (Election of Helper Committee Members)**

Motion by Diane Madigan that members of the Helper Committee be elected at the General Board Meeting for a two-year term.

**Vote: Yes–7** (Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Kay Koerner, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Carl Johnson, Randy Kromer), **No–12** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Bill Bimrose, Julia Grayson, Vicki Keller, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood), **NFD–2** (Howie Rodriguez, Diane Vegsund). **Motion failed 7/23/04.**

**E-Ballot #18-04 (Helper Program)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer to accept the attached Draft of the USA Helper Program with the attached appendices.

**Vote: Yes–13** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund, David Wood), **No–7** (Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Kay Koerner, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver), **NFD–1** (Howie Rodriguez). **Motion carried 8/6/04. Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville.**

**E-Ballot #17-04 (RH Program)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to accept the RH program as written by the SV.

**Vote: Yes–7** (Jim Elder, Bill Plumb, Al Govednik, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Vicki Keller), **No–6** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Mike Hamilton, John Oliver, David Wood), **NFD–8** (Diane Madigan, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Randy Kromer, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund). **Motion failed 7/26/04. With a NFD majority vote, this item will go before the General Board. (Approved by the 1985 General Board: If a majority votes for “More Discussion Needed,” the item goes to the next meeting.)**

**E-Ballot #16-04 (Amend Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the budget to increase expenses to include up to \$5,000 to finish the development of a breed registry system. The minimum will be \$4,000, with \$2,000 advance to start work, \$2,000 upon completion, and \$500 per week for changes and additions beyond the current scope.

**Vote: Yes–16** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Bill Plumb, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood), **No–3** (Diane Madigan, Carl Johnson, Diane Vegsund), **NFD–2** (Mark Przybylski, Vicki Keller). **Motion carried 7/21/04.**

**E-Ballot #15-04 (Sportsmanship Statement)**

Motion by John Oliver to add following statement:

USA encourages and supports sportsmanship and camaraderie among all USA members; however, local clubs reserve their right to refuse entries at their events. In the interest of good sportsmanship, entries should not be unreasonably denied.

The exception to this rule will apply to the host club for national and regional events where the right of refusal rests with the sponsoring organization. National Events are: USA National Championship, North American and FH Championship, *H.O.T. Championship*, *Sieger Show*, and regional championships.

**Vote: Yes–10** (Jim Elder, Mark Przybylski, Mike Hamilton, Howie Rodriguez, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Vicki Keller, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund), **No–7** (Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Kay Koerner, Al Govednik, Carl Johnson, Randy Kromer, David Wood), **NFD–1** (Lyle Roetemeyer), **NR–3** (Johannes Grewe, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg). **Motion carried 6/22/04. Amended at 2004 GBM–Nashville to include H.O.T. Championship and Sieger Show as shown in semibold italic. Supersedes 1986 EBM–Sacramento (Club’s Right to Refuse Trial Entries).**

**E-Ballot #14-04 – Withdrawn****E-Ballot #13-04 (Trial Entries) – Withdrawn****E-Ballot #12-04 (Trial Entries) – Withdrawn****E-Ballot #11-04 (Rescind Clubs' Right to Refuse Trial Entries) – Withdrawn****E-Ballot #10-04 (National Event Trial Processing Fees)**

Motion by Vicki Keller, as recommended by the NEC, to increase trial processing fees for national events from \$6 to \$10.

**Vote: Yes–18** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Mark Przybylski, Howie Rodriguez, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Mike Hamilton, Bill Bimrose, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund, David Wood), **No–2** (Bill Plumb, Ray Blomberg), **NR–1** (Johannes Grewe). **Motion carried 4/13/04.**

**E-Ballot #9-04 (Event Authorizations)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque that the Regional Director has the authority to automatically suspend a club for one year if it is found to have hosted another organization's event on the same day as that given on a USA Event Authorization. This will also incur if a club is found to have hosted an event that is not authorized on a particular day, i.e., Friday afternoon, without an event authorization. All suspensions will be printed in the magazine. Suspended clubs will need to be re-affiliated and that club's trial will not count toward the club's annual trial requirement.

**Vote: Yes–19** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund), **ABS–2** (Ray Blomberg, David Wood). **Motion carried 4/3/04.**

**E-Ballot #8-04 (Education Program)**

Based upon Vicki Keller's response to a questionnaire, Vicki asked that we develop a mock trial/fun trial program. Recommend that helper education receive priority in USA education efforts in 2005. This education would be delivered at the regional level.

**Vote: Yes–18** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund), **No–2** (Al Govednik, David Wood), **NFD–1** (Ray Blomberg). **Motion carried 4/3/04.**

**E-Ballot #7-04 (Scheduling Flights at National Events)**

As recommended by the NEC, events follow a one phase per day schedule. The dog handler team would do tracking one day, obedience another day, and protection another day.

**Vote: Yes–17** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Jerrold Gray, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood), **No–2** (Ray Blomberg, Diane Vegsund), **NFD–2** (Julia Grayson, Randy Kromer). **Motion carried 4/3/04.**

**E-Ballot #6-04 (Bid Proposal for National Events)**

Motion by Vicki Keller to recommend to the General Board that a bid solicitation process for national event sites be used beginning in 2005. Potential host clubs will be asked to submit written bids by August 1. Bids will be presented to the General Board and sites chosen by General Board vote. Regional directors are responsible for recommending potential sites to the NEC.

The bid proposal *should* include the following information: Host club and officers, insurance information, funds available for financing event expenses, and past regional and national event experience. Contracts for tracking, stadium and practice facilities, motels, and draw night location should be included. Also a video or photos of the stadium (with a dog working) and tracking are necessary. Finally, the number of USA members willing to help and availability of sponsorship money should be included in the bid proposal. Regional directors must be involved in soliciting bids.

**Vote: Yes–15** (Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque), **No–2** (Johannes Grewe, David Wood), **NFD–3** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Al Govednik, Diane Vegsund), **ABS–1** (Ray Blomberg). **Motion carried 4/3/04. Amended at 2004 GBM–Nashville to substitute "should" for "will" as shown in semibold italic.**

**E-Ballot #5-04 (2004–2005 Budget)**

From the 2004 EBM, motion by Bill Plumb to accept the budget as amended: Total Revenue \$536,750, Total Expenses \$524,520, Net Income \$12,230.

**Vote: Yes–21** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund, David Wood). **Motion carried unanimously 4/3/04.**

**E-Ballot #4-04 (2004 Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

Motion to approve the Breed Advisory Committee's recommended slate of judges for the 2004 Sieger Show:

Male Classes – Erich Orschler (SV Vice President)

Female Classes – Johannes Grewe (USA)

Progeny and Kennel Groups – Erich Orschler (SV Vice President)/Johannes Grewe (USA)

**Vote: Yes–14, NFD–4, ABS–1, NR–2. Motion carried 3/2/04.**

**E-Ballot #3-04 (Membership Recognition Program)**

Motion by Bill Plumb that USA begin a membership recognition program by awarding pins for years of continuous membership beginning at five years and progressing in five-year increments. We would need about \$5,000 to purchase an initial supply of pins and the ongoing expense would be about \$1,000 per year. The design of the pins would be a GSD head with Schutzhund USA in a banner below the head and the number of years below that.

**Vote: Yes–18** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, Nathaniel Roque), **No–2** (John Oliver, Diane Vegsund), **NR–1** (David Wood). **Motion carried 2/25/04.**

**E-Ballot #2-04 (2004 National Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the Judges Committee recommended slate of judges for the 2004 National Championship:

Tracking – Al Govednik (USA)

Obedience – Günter Lanfer (SV)

Protection – Michael Hamilton (USA)

**Vote: Yes–17, ABS–2, NR–2. Motion carried 2/25/04.**

**E-Ballot #1-04 (2004 North American and FH Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the Judges Committee recommended slate of judges for the 2004 North American and FH Championship:

Tracking – Al Kerr (USA)

Obedience – Frank Mensing (GSSCC/SV)

Protection – Eckhard Roddewig (SV)

**Vote: Yes–20, NR–1. Motion carried 1/30/04.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).

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### **E-Ballot #28-03 (VDH SchH/VPG Rule Changes)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to accept the changes made by the WUSV in regard to VDH rules for SchH/VPG effective March 1, 2004.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund), **No-1** (David Wood), **NR-1** (Randy Kromer). **Motion carried 12/16/03.**

### **E-Ballot #27-03 (2004 World Team Qualification)**

Motion by Diane Vegsund to allow competitors to use either their score from the 2003 National Championship in Reno or the 2004 North American Championship for their qualifying score for the 2004 World Team.

**Vote: Yes-20** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund, David Wood), **NFD-1** (Randy Kromer). **Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #26-03 (2004 North American Schedule Variance)**

Motion by Vicki Keller to approve a variance for the 2004 North American Championship to be held in mid-April instead of the General Board-approved dates of the first two weekends in May.

**Vote: Yes-21** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Bill Bimrose, Ray Blomberg, Jerrold Gray, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Randy Kromer, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund, David Wood). **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **E-Ballot #25-03 (2003 WPO Judge)**

Motion by Diane Vegsund to accept the USA K-9 Committee's recommendation that Kevin Sheldahl judge the 2003 WPO Police Dog Championship at the 2003 National Championship.

**Vote: Yes-19, ABS-2 Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #24-03 (Regional Requirement Variance)**

Motion by Diane Vegsund that regional championship participation is not required for those individuals whose permanent residence is outside the 48 contingent United States of America. Permanent residence will be the address provided to the Office with membership application or renewal.

**Vote: Yes-20** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Joe Marcantonio, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Diane Vegsund, David Wood), **NR-1** (Johannes Grewe). **Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #23-03 – Withdrawn**

### **E-Ballot #22-03 (Probationary USA Breed Judges License for Ricardo Carbajal)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to accept the Judges Committee recommendation to grant a probationary breed judge's license for Ricardo Carbajal.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

### **E-Ballot #21-03 (Deletion of Forming Club Status)**

Motion by Diane Madigan to no longer offer a forming club status.

**Vote: Yes-21** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Joe Marcantonio, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Diane Vegsund, David Wood). **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **E-Ballot #20-03 (Deletion of Forming Club Status) – Withdrawn**

### **E-Ballot #19-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer that starting in 2005, all entries to the GSD National Championship must receive a passing score at a USA regional championship any time after the previous year's GSD National Championship. *All regional entries must compete at their current SchH1, SchH2, or SchH3 level or the next higher level.* This is "in addition" to the required 270-point qualifying score attained at any USA regular club trial and, or a USA regional championship.

**Vote: Yes-17** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Joe Marcantonio, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood), **No-2** (Bill Plumb, Kris Taves), **NFD-2** (John Oliver, Diane Vegsund). **Motion carried.**

**Supersedes E-Ballot #11-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry) with addition shown in semibold italic. Adoption deferred indefinitely by E-Ballot #30-04 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry).**

### **E-Ballot #18-03 (Regional Participation for 2004 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Starting in 2004, all entries in the GSD National Championship must have shown at a USA regional championship any time after the 2003 GSD National Championship. *All regional entries must compete at their current SchH1, SchH2, or SchH3 level or the next higher level.* This is "in addition" to the required 270-point qualifying score attained at any USA regular club trial and/or a USA regional championship.

**Vote: Yes–19** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Joe Marcantonio, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Diane Vegsund, David Wood), **No–2** (Bill Plumb, John Oliver). **Motion carried. Supersedes E-Ballot #10-03 (Regional Participation for 2004 GSD National Championship) with addition shown in semibold italic.**

### **E-Ballot #17-03 (Two-Dog Rule Variance)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA make a variance from SV rules to allow handlers to show three dogs per handler per trial in all USA trials, excepting any and all championship trials where the two-dog limit will still apply.

**Vote: Yes–14** (Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Vicki Keller, Joe Marcantonio, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Diane Vegsund), **No–7** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, David Wood). **Motion carried. Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville.**

### **E-Ballot #16-03 (WDA)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer that USA will no longer recognize the existence of the WDA. USA will not recognize any of their activities, judges, or scorebooks; and will not recognize awards or titles issued by any judges, including SV judges, at WDA events.

**Vote: Yes–20** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Joe Marcantonio, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Diane Vegsund, David Wood), **NFD–1** (Vicki Keller). **Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #15-03 – Withdrawn**

### **E-Ballot #14-03 (Combine USA National Conformation Show with USA-GSD National Championship)**

Motion by Howie Rodriguez to combine the USA National Conformation Show (Sieger Show) with the USA-GSD National Championship on the same weekend.

**Vote: Yes–3** (Howie Rodriguez, Mike Hamilton, Carl Johnson), **No–15** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Ray Blomberg, Scott Boedecker, Joe Marcantonio, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Diane Vegsund, David Wood), **NFD–2** (Diane Madigan, Vicki Keller), **ABS–1** (Julia Grayson). **Motion failed.**

### **E-Ballot #13-03 (Change USA-GSD Championship to USA-GSD National Championship)**

Motion by Howie Rodriguez to change the name of the USA-GSD Championship, if approved in E-Ballot #8-03, to the USA-GSD National Championship.

**Vote: Yes–20** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Joe Marcantonio, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund, David Wood), **No–1** (Kris Taves). **Motion carried. Supersedes E-Ballot #8-03 (Change USA National Championship to USA-GSD Championship).**

### **E-Ballot #12-03 (Regional Qualifying Score for 2006 USA-GSD National Championship Entry)**

In 2006, all entries to the USA-GSD National Championship must have received a qualifying score of 270 points in a USA regional championship any time after the 2005 USA-GSD National Championship.

**Vote: Yes–4** (Mike Hamilton, Ray Blomberg, John Oliver, David Wood), **No–14** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Vicki Keller, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Diane Vegsund), **NFD–3** (Howie Rodriguez, Carl Johnson, Joe Marcantonio). **Motion failed.**

### **E-Ballot #11-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Starting in 2005, all entries to the GSD National Championship must receive a passing score in a USA regional championship any time after the 2004 GSD National Championship. This is "in addition" to the required 270-point qualifying score attained at any USA regular club trial.

**Vote: Yes–17** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood), **No–2** (Kris Taves, Diane Vegsund) **NFD–1** (Joe Marcantonio) **NR–1** (Scott Boedecker). **Motion carried 7/20/03. Superseded by E-Ballot #19-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry).**

**E-Ballot #10-03 (Regional Participation for 2004 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Starting in 2004, all entries in the GSD National Championship must have shown at a USA regional championship any time after the 2003 GSD National Championship. This is "in addition" to the required 270-point qualifying score attained at any USA regular club trial.

**Vote: Yes-18** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund, David Wood), **NFD-2** (Joe Marcantonio, Kris Taves), **NR-1** (Scott Boedecker). **Motion carried 7/20/03.**  
**Superseded by E-Ballot #18-03 (Regional Participation for 2004 GSD National Championship Entry).**

**E-Ballot #9-03 (Schedule for USA National Conformation Championship)**

The USA National Conformation Championship will be held Saturday and Sunday and Monday before the USA-GSD National Championship effective 2005.

**Vote: Yes-7** (Jim Elder, Mark Przybylski, Al Govednik, Ray Blomberg, Julia Grayson, Joe Marcantonio, Nathaniel Roque), **No-10** (Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Johannes Grewe, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, John Oliver, Diane Vegsund, David Wood), **NFD-2** (Lyle Roetemeyer, Kris Taves), **NR-2** (Mike Hamilton, Scott Boedecker). **Motion failed.**

**E-Ballot #8-03 (Change USA National Championship to USA-GSD Championship)**

Motion by Mike Hamilton to eliminate the current USA "open" National Championship and replace it with the USA-GSD Championship effective 2004.

**Yes-16** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Ray Blomberg, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Joe Marcantonio, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Diane Vegsund, David Wood), **No-1** (Diane Madigan), **NFD-2** (Howie Rodriguez, Kris Taves), **NR-2** (Mike Hamilton, Scott Boedecker). **Motion carried. Superseded by E-Ballot #13-03 (Change USA-GSD Championship to USA-GSD National Championship).**

**E-Ballot #7-03 (BOI Case: USA vs. O.G. Wesconn/John Henkel)**

Motion by Diane Madigan to accept the Board of Inquiry's determination that the charges be dismissed due to improper filing by the former USA Administration.

**Vote: Yes-15** (Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Johannes Grewe, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Diane Vegsund), **No-2** (Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton), **NFD-1** (Mark Przybylski), **ABS-2** (Lyle Roetemeyer, David Wood), **NR-1** (Joe Marcantonio). **Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #6-03 (2003 National Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to accept the Judges Committee's recommendation of the following judges for the 2003 National Championship:

- Tracking – Willie Pope (USA)
- Obedience – Igor Lengvarsky (FCI)
- Protection – Günther Diegel (SV)

**Vote: Yes-15, No-6. Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #5-03 (American Dobermann Association Judging)**

Motion by Bill Plumb that USA support the American Dobermann Association (ADA) by allowing our judges to officiate at their working events.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Vicki Keller, Joe Marcantonio, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Diane Vegsund, David Wood), **No-1** (John Oliver), **ABS-1** (Diane Madigan). **Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #4-03 (Amend Fiscal 2003 Budget for AWDF Dues Increase)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the fiscal 2003 budget to increase the AWDF dues to \$3,800 from \$500.

**Vote: Yes-21** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Peggy Park, Joe Marcantonio, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood). **Motion carried unanimously.**

**E-Ballot #3-03 (Change Central Zone Borders)**

Motion by Floyd Wilson to change the Central Zone borders to: North to South from Lake Erie along the Eastern Borders of Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Northern border of Alabama, and Eastern border of Mississippi, placing Alabama in the Eastern Zone.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Scott Boedecker, Carl Johnson, Peggy Park, Joe Marcantonio, John Oliver, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **NR-2** (Johannes Grewe, Julia Grayson). **Motion carried. Ratified at 2003 GBM-Reno.**

**E-Ballot #2-03 (Office Travel)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the budget to increase the office travel expense by \$1,200.

**Vote: Yes–14** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Bill Plumb, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Howie Rodriguez, Ray Blomberg, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Joe Marcantonio, Nathaniel Roque, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **No–4** (Diane Madigan, Kay Koerner, John Oliver, Peggy Park), **ABS–1** (Mark Przybylski), **NR–2** (Johannes Grewe, Kris Taves). **Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #1-03 (2003 GSD Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the following slate of judges for the 2003 German Shepherd Dog Championship:

Tracking – Willie Pope (USA)

Obedience – Carla Griffith (USA)

Protection – Glenn Stephenson (USA)

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).



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### **E-Ballot #16-02 (2003 North American and FH Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion to approved the following judges for the 2003 North American and FH Championship:

- Tracking – Floyd Wilson (USA)
  - Obedience – John Mulligan (USA/SV)
  - Protection – Lance Collins (GSSCC)
- Vote: Yes–20, NR–1. Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #15-02 (Entry to Both the SchH3 and WPO Championships)**

Motion to change the existing USA rules and regulations to allow USA K-9 officers (that qualify) to compete at the USA annual International Police Dog Competition and also at the annual Schutzhund Championship that is held in conjunction with that event, should they so desire, as long as they have met all qualifications for entering both of the championships. This motion applies to annual championships only and does not apply to local or regional events.

**Vote: Yes–20** (Jim Elder, Lyle Roetemeyer, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Howie Rodriguez, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Carl Johnson, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, David Wood), **No–1** (David Wood). **Motion carried. Rescinded at 2003 GBM–Reno.**

### **E-Ballot #14-02 (2003 Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Jim Elder to approve the BAC proposed judges slate for the 2003 Sieger Show:

#### **Friday**

Class	Males	Females
3–6 Months	Karen McIntyre (USA)	Johannes Grewe (USA)
6–9 Months	Virgilio Garbin (Chilcoa/COAPA)	Arno Humberdros (SV)
9–12 Months	Karen McIntyre (USA)	Johannes Grewe (USA)
No Titles	Virgilio Garbin (Chilcoa/COAPA)	Arno Humberdros (SV)

#### **Saturday**

Class	Males	Females
12–18 Months	Arno Humberdros (SV)	Virgilio Garbin (Chilcoa/COAPA)
18–24 Months	Virgilio Garbin (Chilcoa/COAPA)	Arno Humberdros (SV)
Protection: Mark Przybylski (USA DOJ) (Approved by previous Board decision.)		

#### **Sunday**

Class	Males	Females
Working Dogs	Arno Humberdros (SV)	Johannes Grewe (USA)
Progeny Groups – Johannes Grewe, USA		
Kennel Groups – Virgilio Garbin (Chilcoa/COAPA) and Karen McIntyre (USA)		

**Vote: Yes–18, NFD–1, ABS–2. Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #13-02 (2003 Sieger Show Location)**

Motion by Diane Madigan that USA host the 2003 Sieger Show in Bakersfield, California.

**Vote: Yes–17** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Bill Plumb, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, David Wood), **NFD–2** (Diane Madigan, Mark Przybylski), **ABS–2** (Julia Grayson, Floyd Wilson). **Motion carried. Ratified at 2002 GBM–Gadsden.**

### **E-Ballot #12-02 (Breeding Regulation 4.1.1.)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to recommend to the General Board to accept the Breed Advisory Committee's recommendation to extend the USA Breeding Requirements as set forth in the USA Breeding Regulations under 4.1.1. Eligible for Breeding.

*From:* Eligible for breeding are all dogs entered in the USA Breed Book who, on the day of breeding have a training title awarded under the training regulations (SchH1–3, HGH, or a training title of equivalent value) under a USA recognized judge. In addition, have received a show rating of at least "good" under a USA recognized conformation judge, when not already breed surveyed under USA or SV regulations and have an acceptable hip dysplasia rating.

*To:* Eligible for breeding are all dogs entered in the USA Breed Book who, on the day of breeding have a training title awarded under the training regulations for BH under a USA recognized judge. In addition, have received a show rating of at least "good" under a USA recognized breed judge, when not already breed surveyed under USA or SV regulations and have an acceptable hip dysplasia rating.

**Vote: Yes-12** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Debra Quaka, Julia Grayson, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood), **No-6** (Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Kay Koerner, Scott Boedecker, Todd Morganti, Kris Taves), **NFD-3** (Joe Marcantonio, Lyle Roetemeyer, Floyd Wilson). **Motion carried. Rescinded by 2002 GBM-Gadsden.**

#### **E-Ballot #11-02 (Approval of Probationary USA Judges License for Jim Elder)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that Jim Elder be granted a probationary USA Judges license as recommended by a majority vote of the USA Judges Committee.

**Vote: Yes-20, ABS-1. Motion carried.**

#### **E-Ballot #10-02 (World Teams)**

Motion by Jim Elder to permit the 7th and 8th place 2002 World Teams to exchange places.

**Vote: Yes-20** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **NFD-1** (Kris Taves). **Motion carried.**

#### **E-Ballot #9-02 (2002 USA National Championship and Police Dog Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion to accept the judges slate for the 2002 USA National Schutzhund 3 and Police Dog Championship to be held from October 31 thru November 3, 2002 in Gadsden, Alabama and hosted by the Jefferson-St. Clair County Schutzhund Association. The proposed slate is as follows:

- Tracking – Al Govednik (USA)
- Obedience – Peter Jacobs (SV)
- Protection – Kurt Falkenstern (SV)
- WPO – Ulrich Gerling (SV)

**Vote: Yes-20, ABS-1. Motion carried.**

#### **E-Ballot #8-02 (USA Membership Requirement for Helpers)**

Motion by Diane Madigan that proof of current USA membership is required for helpers at all USA-sanctioned events. Helpers at national events must be a USA member for at least one year before trying out.

**Vote: Yes-15** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Scott Boedecker, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **No-6** (Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Debra Quaka, Julia Grayson, Peggy Park, Kris Taves). **Motion carried.**

#### **E-Ballot #7-02 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by David Wood to waive the 2001 annual trial requirement for the German Shepherd Working Dog Club of Western New York.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Joe Marcantonio, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **NR-2** (Mark Przybylski, Todd Morganti). **Motion carried.**

#### **E-Ballot #6-02 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by David Wood to waive the 2001 annual trial requirement for the Tri-County Schutzhund Verein of Western New York.

**Vote: Yes-20** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Joe Marcantonio, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **NR-1** (Todd Morganti). **Motion carried.**

#### **E-Ballot #5-02 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by Joseph Marcantonio to waive the 2001 annual trial requirement for the South Central PA Working Dog Club.

**Vote: Yes-20** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Deb Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **NR-1** (Jim Hill). **Motion carried.**

#### **E-Ballot #4-02 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by Scott Boedecker to waive the 2001 annual trial requirement for the Air Capital Schutzhund Club.

**Vote: Yes–20** (Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **NR–1** (Mike Hamilton). **Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #3-02 (BOI Case: High Plains Schutzhund Club vs. Jim Cook)**

The Board of Inquiry has sustained the charge of unsportsmanlike conduct filed by the High Plains Schutzhund Club for actions by Mr. Jim Cook. Motion to accept the Board of Inquiry's following recommendation of discipline:

Mr. Cook must submit written letters of apology to Mr. Mark Chaffin, the High Plains SchH Club, USA Judge Bill Knox, and the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Region by way of Regional Director, Mr. John Oliver. These letters must include specific apologies to witnesses, and address his unsportsmanlike conduct.

Mr. Cook will be restricted from showing in *any* 2002 USA Regional Championship events until the apologies are made. Once made, the restriction will be lifted and Mr. Cook will be permitted to once again show in regional championship events.

**Vote: Yes–19** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves/Floyd Wilson/David Wood), **ABS–1** (Joe Marcantonio), **NR–1** (Julia Grayson). **Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #2-02 (2002 North American and FH Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to accept the Judges Committee's approved slate of judges for the 2002 North American and FH Championship.

Tracking (Including FH) – Lance Collins (GSSCC)

Obedience – Frank Mensing (SV/GSSCC)

Protection – Doug Deacon (SV/GSSCC)

**Vote: Yes–17, No–3, NFD–1. Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #1-02 (2002 German Shepherd Dog Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to accept the Judges Committee's approved slate of judges for the 2002 German Shepherd Dog Championship.

Tracking – Floyd Wilson (USA)

Obedience – Michael Caputo (USA)

Protection – Bill Szentmiklosi (USA)

**Vote: Yes–18, No–1, ABS–1, NR–1. Motion carried.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS 2001

### **E-Ballot #18-01 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to waive the annual trial requirement for O.G. California Schutzhund Association.

**Vote: Yes–20** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **NFD–1** (Jim Hill). **Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #17-01 (Breed Warden and Tattooer Regulations)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to approve the following addition to 3.2.8. Breed Warden and Tattooer Regulations (addition in bold italic):

3.2.8 Acts as Local Breed Warden ***and/or tattooer*** in areas where they have none.

**Vote: Yes–20** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **NFD–1** (Mark Przybylski). **Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #16-01 (Additions to USA Breeding Regulations)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to approve the following additions to our breeding regulations:

#### ***Addition 3.1.4***

Only USA Breed Wardens are authorized to inspect litters. However, in case of an emergency, a licensed veterinarian can act as Breed Warden, upon receiving instructions from the Regional Breed Warden and signing a form, stating he/she is familiar with the Breed Warden duties. It is the Regional Breed Warden's responsibility to forward this form to the USA Office.

#### ***Addition 3.1.5***

Only USA Tattooers and USA Regional Breed Wardens are authorized to tattoo litters. However, in case of an emergency a licensed veterinarian can act as tattooer, upon receiving instructions from the Regional Breed Warden and signing a form, stating he/she is familiar with the tattooing procedure. It is the Regional Breed Warden's responsibility to forward this form to the USA Office.

#### ***Addition to 4.1.1 Eligible for Breeding (Addition in bold italic)***

Eligible for breeding are all dogs entered in the USA Breed Book who, on the day of breeding have a training title awarded under the training regulations (SchH1–3, IP1–3, HGH, or a training title of equivalent value) ***under a USA recognized judge***. In addition, have received a show rating of ***at least "good"*** under a USA recognized ***conformation*** judge, when not already breed surveyed under USA or SV regulations and have an acceptable hip dysplasia rating.

#### ***Addition 4.2.6***

The litter registration application must be received at the USA Office within 6 months after the time of whelping. If the application is received later than 6 months after the puppies are whelped, the litter registration can still be processed. However, a penalty fee of \$10.00 per puppy will be charged in addition to the registration fee of \$25.00 per puppy.

**Vote: Yes–17** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Julia Grayson, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **No–2** (Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker), **NFD–2** (Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski). **Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #15-01 (Litter Registration and Breed Survey Documentation Requirement Changes)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to approve the following changes:

Litter Registration Documentation Requirements:

***Addition:*** Sire and Dam (if residing the United States) must be registered with USA.

***From:*** Original hip certification form for sire\*\* and dam, if not indicated on the pedigree. Effective for breedings taking place on or after January 1, 1996, both parents must have a recognized hip certification. For a list of recognized hip programs, please contact the USA Office.

***To:*** Original hip certification form for sire\*\* and dam, if not indicated on the pedigree. Effective for breedings taking place on or after January 1, 1996, both parents must have either an OFA certification or an "a" stamp.

Breed Survey Documentation Requirements:

***From:*** Original OFA Hip Certificate or proof of "a" stamp indicated on registration papers. For a list of other recognized hip programs, please contact the USA Office.

*Delete:* For a list of other recognized hip programs, please contact the USA Office.

**Vote: Yes-17** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **No-2** (Diane Madigan, Kris Taves), **NFD-2** (Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski). **Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #14-01 (USA Breed Survey Regulations Clarifications)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to approve the following amendments to help clarify our breed survey regulations:

3.2 Proof of completion of at least one SchH1 or IPO trial under an SV or USA trial judge.

Amend to read "under a USA recognized trial judge."

3.3 Proof of completion of an AD test under an SV or USA judge.

Amend to read "under a USA recognized trial judge."

3.5 Proof of a breed show rating of at least "good" under an SV or USA Conformation Judge.

Amend to read "under a USA recognized conformation judge."

Clarification to 3.1:

Only German Shepherd Dogs registered with USA are eligible to participate in a USA Breed Survey (if residing in the United States). Dogs must be at least two years old in the year of the survey.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **NFD-2** (Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski). **Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #13-01 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by Peggy Park to waive the 2001 annual trial requirement for the North Bay Working Dog Club.

**Vote: Yes-20** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **NR-1** (Julia Grayson). **Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #12-01 (USA Breeding Regulations: 6.6 Register of Dogs With or Without Proven Ancestry)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to clarify our approved Breeding Regulation 6.6 with the following additions:

6.6 Register of Dogs With Or Without Proven Ancestry

*From:* This register contains dogs who have appropriate breed characteristics and proven or unproven ancestry. These characteristics can be verified by USA and SV Judges, USA Breed Wardens and Tattooers, and Regional Directors. Dogs verified through this process are not approved for breeding.

*To:* This register contains dogs who have appropriate breed characteristics and proven or unproven ancestry. The registry is called the "Performance Register." It contains dog's whose characteristics can be verified by USA and SV Judges (Conformation Show Judges as well as Performance Judges), USA Breed Wardens, USA Tattooers, and Regional Directors. The German Shepherd Dogs contained in this register receive a "PR" Registration Number for scorebook purposes only. All dogs must be tattooed. The necessary forms will be available at the USA Office. The registration fee is \$30.00.

**Vote: Yes-20** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **NR-1** (Julia Grayson). **Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #11-01 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by Kristian Taves to waive the annual trial requirement for the Chicagoland Schutzhund Club.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Joe Marcantonio, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **No-1** (Al Govednik), **NFD-1** (Todd Morganti). **Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #10-01 (Registration Services)**

Motion by Jim Elder that you must be a member of USA to obtain USA registration services.

**Vote: Yes-21** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood). **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **E-Ballot #9-01 (AWDF Sieger Show Travel)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to approve \$1,750 to send Johannes Grewe, Roanna Banducci, Mark Przybylski and a helper to the AWDF Sieger Show.

**Vote: Yes-18** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Scott Boedecker, Joe Marcantonio, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Kris Taves, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **No-1** (Diane Madigan), **NFD-1** (Julia Grayson), **ABS-1** (Debra Quaka). **Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #8-01 (Appealing Decision of Regional Director)**

An appeal has been made by the Willamette Valley SchH Club for the Executive Board to overrule Pacific Northwest Regional Director Todd Morganti's decision regarding Willamette Valley SchH Club's request for an October 2001 Conformation Show, and to place a legal bid to hold the 2002 Pacific Northwest Region's Regional Show. Question: Should the Executive Board reverse this decision?

**Vote: No–20** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Tim Crusier, Julia Grayson, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **NFD–1** (Jim Hill). **Appeal failed.**

**E-Ballot #7-01 (Six New Training Titles)**

Motion by Jim Elder to accept the Judges Committee's program for Six New Training Titles. *This program will be for USA trials conducted by USA-recognized judges. USA-recognized judges are welcome to judge these titles. The results will be posted on a separate Bewertungsliste. These titles require a "G" or better rating for the purpose of the Sports Medal Program. These points may only be counted once per title per dog.*

**Vote: Yes–21** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Tim Crusier, Julia Grayson, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Floyd Wilson, David Wood). **Motion carried unanimously. Ratified at 2001 GBM–Taunton after amending to add text as shown in semibold italic.**

**E-Ballot #6-01 (SV Judges Travel Program)**

Motion by William Plumb to amend the current SV Judges Travel Program by encouraging clubs to pay for the judges' airfare directly and not have it billed through the USA Office. The SV Judges Request Form will be modified to include a place for credit card information. We will continue to provide the current program for member clubs that do not have a credit card available; however, the deposit will be increased to the average cost of an overseas ticket. This amount will be adjusted annually by the Treasurer.

**Vote: Yes–19** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Todd Morganti, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood), **No–2** (Tim Crusier, Floyd Wilson). **Motion carried. Rescinded at 2002 EBM–St. Louis.**

**E-Ballot #5-01 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer to waive the 2000 annual trial requirement for the Graceland SchH Club.

**Vote: Yes–18** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Tim Crusier, Julia Grayson, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood), **No–1** (Jim Hill), **NFD–2** (Ian McLeod, Floyd Wilson). **Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #4-01 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to waive the 2000 annual trial requirement for the Arizona Valley German Shepherd Dog Schutzhund Club, and to maintain their full member status.

**Vote: Yes–19** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Tim Crusier, Julia Grayson, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **No–1** (Jim Hill), **NFD–1** (Ian McLeod). **Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #3-01 (Fiscal 2002 Budget)**

Motion by William Plumb to approve the proposed fiscal 2002 budget.

**Vote: Yes–20** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Tim Crusier, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **NFD–1** (Julia Grayson). **Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #2-01 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by Julia Grayson to waive the annual trial requirement for Lost Pines Working Dog Club.

**Vote: Yes–17** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Tim Crusier, Julia Grayson, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood), **NFD–2** (Jim Hill, Floyd Wilson), **ABS–1** (Diane Madigan), **NR–1** (Ian McLeod). **Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #1-01 (2001 North American SchH3 and FH Championship Judge)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve John Mulligan (USA/SV) as the obedience judge at the 2001 North American SchH3 and FH Championship.

**Vote: Yes–21. Motion carried unanimously.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS 2000

### **E-Ballot #21-00 (Canadian Reciprocity With Regard to USA Breed Program)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to accept reciprocity with the judges from the GSSCC (German Shepherd Schutzhund Club of Canada) with respect to USA breed titles. This rule will not supersede our overall USA policies, including adhering to the 80-point minimum protection score.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Tim Crusier, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood), **NR-2** (Julia Grayson, Floyd Wilson). **Motion carried. Ratified at 2001 GBM-Taunton with exclusion of 80-point rule.**

### **E-Ballot #20-00 (USA SchH3 Club)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve all applicants that meet these criteria regardless of the date of their accomplishments:

#### SchH3 Club Application

Applicant must comply with all of the following:

1. All titles must be earned as a USA member.
2. Titles must be obtained under a USA, SV, or Canadian judge.
3. Trials must be hosted by a USA club or a USA-recognized AWDF breed club (German Shepherd Dog Club of America [WDA] events are not recognized for the purpose of attaining membership in the USA SchH3 Club).
4. The titles of BH, SchH1, SchH2, and SchH3 must be earned by the same handler on a previously untitled dog. All protection scores must adhere to USA standards.
5. All titles must be acquired at a USA-recognized event. An officer of the USA-recognized AWDF organization must confirm the earned title in writing. A note from the presiding USA, SV, or Canadian judge may also be used for confirmation. The USA Office will not be responsible for acquiring this information.
6. A copy of the USA scorebook or USA-certified scorebook.

Please fill out the attached form and send to the USA Office along with the \$10 filing fee. After your accomplishments are verified, you will become part of the permanent list that is published in the March/April issue of *Schutzhund USA* and be eligible to purchase special SchH3 Club T-shirts and jackets from USA. For more information regarding the USA SchH3 Club, please contact the USA Office.

**Vote: Yes-17** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Tim Crusier, Julia Grayson, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque), **No-2** (Bill Plumb, Ian McLeod), **NFD-1** (David Wood), **NR-1** (Floyd Wilson). **Motion carried. Revised January 2001 and revision ratified at 2001 GBM-Taunton.**

### **E-Ballot #19-00 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by John Oliver to waive the 2000 annual trial requirement for New Mexico Hundesport Schutzhund Club and the West Texas Working Dog Association.

**Vote: Yes-21** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Tim Crusier, Julia Grayson, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, Floyd Wilson, David Wood). **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **E-Ballot #18-00 (Table E-Ballot #17-00 [Aged Account Payable])**

Motion by Ian McLeod to table the motion in E-Ballot #17-00 (Aged Account Payable) until the next Executive Board meeting.

**Vote: Yes-10** (Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Jim Hill, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Ian McLeod, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Floyd Wilson), **No-11** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Tim Crusier, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood). **Motion carried.**

### **E-Ballot #17-00 (Aged Account Payable)**

Motion by William Plumb to satisfy aged accounts owing John Mulligan in the amount of \$1,751.21 by applying the entire sum toward a lifetime membership.

**Vote: Yes-11** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Peggy Park, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood), **No-2** (Tim Crusier, Floyd Wilson), **NFD-7** (Johannes Grewe, Jim Hill, Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Ian McLeod, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer), **ABS-1** (John Oliver). **Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #16-00 (Aged Account Payable)**

Motion by William Plumb to establish a payment program to pay off aged payables from 1996, 1997, and 1998 aggregating \$8,851.19 owed to Gordon Esselmann. The payments will begin at \$500 per month and will increase next year to have the amount fully paid by the end of fiscal 2002.

**Vote: Yes-16** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood), **No-1** (Jim Hill), **NFD-1** (Tim Crusier), **NR-3** (Scott Boedecker, Julia Grayson, Floyd Wilson). **Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #15-00 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by Tim Curser to waive the annual trial requirement for Underwood Schutzhund Verein.

**Vote: Yes-18** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Bill Plumb, Mark Przybylski, Johannes Grewe, Al Govednik, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Debra Quaka, Scott Boedecker, Tim Crusier, Julia Grayson, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Nathaniel Roque, David Wood), **No-1** (Diane Madigan), **NFD-1** (Ian McLeod), **NR-1** (Floyd Wilson). **Motion carried.**

**E-Ballot #14-00 – Withdrawn****E-Ballot #13-00 (Board of Inquiry Case: United Schutzhund Clubs of America vs. Wayne Curry)**

The charges of unsportsmanlike conduct filed against Wayne Curry are sustained by the Board of Inquiry. Motion by Al Govednik that Wayne Curry be suspended from all USA activities for a period of one year, based on results of the Board of Inquiry's findings. Suspension effective immediately upon the passing of this motion.

**Vote: Yes-14** (Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Paul DiNenna, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, George Shumaker, Tim Crusier, Al Govednik, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Donna Rednour, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **No-3** (Julia Grayson, Johannes Grewe, Lyle Roetemeyer), **NFD-1** (Peggy Park) **ABS-1** (Mike Hamilton), **NR-1** (Michele Scarberry). **Motion carried 8/3/00.**

**E-Ballot #12-00 (70-Point Protection Score)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that the United Schutzhund Clubs of America not adopt the 70-point minimum score in protection for any and all Schutzhund titles and continue to adhere to the current standard of 80-points minimum as a passing score for any and all titles in Schutzhund trials.

Furthermore, any dogs that are imported with the 70-point minimum score in protection in regard to Schutzhund shall be required to achieve a passing score in all phases of a Schutzhund trial, including a minimum of 80 points in protection, in order to be awarded a recognized Schutzhund title in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

The 80-point minimum in protection is also required for any and all Schutzhund titles and is a prerequisite for any and all breed surveys, shows, and the USA Sieger Show. *Foreign judges must adhere to our 80-point protection passing score when judging at USA-sanctioned events.*

**Vote: Yes-20** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Paul DiNenna, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, George Shumaker, Tim Crusier, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, Johannes Grewe, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Floyd Wilson, David Wood). **Motion carried unanimously. Ratified at 2000 GBM-Madison with addition shown in semibold italic, then rescinded at 2001 GBM-Taunton.**

**E-Ballot #11-00 (Board of Inquiry Case: United Schutzhund Clubs of America vs. Wayne Curry)**

The charges of unsportsmanlike conduct filed against Wayne Curry are sustained by the Board of Inquiry. It is the Board of Inquiry's recommendation that Wayne Curry receive a six-month suspension from all USA activities. Motion by Diane Madigan to accept the Board of Inquiry's recommendation of discipline for Wayne Curry.

**Vote: Yes-8** (Mike Hamilton, Paul DiNenna, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Julia Grayson, Johannes Grewe, Peggy Park, David Wood), **No-12** (Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Mark Przybylski, Michele Scarberry, George Shumaker, Tim Crusier, Al Govednik, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Floyd Wilson). **Motion failed 7/20/00.**

**E-Ballot #10-00 (WUSV World Championship Team Expenses)**

Motion by John Oliver that travel expense given by USA to the WUSV Team, including Team Captain and Alternate, will be \$2,000 each. That money will be used for airfare, hotel, car, food, and any miscellaneous expenses.

USA will pay the WUSV Championship entry fee. All team sponsorship from sources other than USA will be used toward the \$16,000 minimum payment. If team sponsorship from other sources exceeds \$16,000 plus the WUSV entry fee cost, the excess will be equally divided between the Team, Team Captain, and Alternate.



**Vote: Yes-13** (Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Mark Przybylski, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, George Shumaker, Tim Crusier, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Floyd Wilson), **No-3** (Paul DiNenna, Jim Hill, Ian McLeod), **NFD-4** (Mike Hamilton, Johannes Grewe, Lyle Roetemeyer, David Wood). **Motion carried 7/5/00.**

### **E-Ballot #9-00 (Approval of 2001 Sieger Show Replacement Judge)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe, to approve Leonhard Schweikert (SV) as replacement for Rudiger Mai (SV) to judge at the 2001 Sieger Show.

**Vote: Yes-20** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Paul DiNenna, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, George Shumaker, Tim Crusier, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, Johannes Grewe, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Floyd Wilson, David Wood). **Motion carried unanimously 7/4/00.**

### **E-Ballot #8-00 – Withdrawn**

### **E-Ballot #7-00 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by Tim Crusier to waive the 1999 annual trial requirement for the Greater Nassau Hundesport Verein.

**Vote: Yes-18** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, George Shumaker, Tim Crusier, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, Johannes Grewe, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, David Wood), **NFD-1** (Floyd Wilson), **NR-1** (Paul DiNenna). **Motion carried 7/5/00.**

### **E-Ballot #6-00 (Fiscal Year 2000 Budgeted Amount Increases to Allow Proper Conduct of USA Affairs)**

Motion by Paul DiNenna to approve the increase of budgeted amounts for fiscal year 2000:

President's Travel from \$1,500 to \$3,500

Treasurer's Travel from \$500 to \$2,500

President's Telephone Expense from \$500 to \$2,500

Treasurer's Telephone Expense from \$250 to \$1,000

Attorney Fees from \$1,000 to \$25,000

**Vote: Yes-16** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Paul DiNenna, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, George Shumaker, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, Johannes Grewe, Ian McLeod, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer, Floyd Wilson, David Wood), **No-2** (Tim Crusier, John Oliver), **NFD-2** (Mark Przybylski, Michele Scarberry). **Motion carried 5/22/00.**

### **E-Ballot #5-00 (2001 Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

The BAC is in agreement with the Sieger Show hosting club. Motion by Johannes Grewe to approve the following judges and scheduling for the Sieger Show 2001:

Class	Males	Females	Class	Males	Females
3-6 Months	R. Mai	J. Grewe	12-18 Months	R. Mai	J. Grewe
6-9 Months	J. Grewe	H. Henrici	18-24 Months	J. Grewe	H. Henrici
9-12 Months	R. Mai	H. Henrici	Working Dogs	R. Mai	H. Henrici
Adult Dogs	R. Mai	H. Henrici			

Progeny and Kennel groups to be judged by all three of the above judges.

**Vote: Yes-16, NFD-3, NR-1 Motion carried 5/15/00.**

### **E-Ballot #4-00 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by Julia Grayson to waive the annual trial requirement for the Spring Valley Working Dog Club, and that the club should remain a full member club within USA and the South Central Region.

**Vote: Yes-18** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, George Shumaker, Ralph Allen, Tim Crusier, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, Johannes Grewe, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Lyle Roetemeyer), **No-1** (Paul DiNenna), **NFD-1** (Floyd Wilson). **Motion carried 3/8/00.**

### **E-Ballot #3-00 – Withdrawn**

### **E-Ballot #2-00 (2000 WUSV World Championship Program Eligibility)**

Motion by John Oliver for addition to rule number 7.b. of the 2000 WUSV World Championship Program Eligibility, as printed on page 76 in the September/October 1999 issue of *Schutzhund USA*:

**Addition:** b. A copy of the dog's registration papers showing ownership, and a letter from the official owner (if different from the handler) declaring permission and naming the handler must be included.

**Vote: Yes-15** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, George Shumaker, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, Johannes Grewe, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Floyd Wilson), **No-3** (Paul DiNenna, Ralph Allen, Tim Crusier), **NFD-2** (Michele Scarberry, Lyle Roetemeyer). **Motion carried 1/25/00.**

**E-Ballot #1-00 (2000 WUSV World Championship Program Eligibility)**

Motion by John Oliver to change rule number 3 of the 2000 WUSV World Championship Program Eligibility, as printed on page 76 in the September/October 1999 issue of *Schutzhund USA*:

**From:** The handler must be the sole owner of the dog with which he or she intends to compete.

**To:** The handler of a declared dog for the WUSV World Team must remain the same throughout the qualification process and the WUSV World Championship. The handler need not be the owner of the declared dog.

**Vote: Yes–16** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Diane Madigan, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, George Shumaker, Tim Cruiser, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, Johannes Grewe, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Floyd Wilson), **No–2** (Paul DiNenna, Ralph Allen), **NFD–2** (Michele Scarberry, Lyle Roetemeyer). **Motion carried 1/25/00.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS 1999

### **E-Ballot #10-99 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by Mark Scarberry that Capital Area Schutzhund Club be allowed to waive their annual trial.

**Vote: Yes-15** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Ann Marie Chaffin, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, George Shumaker, Ralph Allen, Tim Cruser, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, Johannes Grewe, Peggy Park, Lyle Roetemeyer), **No-3** (Paul DiNenna, John Oliver, Floyd Wilson), **NFD-2** (Ian McLeod, Donna Rednour). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #9-99 (2000 Budget)**

Motion by Paul DiNenna that the FY-2000 Budget, with Budgeted Total Revenue in the amount of \$569,692.01, Budgeted Total Expenses in the amount of \$543,130.00, and an expected Net Income of \$26,562.01 be approved.

**Vote: Yes-15** (Jim Elder, Paul DiNenna, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, George Shumaker, Tim Cruser, Al Govednik, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Mark Scarberry, Floyd Wilson), **NFD-1** (Ralph Allen), **NR-4** (Mike Hamilton, Anne Marie Chaffin, Johannes Grewe, Julia Grayson). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #8-99 (Interim Replacement for Secretary)**

Motion by Mike Hamilton to vote for one of the volunteers who will assume the position of retiring secretary Barbara Malcolm until the regular election of this position by the General Board.

**Vote: Ann Marie Chaffin-16** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Paul DiNenna, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, George Shumaker, Ralph Allen, Tim Cruser, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, Johannes Grewe, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour), **Nia Cottrell-2** (Michele Scarberry, Ian McLeod), **Neither-1** (Floyd Wilson), **NR-1** (Mark Scarberry). **Anne Marie Chaffin elected as interim secretary.**

### **Mail Ballot #7-99 (Termination of Executive Director Employment)**

Telephone ballot conducted by President Mike Hamilton: Should Paul Meloy's employment with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America as Executive Director be terminated.

**Vote: Yes-20** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Paul DiNenna, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, George Shumaker, Mary Allen, Tim Cruser, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, Johannes Grewe, Ian McLeod, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Floyd Wilson). **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Mail Ballot #6-99 (Pay Off USA Line of Credit)**

Motion by Paul DiNenna to disburse \$30,014.40 of our \$30,936.16 savings account to pay off USA's line of credit, thereby saving 7.75% interest on \$30,014.40. The encumbrance of \$28,307.49 will be lifted from the \$32,988.19 CD, allowing us use of that money which will earn 4.8% instead of the 2.95% currently earned on the CD.

**Vote: Yes-15** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Paul DiNenna, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, George Shumaker, Tim Cruser, Julia Grayson, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Mark Scarberry, Floyd Wilson), **NFD-1** (Donna Rednour), **NR-4** (Mary Allen, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Glenn Johnson). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #5-99 (Signing of Jay Mugaseth Agreement)**

Motion by Mike Hamilton to approve the signing of the agreement tendered by Mr. Jay Mugaseth and dated February 27, 1999. Also approve the payment schedule as covered by that agreement.

**Vote: Yes-9** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Mark Przybylski, Al Govednik, Glenn Johnson, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour), **No-8** (Paul DiNenna, Kay Koerner, Ann Stacer, Mary Allen, Tim Cruser, Johannes Grewe, George Shumaker, Floyd Wilson), **NFD-4** (Jim Hill, Michele Scarberry, Julia Grayson, Mark Scarberry). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #4-99 (Designation of Financial Institution)**

Motion by Paul DiNenna that in keeping with the Constitution and Bylaws of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, Inc., Article 1, Section 3, Subparagraph c, Treasurer, the Farmers and Mechanics Bank is hereby designated a financial institution for the purpose of depositing funds.

**Vote: Yes-6** (Paul DiNenna, Jim Hill, George Shumaker, Ann Stacer, Mary Allen, Johannes Grewe), **No-14** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Mark Przybylski, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, Tim Cruser, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, Glenn Johnson, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Mark Scarberry), **NFD-1** (Floyd Wilson). **Motion failed.**

### **Mail Ballot #3-99 (Reimbursement of Unpaid Boston Expenses)**

Motion by Paul DiNenna to approve the following unpaid Boston expenses:

\$998.57 to Michele Scarberry  
\$562.55 to Pam Smith

\$1,852.46 to John Oliver

\$605.28 to Donna Rednour

**Vote: Yes-16** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Paul DiNenna, Mark Przybylski, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, George Shumaker, Ann Stacer, Tim Cruser, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour), **No-3** (Johannes Grewe, Mary Allen, Glenn Johnson), **NFD-1** (Jim Hill), **NR-1** (Floyd Wilson). **Motion carried.**

**Mail Ballot #2-99 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Motion by Tim Cruser that the Mid-Atlantic Schutzhund Club shall remain a full member club in 1998 and 1999, with the stipulation they schedule a trial in the early part of 1999.

**Vote: Yes-14** (Mike Hamilton, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Michele Scarberry, George Shumaker, Mary Allen, Tim Cruser, Al Govednik, Julia Grayson, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Mark Scarberry), **No-1** (Floyd Wilson), **NFD-2** (Kay Koerner, Donna Rednour), **NR-4** (Paul DiNenna, Ann Stacer, Johannes Grewe, Glenn Johnson). **Motion carried.**

**Mail Ballot #1-99 (Convene Executive Board Meeting)**

Motion to convene an Executive Board meeting at USA's office in St. Louis on Saturday/Sunday, March 13-14, 1999. Call to order 8:00 A.M. Saturday.

**Motion carried.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS 1998

### **Mail Ballot #15-98 (1998 USA National Championship Protection Judge)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski, Director of Judges, that, due to cancellation of Hans Rudenauer, Al Milner be selected as Protection Judge for the 1998 USA National Championship in Denver, Colorado.

**Vote: Yes-17** (Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Bill Zumwalt, Mark Przybylski, Mike Hamilton, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, Ann Stacer, Mary Allen, Tim Crusier, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Mark Scarberry), **NR-4** (Gordon Esselmann, Vicki Bartley, Glenn Johnson, Floyd Wilson). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #14-98 (Appealing Decision of Regional Director)**

The Western Maine Schutzhund Club would like to appeal the decision of the New England Regional Director, Mary Allen, to not renew the appointment of Deborah Palman as a Tattooer and Breed Warden. Motion: Shall the decision of Mary Allen, New England Regional Director, to not renew the appointment of Deborah Palman as a Tattooer and Breed Warden be sustained by the Executive Board.

**Vote: Yes-8** (Barbara Malcolm, Bill Zumwalt, Mike Hamilton, Mary Allen, Vicki Bartley, Tim Crusier, Al Govednik, John Oliver), **No-1** (Ann Stacer), **NFD-7** (Gordon Esselmann, Kay Koerner, Donna Rednour, Jim Hill, Johannes Grewe, Floyd Wilson, Peggy Park), **NR-5** (Jim Elder, Mark Przybylski, Michele Scarberry, Glenn Johnson, Mark Scarberry). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #13-98 (1998 Sieger Show Date Change)**

Change the dates of the 1999 Sieger Show from the existing window of the first two weekends of June to April 23-25, 1999. This change is for 1999 only. These dates follow the World Qualifier of April 16-17, 1999. The reason for this change is because extreme climate conditions in the southern part of the country make the transportation of animals impossible or dangerous by air.

**Vote: Yes-12** (Gordon Esselmann, Barbara Malcolm, Bill Zumwalt, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Michele Scarberry, Vicki Bartley, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, John Oliver, Donna Rednour, Mark Scarberry), **No-5** (Mike Hamilton, Ann Stacer, Tim Crusier, Glenn Johnson, Floyd Wilson), **NFD-3** (Jim Elder, Kay Koerner, Mary Allen), **NR-1** (Peggy Park). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #12-98 (USA Event Nonmember Entry Surcharge/National Event Entry Requirement)**

Effective January 1, 1999, any individual who is not a member in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America must pay a surcharge of \$35 in order to enter any USA sanctioned event. This money is payable to USA and must be submitted to the office in St. Louis along with the event's other paperwork. Collection of this fee is the responsibility of the hosting club. In the event the club fails to submit the required fees for nonmembers of USA, all paperwork for that event will be held in abeyance until the required fees for nonmembers are received in the USA Office. Also effective January 1, 1999, entry into any USA National Event is limited to members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, who must also be a full member of a full member club of USA. Individuals whose permanent residence is outside the North American continent are excepted from these requirements.

**Vote: Yes-15** (Gordon Esselmann, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Bill Zumwalt, Mark Przybylski, Jim Hill, Ann Stacer, Mary Allen, Tim Crusier, Al Govednik, Vicki Bartley, Johannes Grewe, John Oliver, Donna Rednour, Mark Scarberry), **No-1** (Floyd Wilson), **NFD-4** (Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, Glenn Johnson), **NR-1** (Peggy Park). **Motion carried.**  
**Nonmember entry surcharge rescinded at 1998 GBM-Denver. National event entry requirement superseded by 1999 EBM-St. Louis (National Event Entry Requirement).**

### **Mail Ballot #11-98 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Waive the one trial per year requirement for 1997 and allow the Hundesport Alaska Schutzhund Club to remain a full member club.

**Vote: Yes-15** (Gordon Esselmann, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Bill Zumwalt, Mark Przybylski, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, Ann Stacer, Mary Allen, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Glenn Johnson, John Oliver, Peggy Park), **No-3** (Tim Crusier, Jim Hill, Donna Rednour), **NFD-1** (Floyd Wilson), **NR-2** (Vicki Bartley, Mark Scarberry). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #10-98 (Annual Trial Waiver)**

Waive the one trial per year requirement for 1997 and allow the LA Working Dog Club (SW Region) to remain a full member club.

**Vote: Yes-17** (Gordon Esselmann, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Bill Zumwalt, Mark Przybylski, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, Mary Allen, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Glenn Johnson, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Mark Scarberry, Floyd Wilson), **NFD-2** (Jim Hill, Ann Stacer), **NR-2** (Vicki Bartley, Tim Crusier). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #9-98 (Designation of 1998 World Championship Helpers) – Withdrawn**

**Mail Ballot #8-98 (1998 North American Championship Judge Change)**

Due to unexpected medical problems, SV Judge Ludwig Germain, scheduled to judge tracking at the 1998 North American Championship, is unable to do so. The Trial Committee wishes to use USA Judge Ray Wisner and the Judges Committee has approved this selection. Motion that USA Judge Ray Wisner be approved to judge tracking at the 1998 North American Championship.

**Vote: Yes-16** (Gordon Esselmann, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Bill Zumwalt, Mark Przybylski, Mike Hamilton, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Ann Stacer, Mary Allen, Tim Cruser, Johannes Grewe, Glenn Johnson, John Oliver, Donna Rednour, Floyd Wilson), **NFD-1** (Peggy Park), **NR-4** (Michele Scarberry, Vicki Bartley, Mike Caputo, Al Govednik). **Motion carried.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS 1997

### **Mail Ballot 1997 (Emergency Approval of Revised Budget)**

Proposal from Michael Caputo and the Budget Committee to approve the revised 1997/1998 budget in the amount of \$667,000.

**Vote: Yes-13** (Gordon Esselmann, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Bill Zumwalt, Mike Hamilton, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Vicki Bartley, Mike Caputo, Tim Cruser, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Donna Rednour), **No-1** (Floyd Wilson), **NFD-1** (Michele Scarberry), **NR-6** (Mark Przybylski, Ann Stacer, Ralph Allen, Glenn Johnson, John Oliver, Peggy Park). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #7-97 (Hintz vs. United Schutzhund Clubs of America)**

Shall the United Schutzhund Clubs of America accept settlement of the above case on the following basis:

1. USA will pay Peggy Hintz \$5,725 representing the \$5,500 previously agreed, plus interest from January 1, 1997 to July 1, 1997 at 10% per annum, which totals \$225.
2. By her check dated some date other than USA's check, i.e., a day or two before or after, Peggy Hintz will donate \$2,750 to USA.
3. The exchange of checks will occur simultaneously. At the same time any release USA requires and a request for dismissal will be delivered to USA's attorney. The settlement and exchange of funds and documents will occur no later than 5:00 P.M. on August 26, 1997, at the office of Peggy Hintz's attorney.

**Vote: Yes-17** (Gordon Esselmann, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Bill Zumwalt, Mark Przybylski, Mike Hamilton, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Ann Stacer, Vicki Bartley, Tim Cruser, Al Govednik, Johannes Grewe, Glenn Johnson, John Oliver, Donna Rednour, Floyd Wilson), **NFD-2** (Michele Scarberry, Mike Caputo), **NR-2** (Ralph Allen, Peggy Park). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #6-97 (1997 National Championship Slate of Judges)**

Approve the following slate of judges for the 1997 National Championship Trial:

Tracking – Al Milner  
Obedience – Willie Pope  
Protection – Mike Caputo

**Vote: Yes-16** (Gordon Esselmann, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Bill Zumwalt, Mark Przybylski, Mike Hamilton, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, Ralph Allen, Norm Bacher, Vicki Bartley, Andy Cardenas, Tim Cruser, Mike Caputo, Donna Rednour, Brian Whitehead), **No-1** (Ann Stacer), **NFD-1** (Al Govednik), **NR-4** (Jim Hill, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Floyd Wilson). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #5-97 (USA Helper Book Requirement)**

USA's Helper Book shall be mandatory for every Trial Helper at all USA Trials.

**Vote: Yes-16** (Gordon Esselmann, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Bill Zumwalt, Mark Przybylski, Mike Hamilton, Michele Scarberry, Ann Stacer, Ralph Allen, Vicki Bartley, Mike Caputo, Andy Cardenas, Tim Cruser, Donna Rednour, Brian Whitehead, Floyd Wilson), **No-1** (Norm Bacher), **NFD-2** (Kay Koerner, Al Govednik), **NR-3** (Jim Hill, John Oliver, Peggy Park). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #4-97 (1996 Sieger Show Judge)**

Approval for SV Judge Lothar Quoll to judge the males at the 1996 Sieger Show.

**Vote: Yes-21** (Gordon Esselmann, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Bill Zumwalt, Mark Przybylski, Mike Hamilton, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, Ann Stacer, Ralph Allen, Norm Bacher, Vicki Bartley, Mike Caputo, Tim Cruser, Al Govednik, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour, Brian Whitehead, Floyd Wilson), **NR-1** (Andy Cardenas). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #3-97 (Annual Trial Waiver) – Withdrawn**

Waive the one trial per year requirement for the year of 1996 for the Arkansas Working Dog Association due to extenuating circumstances. (Declared unconstitutional.)

### **Mail Ballot #2-97 (1997 North American FH Championships Slate of Judges)**

Approval for the following judges slate for the 1997 North American and FH Championships:

FH – George Shumaker  
Tracking – Mike Caputo  
Obedience – George Shumaker  
Protection – Günter Lanfer

**Vote: Yes-19, NR-2. Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #1A-97 (Revocation of Douglas Alexander's USA Judges License)**

Permit revocation of Douglas Alexander's USA judges license.

**Vote: Yes–15** (Gordon Esselmann, Jim Elder, Barbara Malcolm, Bill Zumwalt, Mark Przybylski, Mike Hamilton, Jim Hill, Kay Koerner, Michele Scarberry, Ann Stacer, Vicki Bartley, Tim Cruser, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Floyd Wilson), **No–1** (Al Govednik), **NFD–3** (Ralph Allen, Mike Caputo, Brian Whitehead), **NR–3** (Norm Bacher, Andy Cardenas, Donna Rednour). **Motion carried.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).



## EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS 1996

### **Mail Ballot #31-96 (Membership Dues Increase)**

Shall USA's annual membership dues be increased effective March 1, 1996 to the following amounts:

\$60 Individual Membership	\$75 Family Membership
\$75 Foreign Individual Membership	\$96 Foreign Family Membership
\$100 Club Membership	\$15 Additional First Class Postage (no change)

**Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #30-96 (Budget Increase for Software Development)**

Shall USA's approved budget be increased by \$15,000 for additional software development.

**Vote: Yes-19** (Gordon Esselmann, Floyd Wilson, Barbara Malcolm, Patricia Cloar, Doug Alexander, Kay Koerner, Steve Robinson, Ann Stacer, Ralph Allen, Norm Bacher, Vicki Bartley, Mike Caputo, Andy Cardenas, Tim Cruser, Jim Elder, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Mark Przybylski, Donna Rednour), **NFD-2** (Jim Hill, Michele Scarberry). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #29-96 (1996 World Qualifier Slate of Judges)**

Shall the following judges slate be approved to judge USA's 1996 World Qualifier Trial April 21-22 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Tracking – Al Kerr

Obedience – Tony Perrone

Protection – Mike Caputo

**Vote: Yes-19, NFD-1, NR-1. Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #28-96 (1996 North American Championship and FH Championship Slate of Judges)**

Shall the following judges slate be approved to judge USA's 1996 North American Championship Trial and FH Championship hosted by the South County Schutzhund Club:

Tracking – Doug Deacon

Obedience – Bill Szentmiklosi

Protection – Frank Mensing

FH – Bill Szentmiklosi

**Vote: Yes-18, No-1, NFD-1. Motion carried.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS 1995

### **Mail Ballot #24-95 (Travel Expense Reimbursement for Tim Cruser)**

Shall reimbursement be approved for Tim Cruser's travel expenses to the 1995 North American trial, totaling \$931.43, he having fulfilled dual duties as both Executive Board member and trial helper. Additionally, that all reoccurrences be handled in the same manner for everyone.

**Vote: Yes-14** (Paul Meloy, Barbara Malcolm, Jim Hill, Michele Scarberry, Ralph Allen, Norm Bacher, Vicki Bartley, Mike Caputo, Andy Cardenas, Tim Cruser, Jim Elder, John Oliver, Peggy Park, Donna Rednour), **No-2** (Patricia Cloar, Kay Koerner), **NFD-3** (Doug Alexander, Steve Robinson, David Wood), **NR-1** (Gordon Esselmann, Mark Przybylski). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot #19-95 (World Teams Selection)**

Shall the highest single score from the Nationals or the North American be used for World teams selection.

**Vote: Yes-1** (Donna Rednour), **No-13** (Paul Meloy, Gordon Esselmann, Barbara Malcolm, Jim Hill, Steve Robinson, Vickie Bartley, Jack Smith, Michele Scarberry, Tim Cruser, Mike Caputo, Mark Przybylski, Jim Elder, Norm Bacher), **NFD-5** (Patricia Cloar, Kay Koerner, John Oliver, Floyd Wilson, Doug Alexander), **NR-1** (David Wood). **Motion failed.**

### **Mail Ballot #18-95 (World Qualifier Trial)**

Shall the World Qualifier Trial be eliminated.

**Vote: Yes-2** (Donna Rednour, Tim Cruser), **No-7** (Paul Meloy, Gordon Esselmann, Barbara Malcolm, Vickie Bartley, Jack Smith, Mike Caputo, Jim Elder), **NFD-9** (Patricia Cloar, Kay Koerner, Jim Hill, Steve Robinson, John Oliver, Michele Scarberry, Floyd Wilson, Mark Przybylski, Norm Bacher, Doug Alexander), **NR-1** (David Wood). **Motion failed.**

### **Mail Ballot #12-95 (1996 Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

Shall the slate of Günther Kollges, Hans Peter Fetten, and Doug Alexander be approved to judge USA's 1996 Sieger Show.

**Vote: Yes-18, NR-2. Motion carried.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS 1994

### **Mail Ballot #2-94 (Use of WUSV-Licensed Judges)**

Shall USA authorize the use of judges licensed by WUSV organizations located in the United States, Germany, Canada, Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, Luxemburg, Belgium, Netherlands, Austria, Republic of Ireland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland?

**Vote: Yes-19** (Paul Meloy, Patricia Cloar, Barbara Malcolm, Donna Rednour, Kay Koerner, Jim Hill, Steve Robinson, Vickie Bartley, Jack Smith, John Oliver, Michele Scarberry, Floyd Wilson, Tim Cruser, Mike Caputo, David Macias, Mark Przybylski, Russell Osburn, Jim Elder, Doug Alexander), **NFD-1** (David Wood), **NR-1** (Gordon Esselmann). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot 1994 (Late Dues Penalty for German Shepherd Schutzhund Club)**

If the above ballot passes, shall the German Shepherd Schutzhund Club be charged a penalty of \$25, with the full membership status not being in effect until the full amount of the dues and the penalty are paid.

**Vote: Yes-13** (Gordon Esselmann, Sara Hitchens, Stephanie Dunion, Charles Norton, David Wood, Tim Cruser, Donna Rednour, Jack Smith), **No-2** (Paul Meloy, Kay Koerner, Mike Caputo), **NFD-2** (Peggy Hintz, George Shumaker, Steve Robinson, Floyd Wilson, John Oliver), **NR-3** (Debra Krsnich, Mark Przybylski, Russell Osburn, David Macias, Marty Leggett). **Motion carried.**

### **Mail Ballot 1994 (Late Dues from German Shepherd Schutzhund Club)**

Shall the dues of the German Shepherd Schutzhund Club be accepted late and the club remain a full member in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America as per letter from Jack Smith.

**Vote: Yes-13** (Paul Meloy, Gordon Esselmann, Stephanie Dunion, Kay Koerner, Charles Norton, Steve Robinson, David Wood, Tim Cruser, Donna Rednour, Mark Przybylski, Mike Caputo, John Oliver, Jack Smith), **No-2** (Sara Hitchens, George Shumaker), **NFD-2** (Peggy Hintz, Floyd Wilson), **NR-4** (Debra Krsnich, Russell Osburn, David Macias, Marty Leggett). **Motion carried.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOTS 1987

### **Mail Ballot 1987 (Exclusion of Spectators from USA Events)**

No spectator(s) may be excluded from or ejected from any USA events: Trials, show, koerung, youth evaluation, etc., whether admission is charged or not, unless disruptive in overtly, openly hostile manner.

**Motion carried. Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

### **Mail Ballot 1987 (Clubs Allowed to Conduct Conformation Shows)**

Motion to allow Full Member USA clubs to conduct sanctioned conformation shows and for the United Schutzhund Clubs of America to recognize and record the ratings obtained at these shows.

**Motion carried. Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

Vote results reported as Yes, No, NFD (needs further discussion), ABS (abstain), or NR (no response).

## HELPER COMMITTEE

### **E-Ballot #20-05 (Approval for Helper Book Printing)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to approve \$1,943.98 for printing the new helper books.

### **E-Ballot #18-04 (Helper Program)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer to accept the attached Draft of the USA Helper Program with the attached appendices. **Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville.**

### **E-Ballot #8-02 (USA Membership Requirement for Helpers)**

Motion by Diane Madigan that proof of current USA membership is required for helpers at all USA-sanctioned events. Helpers at national events must be a USA member for at least one year before trying out.

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

### **2000 GBM–Madison (Dogs for Helper Tryouts)**

Motion to allow competition entered dogs to be available for helper tryouts at National Events.

### **2000 GBM–Madison (Sieger Show Helper Selection)**

The Director of Judges, the National Breed Warden, or their appointee shall select the helpers at the National Sieger Show.

### **1999 GBM–Reno (National Event Helper Selection)**

The selection of helpers for national events will consist of the regional director, Director of Judges, and a member of the Helper Committee.

### **1998 GBM–Denver (National Event Helper Selection)**

Helpers will be selected for national events by the Director of Judges, the regional director, and a representative from the Handlers Committee. No one entered in the trial may be a part of the selection process. A member of the Helpers Committee will provide any required substitution for the selection process. **Rescinded at 1999 GBM–Reno.**

### **Mail Ballot #5-97 (USA Helper Book Requirement)**

USA's Helper Book shall be mandatory for every trial helper at all USA trials.

### **1995 EBM–Albuquerque (National Event Helper Membership Requirements)**

Helpers for national events must be a member of USA for at least one year before trying out.

### **1988 EBM–Bowling Green (Reimbursement of National Event Trial Helpers/Alternate)**

Trial helpers and alternate, if he works in the trial, be reimbursed for the National Championship and the North American as the Executive Board members are reimbursed, the cost to be borne by the national organization, beginning with the 1988 National Championship.

### **1987 GBM–St. Louis (Zone Trial Helper Tryouts)**

Helper tryouts will be mandatory at zone trials with the selection to made by the judge. **Rescinded at 1998 GBM–Denver.**

### **1983 GBM–Peoria (National Championship Helper Tryouts)**

Motion that three helpers be selected at the National Championship by the host club and the regional director. A maximum of one of those helpers to be selected from the region. The trial judge will determine which of the three will be the two starting helpers and which will be the alternate. If there is a participant from the host club, none of the helpers can come from that club. The host club will be responsible for having suitable dogs for the tryouts. **Rescinded at 1998 GBM–Denver.**

### **1983 GBM–Peoria (Demonstration Dog for National Events)**

Motion that for the National Championship, North American Championship, and SchHIII Tournament there be a trial (demonstration) dog used before the competing dogs start in protection work.

**1982 GBM–Washington (Helper Certification Program)**

Motion to amend the motion to read that we accept the booklet as printed except for the word “certification” which should be eliminated. Motion to table the motion and amendment so we can wait until Mike Kutsko gets back to give us a legal determination on this.

**1982 GBM–Washington (Helper Program Evaluator)**

Motion that Gene England be accepted as an evaluator for the helper program.

**1982 EBM–Sacramento (Helper Certification Program)**

Motion to institute the program as published in the magazine with the exception of the portion denoting its mandatory institution. In other words, the program would be entirely voluntary. The three USA teaching judges would be the ones administering the tests and that they would recommend to the Executive Board for approval other individuals they feel qualified to administer the tests. **Amended and tabled at 1982 GBM–Washington.**

**1981 GBM–St. Louis (Helper Certification Program)**

Motion by John Mulligan that the Helper Certification Program be published in the magazine, with the suggested amendment that the Regulatory Committee be composed of the Judges Committee and National Training Chairman, along with a copy of the practical test, and that the general membership be asked to contact their Executive Board members about their reaction to the program so the Executive Board could vote on the program at its next meeting. **Amended and tabled at 1982 GBM–Washington.**

**1981 EBM–Columbia (National Training Program)**

Motion to accept the National Training Program as amended. **Amended and tabled at 1982 GBM–Washington.**



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## REVISION HISTORY

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## **SECTION 1: PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Helper Program is to educate and increase the number of Trial Helpers that can properly and safely execute the Protection Exercises performed at USA Events.

## **SECTION 2: OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Helper Program are presented below.

- A. Provide “standardized” education.
- B. Increase the number of Trial Helpers in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USA).
- C. Promote Membership involvement and participation through ongoing Helper education.
- D. Facilitate USA objectives of preserving the German Shepherd Dog (GSD) as outlined in USA’s Bylaws.
- E. Address the interests of the USA Membership as they relate to Helpers and Trial helperwork.

## **SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS**

<u>Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Event	USA-Sanctioned Event.
Helper	Trial Helper in a USA-Sanctioned Event.
Judge	Presiding Judge at a USA-Sanctioned Event.
National Event	GSD-National Championship, North American Championship, HOT Tournament
Office	USA Office
Regional Event	Regional Championships
Teaching Helper	USA Teaching Helper
USA-Sanctioned	Official Event of USA

## **SECTION 4: HELPER COMMITTEE**

Appointed by the President, the Helper Committee shall consist of eight (8) Members as follows: USA President, USA Director of Judges, Helper Program Director, two (2) USA Teaching Helpers and three (3) other USA Members the President deems necessary to execute the objectives of the Helper Program and represent USA’s Member’s interests as they relate to Helpers and Trial helperwork.

## **SECTION 5: HELPER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Helper Committee is responsible to assist the Helper Program Director in the development, implementation and management of the Helper Program. In addition to these responsibilities, the Helper Committee shall act in an advisory role and provide support and assistance to Helpers that have been selected to perform helperwork at a National Event.

## **SECTION 6: HELPER PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

The responsibilities of the Helper Program Director are presented below.

- A. Preside over the Helper Committee.
- B. Provide the Executive Board with detailed quarterly reports that outline current activities, Helper Program progress, Helper status and recommendations for Program enhancements.
- C. Provide general information for the USA Magazine, website and newsletter.
- D. Development, written evaluations and oversight of Teaching Helpers.
- E. Modify the Helper Program Curriculum as required to ensure the Curriculum includes the exercises and instruction necessary to develop Trial Helpers that can properly and safely execute the Protection Exercises described in the Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen (VDH) Trial Regulations and those required for USA Breed Surveys and the USA Sieger Show.
- F. Provide educational materials (e.g., books, videos, etc.) to Regional Training Directors and Teaching Helpers.
- G. Provide assistance to Regional Training Directors in selecting Teaching Helpers and scheduling Helper Seminars in Regions.
- H. Make recommendations to the Helper Committee for the selection of Classified Trial Helpers for National Events.
- I. Organize a Helper College each year.
- J. Approve Guest (e.g., SV) Teaching Helpers for participation in Helper Colleges.

- K. Attend the General Board and Regional Congress Meetings each year.

## **SECTION 7: ROLE OF REGIONAL TRAINING DIRECTORS**

Duties: To promote proper and safe training for Trial Helpers, Training Helpers and Handlers throughout their Region by the use of Required Educational Seminars and Organized Fun Matches. The Regional Training Director will receive direction from the Helper Committee with regard to the required educational Teaching Helper Program. (USA Regional Policy).

The Regional Training Director's duties are an integral part of the educational process at the Region and Club Level. Since these duties include training for Helpers, communication between Regional Training Directors and the Helper Program Director is essential.

The Regional Training Director shall be the Regional Liaison to the Helper Program Director and shall:

- A. solicit Regional Clubs and the Region's Members to determine the needs of Regionally-Sponsored Helper Seminars;
- B. administer one (1) Regionally-Sponsored Helper Seminar per year; and
- C. file a detailed report of the outcome of Regionally-Sponsored Helper Seminars to the Helper Program Director.

## **SECTION 8: HELPER PROGRAM CURRICULUM**

The Helper Program Curriculum includes exercises to develop a Helper's skills (e.g., mechanics, ability to take direction, body positioning, equipment positioning, balance, timing, awareness, presence, attitude, etc.) to enable him/her to properly and safely execute the Protection Exercises described in the VDH Trial Regulations and those required for USA Breed Surveys and the USA Sieger Show. *To meet the Helper Program objective of "standardized" education, the Helper Program Curriculum does **not** include exercises to develop a Helper's knowledge as a Training Helper, since the philosophies of how to train dogs in protection vary drastically, and thus are not "standard". The teaching of training helperwork to Helpers is the responsibility of Regional Training Directors through the required Educational Seminars as discussed in Section 7.* The Helper Program Curriculum will be taught by Teaching Helpers at National, Regional or Local Helpers Seminars. Deviations from the Curriculum are not permitted.

The Exercises included in the Curriculum are presented in moderate detail in text, as shown in Appendix A, and to exacting detail in video, which is currently under development and will be presented in a later version of this Program as Appendix B. Proper equipment for the Trial Helper is also included as part of the Curriculum.

## **SECTION 9: HELPER SEMINARS AND COLLEGES**

### **Section 9.1: Helper Seminars**

The purpose of Helper Seminars is to educate and develop Helpers that can properly and safely execute the Protection Exercises described in the VDH Trial Regulations and those required for Breed Surveys and the Sieger Show. Helper Seminars provide any Helper who has been issued a Trial Helper Record Book (Section 13) the opportunity to receive one-on-one instruction and improve their Trial helperwork. Helpers are encouraged to participate in a Helper Seminar prior to participating in a Helper Evaluation (Section 10).

Helper Seminars are presided over by a Teaching Helper(s) who teach the Helper Program Curriculum presented in Section 8. Helper Seminars shall be sanctioned by USA and hosted by a Local Club and/or Region. In addition, Helper Seminars are separate events from Helper Evaluations. Helper Seminars may be held prior to (e.g., the day or morning before) a Helper Evaluation.

The Trial Helper Record Book is the official record of the owning Helper's Seminar Attendance, and therefore, participation in the Helper Program. Each Helper who participates in a Helper Seminar should bring a dog for use during the Seminar.

### **Section 9.2: Helper College**

Every year in conjunction with the GSD-National Championship a Helper College will be conducted by the Helper Committee. The purpose of a Helper College is to provide a forum to discuss helperwork to be performed at Events, teach and demonstrate safe and proper helperwork, review and revise the Helper Program to better serve the interests of USA's

Members and provide the opportunity for Guest Teaching Helpers to assist in Helper education. Participation in the Helper College is open to Helpers that have been issued a Trial Helper Record Book, Regional Training Directors and Judges.

Topics to be discussed during a Helper College include, but are not limited to, the following.

- A. Appropriate testing of dogs in Events.
- B. Safety, being in control and selflessness by the Trial Helper.
- C. Developing a better understanding of the temperament and drives of the dogs being worked during an Event.
- D. Importance of the Helper's role in assisting the Judge to evaluate the dogs entered in the Event.

The Helper Program Curriculum will be taught to Helpers during the Helper College. "The Standard" for proper Trial helperwork (Section 11.2) will be demonstrated by Members of the Helper Committee or Teaching Helpers.

The Helper College will be organized by the Helper Program Director or a Member of the Helper Committee. The venue for the Helper College shall: (i) be a different field than the location for the GSD-National Championship; and (ii) be provided by the Host of the Championship. The purpose of this location restriction is to avoid interference with the practice of Competitors entered in the Championship. The Helper College shall be completed prior to the start of the Championship. Prior notice of the location, date and time of the Helper College shall be posted on the Event website for the GSD-National Championship.

## **SECTION 10: HELPER EVALUATION**

Helper Evaluations serve as a vital instrument to meet the objectives of the Helper Program. Helper Evaluations are a test of a Helper's attainment, or lack thereof, of the skills necessary to properly and safely perform the Protection Exercises for an Event. Helper Evaluations provide the Helper Committee, and therefore the Membership of USA, with the mechanism to identify Helpers that need further development, and should therefore attend a USA-Sanctioned Helper Seminar prior to performing helperwork in a Club Trial or, on the other hand, have shown advanced abilities and should be considered for Regional and National Events. Helper Evaluations shall:

- A. take an honest consideration of the Helper's ability on the day of the Evaluation and on the dog utilized;
- B. be sanctioned by USA;
- C. be presided over by a Teaching Helper(s); and
- D. be hosted by a Local Club and/or Region.

The results of Helper Evaluations are the Classification (Section 12) of Trial Helpers. The Trial Helper Record Book is the official record of the owning Helper's Evaluation History, and therefore, advancement through the Helper Program. Thus, Helper Evaluations are part of the education process, testing Helpers and providing them with the opportunity to receive constructive comments about their performance during simulated Trial conditions.

Helper Evaluations are separate events from Helper Seminars. Helper Seminars may be held prior to (e.g., the day or morning before) the Helper Evaluation. Helpers under evaluation are not to receive instruction from the Presiding Teaching Helper during their Evaluation other than an explanation or clarification of the Evaluation Criteria and Exercises or direction necessary to participate in the Evaluation. The purpose of this requirement is to keep the Evaluation impartial.

### **Section 10.1: Helper Evaluation Participation**

Any Helper who has been issued a Trial Helper Record Book must be evaluated once every two (2) years to maintain their current Classification or advance to a higher Classification. All Helpers who currently have been issued a Blue Helper Book, hereinafter referred to as an "Old Helper Book", must be evaluated within two (2) years of this Program becoming effective to continue their eligibility to perform helperwork at any Event.

Prior to participating in a Helper Evaluation, the Helper who is requesting the Evaluation must:

- A. present the Presiding Teaching Helper with their USA Membership Card, which shows that they are a current Member of USA;
- B. present the Presiding Teaching Helper with their Trial Helper Record Book; and
- C. present the necessary documents to prove that they meet the prerequisites for the Classification (Section 12) that they desire to be evaluated at.

## **Section 10.2: Helper Evaluation Criteria, Exercises and Form**

Helper Evaluations will be based on the Helper's performance of the Protection Exercises for SchH/VPG 3, which will be performed under simulated Trial conditions, including but not limited to: field setup, distances/directions for the Escape, Re-Attacks with Drives, Long Attack and direction by the Protection Judge. The Evaluation will consider numerous aspects of the Helper's performance of the front half and back half exercises; including, but not limited to the following.

- A. Is the Helper under control at all times?
- B. Does the Helper's performance reflect that the safety of the dog, Judge and him/her self is paramount?
- C. Does the Helper know the Protection Exercises of the VDH Trial Regulations for all Levels (e.g., SchH/VPG 1 through 3)?
- D. Does the Helper take/follow direction from the Protection Judge?

In addition to the above, the Evaluation will also consider if the Helper knows the Attack-on-Handler Exercise, which is to be performed as part of USA Breed Surveys and the USA Sieger Show.

The Exercises which a Helper will be evaluated on are shown on the Helper Evaluation Form presented in Appendix C. The Helper will receive a Pass/Fail Grade for each Exercise that they perform.

In addition to the above, Helpers who are issued a Trial Helper Record Book after January 1, 2004 will be required to take a Written Examination as part of their Evaluation to advance from the Entry Level. The Written Examination will test a Helper's basic knowledge of the VDH Trial Regulations Protection Exercises, the Attack-on-Handler Exercise, proper presentation of the dog for evaluation by the Protection Judge and the role of the Trial Helper in ensuring the safety of the dog, Judge and him/her self during an Event. The Written Examination is currently under development and will be presented in a later version of this Program as Appendix D.

## **Section 10.3: Helper Evaluation Grading**

The Grading of Helpers can only occur by a USA Teaching Helper during a Helper Evaluation. The Grades for each Exercise are presented below.

**Pass** – Procedurally correct, is under control while performing the Exercise, takes direction from the Judge while performing the Exercise, and performs the Exercise in a manner that is safe for the dog, Judge and him/her self.

**Fail** – Not procedurally correct (e.g., feeding the dog the sleeve during the escape bite), out or lack of control (e.g., inability to drive dog and place stick hits at proper interval), does not take direction from the Judge while performing the Exercise or unsafe (e.g., endangerment of dog and self) while performing the Exercise or improper presentation of the dog to the Judge (e.g., the dog's back is presented away from the Handler).

## **SECTION 11: PERFORMANCE EVALUATION BY JUDGE**

The Judge at an Event has the unique opportunity to evaluate the performance of a Helper under actual Trial conditions. The Helper Program takes advantage of this unique opportunity by requiring the Judge to rate and comment on the Helper's execution of the Protection Exercises in a Event. The Rating and Comments from the Judge are entered in the Helper's Trial Helper Record Book, which is the official record of the owning Helper's Performance Evaluation History.

Performance Evaluations by Judges provide the Helper Committee, and therefore the Membership of USA, with the mechanism to identify Helpers that perform proper and safe Trial helperwork, or those that do not, and therefore need further education and development. Thus, Performance Evaluations by Judges are part of the Helper education process and a vital instrument to meet the objectives of the Helper Program.

### **Section 11.1: Performance Evaluation Criteria**

The Rating and Comments by the Judge shall take an honest consideration of the Helper's performance on the day of the Trial and not be based on a Helper's past performance(s) or reputation. The Judge shall, at a minimum, evaluate the following aspects of the Helper's performance.

- A. Is the Helper's performance consistent and impartial?

- B. Is the Helper under control at all times?
- C. Does the Helper's performance reflect that the safety of the dog, Judge and him/her self is paramount?
- D. Does the Helper properly execute the Protection Exercises of the VDH Trial Regulations for all Levels (e.g., SchH/SchH/VPG 1 through 3) and/or the Attack-on-Handler Exercise, which is to be performed as part of Breed Surveys and the Sieger Show?
- E. Does the Helper take/follow direction from the Judge?
- F. Does the Helper know the Handler's responsibilities during the execution of the Protection Exercises in the circumstance the Helper is required to assist the Handler?

### **Section 11.2: Performance Evaluation Ratings**

The Ratings available for use by the Judge are based on the following definition of the Rating "Good", and are presented below.

**Excellent** – Well above "The Standard".

**Very Good** – Above "The Standard".

**"GOOD"** = **"The Standard"** – *Defines correct and safe helperwork for what the Judge considers essential to be able to properly evaluate a dog's performance.*

**Unsatisfactory** – Below "The Standard".

### **Section 11.3: Performance Evaluation Comments**

The Comments rendered by the Judge should be of a constructive nature and offer the Helper specific suggestions on how to improve their performance. In the event the Judge issues the Helper an Unsatisfactory Rating, the Judge shall note in the Comment Section of the Helper's Trial Helper Record Book "Improper Performance" and state the specific action(s) that warranted the Unsatisfactory Rating. In the event the Judge removes a Helper from an Event, the Judge shall note in the Comment Section of the Helper's Trial Helper Record Book "Removed from Trial" and state the reason as one of the following: "Improper Performance", "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" or "Improper Performance and Unsportsmanlike Conduct".

### **Section 11.4: Trial Secretary and Trial Paperwork**

The Trial Secretary for any Event shall record, at the location(s) specified on the Trial Paperwork, the Rating issued by the Judge for the Helper(s) of the Event.

## **SECTION 12: HELPER CLASSIFICATIONS**

### **Section 12.1: Helper Classification Definitions**

The Classifications for Helpers and the associated requirements to attain the Classification are described below. The Classifications must be advanced through sequentially except Teaching Helper, whose requirements are described in detail in Sections 14 and 15.

**Entry Level** – The Entry Level Classification is for all Helpers that have been issued a Trial Helper Record Book and do not meet the requirements for the remaining Classifications. Entry Level Helpers shall attain Basic Level Classification before being permitted to participate as a Trial Helper in an Event.

**Basic Level** – The Basic Level Classification is for Helpers that have attended at least one (1) Helper Seminar, successfully passed the Written Examination and have received a Grade of Pass on all the Exercises during their Helper Evaluation.

**Club Level** – The Club Level Classification is for Helpers that have met the following requirements.

- Participated in at least one (1) Helper Seminar.
- Received a Grade of Pass on all the Exercises during their Helper Evaluation.

- Performed Trial helperwork in at least three (3) Club Trials with minimum Ratings of Good from the Judges.
- Worked at least fifteen (15) dogs (SchH/SchH/VPG 1 to 3, IPO 1 to 3, DPO 1 and 2, or SchH A) in Trials.

**Regional Level** - The Regional Level Classification is for Helpers that have met the following requirements.

- Participated in at least two (2) Helper Seminars.
- Received a Grade of Pass on all the Exercises during their Helper Evaluation.
- Performed Trial helperwork in at least ten (10) Club Trials, or six (6) Club Trials and one (1) Regional SchH Championship, with minimum Ratings of Good from the Judges.
- Worked at least forty (40) dogs (SchH/VPG 1 to 3, IPO 1 to 3, DPO 1 and 2, or SchH A) in Trials.

**National Level** - The National Level Classification is for Helpers that have met the following requirements.

- Participated in at least three (3) Helper Seminars.
- Received a Grade of Pass on all the Exercises during their Helper Evaluation.
- Performed Trial helperwork in at least fifteen (15) Club Trials and two (2) Regional SchH Championship, or twelve (12) Club Trials, one (1) Regional SchH Championship and one (1) National SchH Championship, with minimum Ratings of Good from the Judges.
- Worked at least eighty (80) dogs (SchH/VPG 1 to 3, IPO 1 to 3, DPO 1 and 2, or SchH A) in Trials.

**Teaching Helper** - The Teaching Helper Classification is for Helpers that have met the requirements described in Sections 14 and 15.

Note: For the purpose of meeting the requirements described above, SchH 1 through 3 from the “Old Helper Book” (Section 13.5) are equivalent to SchH/VPG titles.

### **Section 12.2: Helper Utilization**

Helpers who have attained a Classification may perform the duties of a Helper in an Event as presented below.

#### **Helper Utilization Matrix**

Event Type	Helper Classification					
	Entry	Basic	Club	Regional	National	Teaching
Club	-	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Regional	-	-	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
National	-	-	-	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted

### **Section 12.3: Helper Classification Maintenance**

The result of Helper Evaluations are the Classification of Helpers. The result of the Performance Evaluations by Judges is the identification of Helpers who perform proper and safe helperwork, or those that do not. Once a Helper has attained a certain Classification, he/she must continue to perform proper and safe helperwork in Events and receive a Passing Grade on each Exercise during their semi-annual Helper Evaluation in order to maintain or advance from their current Classification. If a Helper does not meet these requirements, he/she will face reclassification to a lower level or withdrawal of their Trial Helper Privileges as described below.

#### **Section 12.3.1: Unsatisfactory Rating from Judge**

Upon receipt of the Trial Paperwork by the USA Office, the USA Office will inform the Helper Program Director of the name and Trial Helper Record Book Number of the Helper who received an Unsatisfactory Rating from the Judge. The



Helper Program Director will then contact the Helper in writing and inform the Helper that their Helper Privileges (i.e., Trial Helper Record Book) have been suspended until the time the Helper attends a Helper Seminar and is then re-evaluated at their present Classification during a Helper Evaluation.

### **Section 12.3.2: Failing Grade(s) during Helper Evaluation**

Any Helper who receives a Fail Grade on an Exercise during their Helper Evaluation will not be classified at the Helper Classification which they requested. Any Helper that is above the Entry Level Classification and receives two (2) or more Fail Grades during their Helper Evaluation will be required to attend a Helper Seminar prior to requesting re-evaluation to remain at their current Classification.

### **Section 12.4: Disciplinary Action**

Any Helper may have their Trial Helper Privileges (i.e., Trial Helper Record Book) suspended or terminated by the Helper Committee. The causes for disciplinary action include improper or unsportsmanlike conduct, failure to take direction from the Judge while performing helperwork during an Event, or conduct, which in the opinion of the Helper Committee, is detrimental to USA. Any Helper whose conduct or helperwork is questioned will be given the opportunity to present his/her case to the Helper Committee. Should the Helper Committee find that the Helper's conduct or helperwork warrants disciplinary action(s), the Helper Committee will file charges with USA's Board of Inquiry (BOI). Disciplinary action(s) will not take affect until the findings from the BOI's investigation are issued.

## **SECTION 13: TRIAL HELPER RECORD BOOK**

The Trial Helper Record Book is a record of Helper participation in Helper Seminars, Helper Evaluations, Trials, and Breed Surveys, and indicates the level of achievement the Helper has obtained through the Helper Program and as a Trial Helper. The Helper Program Director, a Member of the Helper Committee, a Teaching Helper, a Trial Secretary or Judge may review the contents of the Helper Book. However, the contents may not be discussed, shown or distributed to the general public, except by permission of the individual Helper who the Trial Helper Record Book was issued to. Helpers that wish to actively participate in **any** Event where helperwork will be performed **shall** possess a Trial Helper Record Book.

### **Section 13.1: Trial Helper Record Book Prerequisites**

To obtain a Trial Helper Record Book, one must meet the following prerequisites.

- A. Be a current Member of USA in good standing.
- B. Be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- C. Complete the Written Examination discussed in Section 10.2, and obtain a passing score.
- D. Complete a Trial Helper Record Book Application Form.
- E. Sign a Helper Release Form stating that the undersigned understands and acknowledges that Trial helperwork, and helperwork in general, may be physically strenuous and dangerous, and that they are in good health and accept all the risks and liabilities with regard to their own safety and health while performing helperwork at an Event. The Helper Release Form is currently under development and will be presented in a later version of this Program as Appendix E.

### **Section 13.2: Trial Helper Record Book Obtainment**

Trial Helper Record Books are issued by the USA Office. To request a Trial Helper Record Book, Applicants must meet the prerequisites listed above and submit one (1) copy of each of the following to the USA Office along with the applicable registration fee.

- A. USA Membership Card;
- B. Proof of Age;
- C. Completed Trial Helper Record Book Application Form;
- D. Completed Written Entry-Level Examination; and
- E. Signed Release From.

### **Section 13.3: Trial Helper Record Book Description**

The Trial Helper Record Book contains three (3) Sections as described below.

- A. Section I – Name of Helper, USA Membership Number of Helper, date Book was issued, Name of Issuer of Book and Book Number. Description of the objectives of the Helper Program and the five (5) Classification Levels for Helpers. Record of the Helper's Classification History and Teaching Helper Recommendations.

- B. Section II – Record of the Helper Seminars that the Helper has participated in.
- C. Section III – Record of the Events (i.e., Trials and/or Breed Surveys) that the Helper has performed helperwork in, including the type (SchH/VPG 1 to 3, IPO 1 to 3, DPO 1 and 2 or SchH A) and quantity of dogs worked.

A copy of the Trial Helper Record Book is presented in Appendix F.

#### **Section 13.4: Trial Helper Record Book Utilization**

The Trial Helper Record Book and a Current USA Membership Card shall be presented to the Trial Secretary before performing helperwork at any Event, or to the Presiding USA Teaching Helper before participating in any Helper Seminar. Upon completion of participation in any of the aforementioned, the Trial Secretary or Presiding Teaching Helper, as applicable, will complete the appropriate Sections in the Trial Helper Record Book regarding location, dates, and name of the Event, and the number of dogs worked. **Only** the Helper Program Director and Teaching Helpers may make entries into Sections I and II of the Trial Helper Record Book. **Only** Judges may make entries into Section III.

#### **Section 13.5: “Old” Helper Books**

Helpers who have been issued an “Old Helper Book” by the USA Office shall contact the USA Office and request a new Trial Helper Record Book prior to participating in their Initial Helper Evaluation. During the Helper’s Initial Helper Evaluation, the Helper shall present their “Old Helper Book” to the Presiding Teaching Helper as documentation of attaining the requirements to be evaluated at the requested Classification. Once the Helper has completed their Initial Helper Evaluation, the Helper’s “Old Helper Book” will no longer be accepted at Events and will be marked on the inside front cover with “Obsolete” and signed by the Presiding Teaching Helper. Two (2) years after the effective date of this Program, only Trial Helper Record Books, which contain the Classification of the Helper, will be accepted at Events.

### **SECTION 14: ROLE OF USA TEACHING HELPER**

The primary purpose of a Teaching Helper is to educate and develop Classified Trial Helpers that can properly and safely execute the Protection Exercises performed at an Event.

#### **Section 14.1: Teaching Helper Responsibilities**

- A. Teach at Helper Seminars (Section 9) using approved Helper Program Curriculum (Section 8).
- B. Classify Helpers in accordance with Section 10, Helper Evaluation.
- C. Conduct a minimum of one (1) Helper Seminar every two (2) years.
- D. Conduct a minimum of two (2) Helper Evaluations every two (2) years.
- E. File a type-written Report to the Helper Program Director of Official Activities (i.e., Helper Evaluations, Seminars, Apprenticeships, etc.).
- F. Promote camaraderie and sportsmanship.
- G. Act in an advisory role and provide support and assistance to Helpers that have been selected to perform helperwork at National Events.

#### **Section 14.2: Maintaining Teaching Helper Classification**

- A. Maintain USA Membership.
- B. Attend and participate in a minimum of one (1) Helper College every two (2) years.
- C. Conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and adhere to the USA Code of Ethics.
- D. Shall not advertise their Teaching Helper Classification for personal or monetary gain.
- E. Shall not hold office or an official designation in a competing German Shepherd Dog Organization located in the United States of America.

Failure to meet the above requirements will result in reclassification of the Teaching Helper to the Classification that they were last evaluated at prior to applying to become a Teaching Helper.

#### **Section 14.3: Initial Set of Teaching Helpers**

The inception of the Helper Program will necessitate the Helper Committee to appoint an initial set of qualified USA Members to Teaching Helper Classification. Each region will have at least one Teaching Helper appointed at the inception of the program.

**Initial Teaching Helpers by Region**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Teaching Helper Name</b>					
Mid-Central						
Mid-Eastern						
New England						
North-Central						
Northeastern						
Northwestern						
Pacific Northwest						
Rocky Mountains/Great Plains						
South Central						
Southeastern						
Southwestern						

**SECTION 15: APPRENTICE TEACHING HELPER**

The purpose of an apprenticeship for Teaching Helpers is to ascertain if the Applicant possesses above-average ability in the areas of leadership and teaching skills and to assist the Applicant with understanding the Role of the Teaching Helper (Section 14) in the Helper Program.

**Section 15.1: Apprentice Teaching Helper Prerequisites**

- A. Have attained at least Regional Helper Classification.
- B. Met the requirements of Section 12.3, Helper Classification Maintenance.
- C. Have handled, owned and trained at least one dog to SchH/VPG 3. (Note: The Helper Committee may make an exception to this requirement if the Applicant is currently training a dog towards that goal and has showed extensive and exceptional abilities in the areas of leadership, teaching skills, and knowledge of Event helperwork.
- D. Be an active Trial Helper and Training Helper in a Local Club.
- E. Be a Member in good standing of USA for a minimum of three (3) years.
- F. Not hold office or an official designation in a competing German Shepherd Dog Organization located in the United States of America.
- G. Have attended a minimum of two (2) Helper Seminars within a 2-year period and one (1) Helper College prior to applying to be an Apprentice Teaching Helper.

**Section 15.2: Apprentice Teaching Helper Application**

Only those persons who demonstrate high standards of personal conduct, good sportsmanship, a sound mastery of the basics of Schutzhund and Trial helperwork, a willingness to teach people one-to-one and intelligently promote the sport of Schutzhund will be considered. The Applicant shall submit the following items to their Regional Training Director to declare their intentions to become an Apprentice Teaching Helper.

- A. A Letter of Recommendation from the Applicant’s Local Club signed by two (2) Club Officers.
- B. Two (2) additional Letters of Recommendation from any two (2) of the following:
  - a. USA Regional Training Director;
  - b. USA Judge;
  - c. Member of the USA Executive Board; or
  - d. USA Teaching Helper.
- C. A completed Teaching Helper Application (Appendix G), including: copies of the Applicant’s Trial Helper Record Book and written proof of meeting the prerequisites listed above.
- D. After review by the Helper Committee, and if accepted for apprenticeship, the Applicant will be placed on the Apprentice Teaching Helper List by the Helper Program Director and is therefore permitted to begin his/her apprenticeship.

The Applicant’s Regional Training Director shall acquaint him/her self with the Applicant. The Regional Training Director shall forward all of the above information along with the Applicant's Application to the Helper Program Director within thirty (30) days of receipt of the items. The Helper Program Director shall confirm that the Applicant has met the

requirements of Sections 15.1 and 15.2. The Helper Program Director shall distribute the items submitted by the Applicant to the Helper Committee for review. The Helper Committee shall review the items submitted by the Applicant and either approve or disprove the Applicant to be placed on the Apprentice Teaching Helper List. The latter shall be performed within sixty (60) days of receipt of the items by the Helper Program Director. The Helper Program Director shall inform the Applicant and the Applicant's Regional Training Director of the approval or rejection of the Applicant as an Apprentice Teaching Helper within ninety (90) days of receipt of the items by the Regional Training Director.

### **Section 15.3: Teaching Helper Apprenticeship Process**

Once the Helper Committee approves the Teaching Helper Applicant for apprenticeship, the Apprentice shall become familiar with all facets of the Helper Program. The Apprentice shall apprentice with three (3) different Teaching Helpers at a minimum of one (1) Helper Seminar, one (1) Helper College and two (2) Helper Evaluations. The Apprentice Teaching Helper will be encouraged to teach during the Seminars and evaluate during the Evaluations. The Apprentice Teaching Helper shall perform the following activities.

- A. Receive written permission from the Presiding Teaching Helper prior to apprenticing at a Helper Seminar or Helper Evaluation.
- B. File a type-written Report for each apprenticeship to the Presiding Teaching Helper. The Report shall include detailed information about: date, host, location, description, name of each participating Helper and their Trial Helper Record Book Number, an evaluation of each Helper as evaluated by the Apprentice and an overall impression of the apprenticeship experience.
- C. The Apprentice Teaching Helper must complete the apprenticeship process within two (2) years of their placement on the Apprentice Teaching Helper List.

The Presiding Teaching Helper shall send a copy of the Apprentice Teaching Helper's Report, an evaluation of the Apprentice Teaching Helper and any recommendations to the Helper Program Director for distribution to the Helper Committee and the Apprentice Teaching Helper for review. Within ninety (90) days of receipt of the four (4) Reports (i.e., one for each Helper Seminar or Helper Evaluation apprenticed at) from the Apprentice Teaching Helper, the Helper Committee shall approve or reject in writing the Apprentice Teaching Helper's status to Teaching Helper. The Helper Committee may also require additional apprenticeships to the four (4) stated above.

If the Helper Committee rejects the Teaching Helper Applicant for apprenticeship, the Helper Program Director shall inform the Applicant and the Applicant's Regional Training Director of the reason(s) why the Applicant was rejected. Rejected Applicants shall wait ninety (90) days prior to resubmitting their Teaching Helper Application for reconsideration.

## **SECTION 16: NATIONAL EVENTS**

*The Selection Process for Helpers at National Events shall be approved by the USA General Board (GB). (USA Policy).* Upon approval of the Helper Program by the GB, the Selection Process contained herein will fulfill that requirement. Prior to recommending to the Executive Board that the Selection Process be revised to Pre-Selection of Helpers for National Events, the Evaluation of Helpers as described in Section 10 must occur for a minimum of two (2) years (i.e., 2005 and 2006). This stipulation will provide sufficient time for the identification of Helpers who have attained Regional or National Level Classification, and therefore are eligible for Pre-Selection. To accommodate this stipulation, the Selection Process for Helpers at National Events will be different for each year through 2007 as described below. The Selection Process will remain unchanged from that described below until a different Selection Process is approved by the GB.

### **Section 16.1: Helper Selection Process for 2004 National Events**

The Selection Process for 2004 National Events remains as currently approved by the GB. Any Helper who has been issued a Trial Helper Record Book or Old Helper Book and is a current Member of USA in good standing for a period of more than one (1) year is eligible to tryout for Helper at a 2004 National Event. The Helper Selection Criteria and Exercises to be performed during the Tryout are described in Section 16.3.

The selection of the Helpers for 2004 National Events will be performed by the Director of Judges, the Hosting Region's Regional Director and a Member of the Helper Committee. Should the Director of Judges not be able to fulfill this obligation, he/she may delegate this responsibility to a person he/she deems capable of performing this role. Should the Hosting Region's Regional Director not be able to fulfill this obligation, the responsibility for this obligation defaults to the Hosting Region's Assistant Regional Director. Should the Hosting Region's Assistant Regional Director not be able to

fulfill this obligation, the Hosting Region's Regional Director may delegate this responsibility to a person he/she deems capable of performing this role. Should a Member of the Helper Committee not be able to fulfill this obligation, the Helper Committee may delegate this responsibility to a person they deem capable of performing this role.

## **Section 16.2: Helper Selection Process for 2005, 2006 and 2007 and Beyond National Events**

### **Section 16.2.1: Helper Eligibility for 2005 and 2006 National Events**

Any Helper who: (i) has been issued a Trial Helper Record Book or Old Helper Book; (ii) is a current Member of USA in good standing for a period of more than one (1) year; (iii) has been Classified in accordance with Sections 10 and 12; and (iv) has not received an Unsatisfactory Rating from a Judge, is eligible to Tryout for a 2005 and/or 2006 National Event.

### **Section 16.2.2: Helper Eligibility for 2007 and Beyond National Events**

All Helpers that: (i) have been issued a Trial Helper Record Book; (ii) are a current Member of USA in good standing for a period of more than one (1) year; (iii) have attained Regional or National Level Classification; and (iv) have not received an Unsatisfactory Rating from a Judge, are eligible to Tryout for a 2007 and beyond National Event, unless a Pre-Selection Process has been approved by the GB. Helpers who meet these requirements will be contacted by the Helper Program Director to solicit their participation in Helper Tryouts for 2007 and Beyond National Events. The contact will occur in writing at least two (2) months prior to the Tryout for the Event.

### **Section 16.2.3: Helper Tryouts for 2005, 2006 and 2007 and Beyond National Events**

The Tryouts for the year's North American Championship and HOT Tournament will be held after the Annual Helper College, which is held in conjunction with the preceding year's GSD-National Championship. The Tryouts for the year's GSD-National Championship will be held in conjunction with a Helper Seminar, at least four (4) months prior to the National Event and, if possible, at the same venue as the year's Judges College or the year's North American Championship. The Helper Selection Criteria and Exercises to be performed during the Tryouts are described in Section 16.3.

### **Section 16.2.4: Helper Selection for 2005, 2006 and 2007 and Beyond National Events**

The selection of Helpers for 2005, 2006 and 2007 and Beyond National Events will be performed by a minimum of three (3) Members of the Helper Committee. Should the Helper Committee not be able to fulfill this obligation, the Helper Committee may delegate two (2) of the required three (3) positions to people they deem capable of performing this role.

Four (4) Helpers will be selected for each 2005, 2006 and 2007 and Beyond National Event as described in Section 16.3. Announcement of the names of the four (4) Helpers selected will occur no later than one week after the Tryout. The four (4) Helpers will then engage in a Final Tryout on the day preceding the start of the National Event for which they have been selected. The Final Tryout will be used to determine the Helper's assignment as either:

- SchH/VPG 3 Front-Half Helper for the GSD-National Championship, North American Championship or HOT Tournament;
- SchH/VPG 3 Back-Half Helper for the GSD-National Championship, North American Championship or HOT Tournament;
- SchH/VPG 1 or 2 Helper for the HOT Tournament; or
- Alternate.

## **Section 16.3: Helper Selection Criteria, Exercises and Form**

Helper selection will be based on the Helper's performance of either the Protection Exercises for SchH/VPG 3 or the Attack-on-Handler and Long Attack Exercises as appropriate for the National Event. The Exercises will be performed under simulated Trial conditions, including but not limited to: field setup, distances/directions for the Escape or Attack on Handler, Re-Attacks with Drives, Long Attack and direction by the Judge. The Evaluation will consider numerous aspects of the Helper's performance; including, but not limited to the following.

- A. Is the Helper under control at all times?
- B. Does the Helper's performance reflect that the safety of the dog, Judge and him/her self is paramount?
- C. Does the Helper know the Protection Exercises?
- D. Does the Helper take/follow direction from the Protection Judge?
- E. Does the Helper perform equally with a dog that he/she is familiar with and one that he/she is unfamiliar with?

Each Tryout is divided into an Initial Evaluation and a Final Selection. During the Initial Evaluation, the Helper may use a dog with whom he/she is familiar with. During the Final Selection, the Helper must use a dog with whom he/she is unfamiliar with.

The Exercises that a Helper will be evaluated on are shown on the Helper Tryout Form presented in Appendix H. The Helper will receive a score for each Exercise that they perform. A score of zero (0) on any Exercise will result in immediate disqualification from the Tryout. No exceptions will be made to this criteria. The front-half and back-half Exercises will be subtotaled separately. The total score (i.e., sum of the subtotals) will be used to identify the four (4) best Helper performances. The subtotals will then be used to distinguish the two (2) Helpers who perform the front-half or back-half Exercises better out of the four (4) remaining Helpers.

#### **Section 16.4: Restrictions**

The four (4) Helpers selected **shall not** work dogs entered in a National Event after the close of entries for the Event and **shall not** derive personal income from being selected as a Helper for a National Event. Any violation of these restrictions will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will result in suspension of the Helper's Trial Helper Privileges (i.e., Trial Helper Record Book) as described in Section 12.4.

### **SECTION 17: EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

#### **Section 17.1: Helper Seminars and Helper Evaluations**

Teaching Helpers shall be provided per diem and reimbursement of expenses for Helper Seminars and Helper Evaluations they conduct. The per diem and reimbursement shall be made by the Host Region and/or Club. The per diem rate and reimbursable expenses will be the same as those outlined in the Judges Program.

#### **Section 17.2: Expense Reimbursement**

Travel and hotel accommodations for the four (4) Helpers selected for a National Event will be the responsibility of the Event Host, and shall include: roundtrip transportation (e.g., airfare, rental car, or driving, which shall be reimbursed at the current year's Federal Mileage Rate), accommodations and per diem of \$50.00 per day of the Event. The maximum reimbursement amount per Helper is \$500 per Event. The Host Club shall also provide two (2) banquet tickets and a two (2) stadium passes for each Helper for the Event.

### **SECTION 18: AWARDS**

The Helper Committee will acknowledge those USA Members whose past efforts have played a vital role in building a strong foundation for safe and proper helperwork in USA. Those Members will be recognized and awarded with the Classification of Teaching Helper Emeritus.

Other individual or group awards on a Regional and/or National Level may be developed by the Helper Committee in the future. The purpose of these awards will be to recognize Helpers who have shown outstanding advancement in and/or service to the Helper Program.

**HELPER PROGRAM CURRICULUM – TEXT**

**Section I: Helper Regulations**

- A. Requirements for the employment as Helper in phase "C"
- a. The guidelines and Regulations of the Trial Regulations regarding helperwork must be followed.
  - b. The Helper in phase "C" is the assistant of the Judge on the day of the Trial.
  - c. For his personal safety as well as liability reasons, the Helper must wear protective clothing (protective pants, protective jacket, sleeve, cup and if necessary gloves) when doing helperwork during training and Trials.
  - d. The shoes of the Helper must be suitable for different weather/ground conditions. The shoes must provide the Helper secure stance and good traction.
  - e. Before phase "C" starts, the Helper receives instructions from the Judge. The Helper must perform the helperwork in accordance to the Judge's instructions.
  - f. The Helper must follow the Handler's instructions during the disarming/search of the Helper in accordance to the Trial Regulations. The Helper must give the Handler the opportunity to put the dog in a basic position before the side/back transport begins.
  - g. In Club Trials, it is allowed to work with one Helper. If there are more than five dogs entered at an examination level, it is mandatory to employ two Helpers. At National Level Events, a minimum of two Helpers must be used. In all these events, it is permitted to use a Helper who lives in the same household as one of the Handlers.
- B. Regulations concerning the conduct of Trial Helpers:
- a. In general: During a Trial the Judge is supposed to evaluate the training level and if possible the quality of a dog (for example instinctive behavior, ability to cope with stress, self-confidence and obedience). The Judge can objectively evaluate what he/she visually and acoustically observes during the course of the Trial. This factor and the aspect of maintaining fair Trial conditions throughout the Trial (which means offering the same conditions for all participants, if possible) makes it essential that the helperwork gives the Judge a clear picture of a dog's performance. Therefore, it cannot be left up to the Helper how phase "C" is structured. Furthermore, the Helper has to follow certain rules. During the Trial, the Judge has to check the most important evaluation criteria concerning the individual elements of the exercises during phase "C" of the Trial. These elements are for example the ability to cope with stress, self-confidence, instinctive behavior, obedience. Furthermore, he must evaluate the quality of the grip of the dogs that are shown. Therefore, in order for the Judge to evaluate the quality of the grip, the Helper must give the dog a chance to get a good grip on the sleeve. Or, in order to evaluate the ability to cope with stress, it is necessary that the Helper inflicts pressure on the dog through corresponding action. Therefore, it is desirable that the Helpers perform the helperwork in the most uniform manner possible, so that these elements can be evaluated.
  - b. "Hold and Bark" (Examination Levels 1-3): The Helper stands not visible to the Handler and dog with a slightly angulated sleeve, motionless and without threatening body posture in the assigned blind. The sleeve serves as body protection. The Helper is to watch the dog during the hold and bark. Additional motivation (agitation) as well as help of any kind are not permitted. The Helper is to hold the soft stick on his/her side, pointing down. If a dog bothers or grips the Helper, the Helper may not react with any defensive movements.
  - c. "Prevention of an Attempted Escape of the Helper" (Examination Levels 1-3): After the hold and bark exercise, the Helper is called out of the blind by the Handler. The Helper steps out of the blind at a normal pace and takes position in a spot designated by the Judge (marked escape position). The position assumed by the Helper must allow the

Handler to put his/her dog in a down position to the side of the Helper in a spot designated by the Judge. The distance from the dog to the Helper should be about 5 paces so the dog can assume the down position on the side of the Helper that is protected by the sleeve: It must be apparent to the Handler in which direction the Helper is going to move for the escape bite. Upon a signal from the Judge, the Helper makes a sudden attempt to escape at a fast pace and in a straight line without displaying exaggerated or out of control movements. The protective sleeve is not to be moved around in addition to any normal movement to offer the dog an optimal bite. The Helper may under no circumstances turn towards the dog during the escape. The Helper may have the dog in his/her field of vision. The Helper must refrain from pulling the sleeve away. As soon as the dog has a grip on the sleeve the Helper continues to run in a straight line while pulling the sleeve, while in running, close to his/her body. The Judge determines how far the Helper moves away for the escape. The Helper stops the escape upon receiving a signal from the Judge. An adequately energetic performance of the Helper during the escape offers the Judge an ideal opportunity for an evaluation. Any type of help offered by the Helper, for example excessive offering of the sleeve before the dog engages, verbal agitation or hitting the soft stick against the pant leg of the protective suit before or during the escape, holding the sleeve without the necessary tension after the dog engages, slowing down as well as stopping the escape independently, etc. is prohibited. Section II is provided for additional technical reference in regards to the Escape. Stopping the "Prevention of an Attempted Escape of the Helper" is presented in "h." below and applies to all exercises.

- d. "Defense of the Dog during Guarding Phase" (Examination Levels 1-3): After the guarding phase, upon a signal from the Judge, the Helper makes an attack on the dog. The soft stick is to be utilized by making threatening motions with it above the protective sleeve, without hitting the dog. At the same time, the Helper is attacking the dog frontally by driving the dog forward with corresponding resistance, without additional movement of the sleeve. The sleeve is to be held close to the body. Once the dog has a grip on the sleeve, the Helper places the dog, out of motion, to the side and the pressure phase begins in a straight direction. The Helper must drive all dogs in the same direction. Therefore, the Judge must position himself/herself in such a manner that it is possible to observe and evaluate how the dog acts while attacking, during the pressure phase, evaluate the grip, the release and the guarding phase. Driving the dog towards the Handler is not permitted. The hits with the soft stick are to be placed on the dog's shoulders and in the area of the withers. The intensity of the stick hits has to be the same for all dogs. The first hit is applied after 4-5 paces, the second hit after 4-5 more paces during the pressure phase. After the second stick hit additional pressure, without stick hits, is to be demonstrated by the Helper. The Judge determines the duration of the pressure phase. The Helper stops the pressure phase, on a signal from the Judge. An adequately energetic performance of the Helper during the attack offers the Judge an ideal opportunity for an evaluation. Any type of help offered by the Helper, for example offering of the sleeve before the dog engages, verbal agitation or hitting the soft stick against the pant leg of the protective suit before the attack starts, holding the sleeve without the necessary tension after the dog engages and during the pressure phase, inconsistent intensity during the pressure phase and of the stick hits, stopping the attack independently if the dog shows an insufficient ability to cope with pressure, etc. is prohibited. For additional technical reference for this exercise refer to Section III, Driving. Stopping this exercise is presented in "h." below and applies to all exercises.
- e. "Back Transport" (Examination Levels 2 and 3): The Helper demonstrates a back transport over a distance of about 30 paces, at a normal pace, upon receiving an order from the Handler to move out. The Judge determines the course of the transport. The Helper is not allowed to make any sudden moves during the back transport. The soft stick and the sleeve are to be carried in such a manner that they do not present any additional stimulation for the dog. The soft stick in particular is to be carried out of the dog's sight. The Helper is to move at the same pace for all dogs.



- f. "Attack on the Dog Out of the Back Transport" (Examination Levels 2 and 3): The attack out of the back transport is performed out of motion and upon a signal from the Judge. The Helper performs the attack by making a dynamic left or right turn and running energetically towards the dog. The soft stick is utilized by making threatening motions above the sleeve. The protective sleeve is to be carried in front of the Helper, close to the body. Any additional movement of the sleeve is to be avoided. Once the dog has a grip on the sleeve, the Helper places the dog, out of motion, to the side and the pressure phase begins in a straight direction. The Helper must drive all dogs in the same direction. Therefore, the Judge must position himself/herself in such a manner that it is possible to observe and evaluate how the dog acts while attacking, during the pressure phase, evaluate the grip, the release and the guarding phase. Driving the dog towards the Handler is not permitted. The Judge determines the duration of the pressure phase. On a signal from the Judge, the Helper stops the pressure phase. An adequately energetic performance of the Helper during the attack offers the Judge an ideal opportunity for an evaluation. Any type of help offered by the Helper, for example, the Helper swerves extremely to one side before the dog engages, offering of the sleeve before the dog engages, verbal agitation or hitting the soft stick against the pant leg of the protective suit as the attack starts, holding the sleeve without the necessary tension after the dog engages and during the pressure phase, inconsistent intensity during the pressure phase, stopping the attack independently if the dog shows an insufficient ability to cope with pressure, etc. is prohibited. For additional technical reference regarding this exercise refer to Section IV, Catching. Stopping this exercise is presented in "h." below and applies to all exercises.
- g. "Attack on the Dog Out of Motion" (Examination Levels 1-3): On a signal from the Judge, the Helper leaves the assigned blind and moves to the centerline at a normal walking pace for Examination Level 1 and at a running pace for Examination Levels 2 and 3). The Handler orders the Helper verbally to stop. The Helper ignores the instruction and from a walking pace goes directly to a running pace and performs a frontal attack on the Handler and the dog while yelling and making threatening motions with the soft stick for Examination Level 1. Without interrupting the running pace, the Helper performs a frontal attack on the Handler and the dog while yelling and making threatening motions with the soft stick for Examination Levels 2 and 3). The dog must be caught with an elastic sleeve position, without the Helper coming to a halt. When catching the dog, the Handler must make a turn with his/her body if necessary to absorb the dog's momentum. Under no circumstances may the Handler run around the dog. Once the dog has a grip on the sleeve, the Helper places the dog, out of motion, to the side and the pressure phase begins in a straight direction. It must be prevented under any circumstances to overrun the dog. The Helper must drive all dogs in the same direction. Therefore, the Judge must position himself/herself in such a manner that it is possible to observe and evaluate how the dog acts while attacking, during the pressure phase, evaluate the grip, the release and the guarding phase. Driving the dog towards the Handler is not permitted. The Judge determines the duration of the pressure phase. On a signal from the Judge, the Helper stops the pressure phase. An adequately energetic performance of the Helper during the attack offers the Judge an ideal opportunity for an evaluation. Any type of help offered by the Helper, for example slowing down while attacking, catching the dog while standing still, the Helper swerves extremely to one side before the dog engages, running around the dog, offering of the sleeve before the dog engages, holding the sleeve without the necessary tension after the dog engages and during the pressure phase, inconsistent intensity during the pressure phase, stopping the attack independently if the dog shows an insufficient ability to cope with pressure, etc. is prohibited. For additional technical reference regarding this exercise refer to Section IV, Catching. Stopping this exercise is presented in "h." below and applies to all exercises.
- h. "Stopping the Exercise" (applies to all exercises): The stopping of all defense exercises must be conducted in such a manner that the Judge can observe the grip, the out and the guarding phase of the dog (do not stop the exercise with your back turned towards the Judge, maintain eye contact with the Judge). Upon stopping the defense exercise, the

Helper must reduce the resistance against the dog. The Helper is to stop the stimulation through movement without noticeably relaxing the arm with the sleeve. The protective sleeve is not to be carried high but remains in the same position it was in during the previous exercise. The soft stick is to be held on the side of the body pointing downward, invisible for the dog. The Helper is not allowed to provide any help for the dog to release. After the dog releases, the Helper maintains eye contact with the dog. Additional stimulation as well as help of any kind is not permitted. If the dog circles the Helper during the holding phase, in order to keep an eye on the dog, the Helper is allowed to turn with the dog, slowly and without any sudden movements.

- i. "Insecurities and Failure of the Dog": The Helper has to continue to pressure a dog that does not engage or comes off the sleeve during a pressure phase, until the Judge terminates the exercise. The Helper is in no circumstance allowed to provide any kind of help or stop the exercise independently. Dogs that do not release may not be influenced by the Helper through body posture or movement of the soft stick to release. The Helper is not allowed to make dogs that have a tendency to leave the Helper during the holding phase, stay with the Helper by stimulating the dog. In all the exercises or parts of the exercises, the Helper must present himself/herself active or neutral in accordance with the Trial Regulations. If a dog bumps or grips the Helper during the holding phase, the Helper must avoid making defensive motions.

## **Section II: Technical Instruction for the Exercise “Prevention of an Escape Attempt by the Helper”**

The Helper is called out of the blind by the Handler and moves to a designated position (marked escape position) at a normal pace. This position must allow the Handler to put his dog in a down at the sleeve side of the Helper at a distance of approximately 5 paces. In order for the Handler to position his dog correctly, the direction of the impending escape must be recognizable for the Handler.

Upon a signal from the Judge the Helper makes an escape attempt at a quick and energetic pace in a straight line without running exaggeratedly and out of control. The sleeve itself is not put into motion; the dog should have an optimal opportunity to make the bite. The Helper is not permitted to turn towards the dog during the escape attempt, but he may keep the dog in his field of vision. The Helper may not pull the sleeve away from the dog. Once the dog has gripped the sleeve, the Helper continues to run in a straight line and while moving pulls the sleeve close to his body.

To perform this exercise in accordance with the above-described guideline several technical pieces warrant closer examination.

The Helper's start position is a crucial part of the exercise. In order to perform a fast running start, the foot position of the Helper has to allow him to burst into his escape run without further adjustment. That means the Helper has to be comfortable with the width of his stance, the set up of his feet, and the position of his upper body and arms. There is little time to make adjustments between the start of the escape and the point of impact of the dog. So if the start position is not correct, the exercise will be difficult to perform.

The sleeve may not be set in motion during the escape; therefore its position should be already set in the start position. The sleeve should be at the side of the body; the Helper's hand inside the sleeve should be forward enough that it is in front of the hipbone. The arm should be held at an angle slightly greater than 90 degrees with the elbow behind the hip of the Helper. The bite bar should be angled downwards and slightly backwards so it faces the dog. If the Helper sets his sleeve arm up as if he is attempting to put his hand in his pants pocket it should approximate the correct position.

The speed of the escape determines the level of control the Helper will have during this exercise. Speed and stride length causes Helpers more difficulty during this exercise causes Helpers the most difficulties. Helpers who run too close to their maximum speed will surely lose balance upon the impact of the dog. Helpers who run too slowly commonly have the dogs knock the sleeve arm forward, which often leads to tripping and loss of balance. Many Helpers also vary the speed by slowing down as the dog grips the sleeve, which either leads to the dog knocking the sleeve ahead of the Helper's body causing tripping and loss of balance or the dog suddenly drops his weight to stop the Helper causing the Helper to lose his

forward direction and his balance. Slowing down to handle the dog's impact is a very natural thing to do, and therefore very common. But it is technically one of the worst things a Helper can do in that exercise.

The Helper should control his speed by bursting into the escape at a pace that still allows him some degree of acceleration during his run without having to go beyond his own limits.

In order for the dog to catch the Helper he has to run faster than the Helper until the moment he grips the sleeve. Therefore, there will always be a moment at which one side of the Helper's body experiences a weight and speed change. Expecting this speed change and being prepared for it allows the Helper to maintain control during the exercise.

The Helper runs quickly but at less than maximum speed, then at the moment the dog grips the sleeve he accelerates slightly to balance out the impact the dog has on his body during the run. This helps maintain speed, direction, and control over not only his own body but also the additional weight of the dog, which is now attached to the body of the Helper. During this slight acceleration the Helper pulls the sleeve (now with the dog attached) close to his body and ensures that his hand inside the sleeve stays in front and pressed against his own hip. This enables the Helper to use his entire body to hold and move the dog, not only his arm.

Of course running speed cannot be discussed without mentioning stride length. It is natural for Helpers to lengthen their stride when running fast. Yet again, what comes natural is not ideal in the performance of this exercise. The Helper should concentrate on keeping his stride length very short. The legs should move quickly and give the appearance of pumping pistons. This gives the Helper the ability to maintain his balance and move even heavy dogs along without losing control. It also avoids the danger of having the dog's legs get between his own as he runs and tripping.

Throughout the exercise the Helper has to work with power and be in control not only of his own body, but also the dog. Power does not always have to equal strength. Power can come from proper application of technique as well. Helpers who learn how to use their own body to control the dog can exert sufficient power to perform this exercise correctly.

During the portion of the escape when the dog is on the sleeve, the Helper has to ensure that his body alignment is such that the strongest parts of his body are opposing the weight and force of the dog. This means, shoulder and back to lift the dog; midsection and hips to anchor the dog's weight; and the legs to push forward. Each Helper has to learn how to align his body to allow the proper power transfer. It requires that shoulders and hips face the direction of the escape. Turning towards the dog, or taking large strides which turn the hip will not allow that. The weight of the dog is on the shoulder and back. The pulling force of the dog is against the hips. The only motor driving the Helper and the dog forward are his legs. So a slight body lean may be necessary to line legs, hip, back, and shoulder up in such a way as to effectively oppose the dog's efforts.

The escape is the first exercise during which the dog grips the Helper, ensuring proper set up, correct running speed and stride length, and how to properly control the dog with power allows the Helper to perform this exercise safely in accordance with Trial Regulations.

### **Section III: Technical Instruction for the Exercise "Driving a Dog"**

Driving a dog is required during all attack exercises on the dog. These exercises are "Attack on the Dog During the Guarding Phase", "Attack on the Dog out of Motion", and "Attack on the Dog out of the Back Transport". During the exercise "Attack on the Dog During the Guarding Phase" two stick hits are performed, during all other drives the stick is used to threaten the dog. The drive itself is referred to in the Trial rules as the "pressure phase", the term "to drive" in German is "bedrängen", which means pushing, crowding, pressuring. It is important for Helpers to understand what the intent of the action really is.

During all drives the Helper has to place the dog alongside his body and he has to perform the drive in a straight line, and in a manner that allows the Judge to observe the dog, his behavior during the pressure phase, his grip behavior, and the subsequent release and guarding phase. Driving the dog towards the Handler is not permitted.

To perform a drive correctly the Helper has to ensure that his drive has the following elements.

- A. Physical control over the dog.
- B. Physical and psychological pressure and confrontation against the dog.
- C. Sustained threat and dominance against the dog throughout the drive.

- D. Correct use of the soft stick during the drive and especially when placing the stick hits.
- E. Speed while it plays a role is not a required element. The Helper should never give up control, power, and confrontation for speed. It is also not the duty of the Helper to go to extremes to pressure dogs or to use the stick in a manner intended to injure any dog. A drive should be a controlled exercise during which a controlled degree of pressure is exerted over the dog for evaluation purposes.

There are three technical forms of driving. Helpers may have one preferred style and technique but should always be familiar with all three techniques in order to perform their duty correctly with all dogs. The three driving techniques are: (i) the running drive; (ii) the step-skip drive; and (iii) the power-skip drive. The major differences between the drives are footwork and sleeve position.

### **The Running Drive**

The running drive requires the Helper to be able to hold the dog on the sleeve high enough so the sleeve is held approximately across the Helper's chest and close to his body. It is not necessary to lift a dog into that position. The dynamic motion of a catch during an attack or the momentum of the dog during an attack from the guarding phase allows the Helper to bring the sleeve to that level. The Helper should use his shoulder and back muscles to hold the sleeve in that position during the drive. It is very difficult and tiring to try to lift a dog into that position before a drive. So the Helper should learn the technique to place the dog into that position.

The Helper has to maintain a square shoulder position against the dog in order to exert proper confrontation and threat. The body of the dog is placed along the side of the Helper's body opposite to his sleeve arm. The Helper has to take care to control the dog's body enough to keep him from interfering with his leg action.

The Helper's legs move in a running motion as the name implies, however the run has to be performed in such a manner that the steps are kept short, the cross over distance of his thighs is minimal, and that the knee action is high and short like pumping pistons. This will allow more pushing power, more control, and minimize loss of balance and tripping.

The Helper's hips should be facing the same direction as his shoulders to ensure straight power transfer from the legs into the upper body in order to move the dog.

The Helper has to be able to maintain visual contact with the dog not only to know where the dog is at all times, but also to exert psychological pressure on the dog and aim correctly with the stick. The stick and stick arm should always be kept over the head and shoulders of the dog to maintain continuous threat. The only dominance that is exerted against the dog during this drive is the keeping the dog off the ground and some psychological dominance through eye contact.

This drive suits fast, athletic Helpers well as long as they make certain they can provide all the required elements in the drive. Simply running along side a dog, or running while pulling a dog along behind is not correct and does not allow the Judge to assess the dog's behavior under sustained pressure.

### **The Step-Skip Drive**

The step skip drive gives the Helper slightly more physical control over the dog and allows him to show a great degree of dominance and threat against the dog during the entire performance. The sleeve is held across the body of the Helper near the bottom of his rib cage. Most dogs are not far off the ground. The Helper is slightly bent over the top of the dog exerting threat and dominance against the dog with maximum ability to show the dog the stick. It also allows for great accuracy during stick hits. The sleeve is held close to the body by the Helper's mid section thereby using the Helper's own weight and momentum against the dog. The weight of the dog is held on the back and shoulders of the Helper. The foot and leg movement during this drive is crucial. The Helper uses the leg on the side he carries the sleeve on as his lead leg and this leg stays in the lead throughout the entire drive. Since the dog is not completely lifted off the ground, the back leg of the Helper has to perform two functions. It lifts the body of the Helper and with it the dog's weight upwards while it propels the body of the Helper and the attached dog forward. The lead leg merely steers the drive and provides stability.

The hip should be slightly turned so the side of the lead leg leads and the side of the back leg is turned slightly backwards. By maintaining this turn of the hip, the Helper ensures that the power generated by the back leg is transferred forwards and upwards in a straight line into the midsection of the Helper, which pushes against the dog. The Helper's legs provide the power and motor to the drive and alignment is very important. If the Helper crosses his legs during this drive and by doing so moves his hip, he will lose a lot of his power and control.

The skipping action is performed in rapid succession creating a powerful and controlled drive. The upper body as described faces the dog and creates threat and dominance against him. The stick should be kept above the dog's head and shoulders so it is visible and threatening to the dog throughout the drive.

This drive allows for very good control and exertion of pressure on the dog. The movements are very controlled and can be performed by any Helper. This drive lacks some of the speed of the running drive and may be difficult with some fast dogs that try to outrun the Helper to escape his pressure.

### **The Power-Skip Drive**

This drive is a power drive to be used for dogs that are extremely difficult to drive and control. There is no other way to describe it that to say that the dog is literally pushed along despite all his efforts to stop the Helper. The sleeve position for this drive is very low, directly against the hip of the Helper. The front and lead leg is bent; the back leg has to push in a direct line against the hip that has the sleeve held against it.

The Helper has his upper body over the dog, he has to use his entire upper body to control the weight of the dog from side to side to ensure that the sleeve stays lined up with the lead leg hip. The lead leg has to be set low in a way that allows most of the force generated by the extension of the back leg to be going forward against the hip that has the sleeve against it. With strong powerful forward pushes, the dog is moved one step at a time. This looks much like the lunges of a speed skater, but only one leg is used to do the driving forward.

The stick and stick arm should provide threat directly over the head and shoulders of the dog. Emphasis during this drive is to ensure that the dog despite his efforts to stop the Helper from physically controlling him does not succeed and feels physically controlled by the Helper. Every Helper should learn to perform this drive to ensure that he can pressure even the most difficult dogs with all elements of a drive, including physical control.

**Note:** Driving a dog is one of the most important functions of a Trial Helper in aiding the Judge in his assessment of the dog. Helpers need to ensure they can drive all dogs safely and have all required elements in each drive. No matter which style of driving a Helper prefers, some dogs will make things difficult for him. Driving is not about speed, appearance, or style; it is about applying the necessary pressure on each dog to allow the Judge to make his evaluation. And in order to do this job effectively, all Helpers should make the effort to familiarize themselves with all three drives.

### **Section IV: Technical Instruction for Catching a Dog in the Exercise “Attack on the Dog Out of Motion”**

After the Helper reaches the centerline, he attacks the Handler and dog frontally, by running directly toward them while trying to chase the dog away through yelling and by making threatening gestures with the soft stick. In order to not reduce the attack speed, the initial running pace should not be too exaggerated. It is better to begin the attack at a more moderate speed and if possible to accelerate somewhat than to begin too fast and out of control and have to slow down. Shortly before the dog is caught the Helper should reduce the length of his strides so that he has the opportunity to position himself optimally for the catch.

The Helper should hold the sleeve at his side up until the moment he offers it during the catch itself. Then he must hold the sleeve in such a way that he provides enough elasticity so that he does not jam the dog. That means the sleeve should be held somewhat away from the body so that the force of the dog can be absorbed slightly by letting it give a bit. The Helper should pay attention that the sleeve is not offered too low to dogs that jump very early and attack high. That way he can avoid flinging the dog upward, which so often leads to spinal injuries.

According to the Trial Regulations the dog should be caught without the Helper coming to a halt. A better description is to say that the Helper should not be coming to a stand still **before** the actual catch. In order to have an optimal opportunity to grip, the dog has to have a target point at which he can aim. That means that the target point should not change for the dog once he leaves the ground. Which in turn means that **at** or **after** the point at which the dog launches the sleeve should no longer be moving. Which is only possible if the Helper stands still for a fraction of a second. It is after all physically impossible for a dog to change direction once he has left the ground. The exact point of the catch is defined as follows: the exact point in time at which the dog launches or reaches up to make contact with the sleeve is the moment of the catch. Exactly at this point in time the Helper **must** be standing still for a fraction of a second. Therefore it is also important to take short strides before the catch so the Helper can optimally control his body positioning.

The Helper has to position himself in such a way that he is standing in a forward stepping position. It is very important to pay attention that during a right catch the right leg is set back and the left leg is set forward and during a left catch the left leg is set back and the right leg is set forward. It does not matter whether the Helper wears a right or left sleeve, the leg position has to be adhered to as described above. This leg positioning allows the Helper's body to twist to the right or to the left at the moment of contact in such a way as to catch and intercept the momentum of the dog without losing his balance and without the dog colliding hard into the Helper. The Helper merely lets a twisting motion of his hip with a slight body turn happen, which is caused by the momentum of the dog.

If the sleeve is held in an elastic manner as described above and positioned in a way that the re-direction of the dog's momentum can be steered in a controlled way, then the Helper can catch the dog with the necessary hip twist, place him along his side (in the pocket) and go straight into the drive.

What does that look like?

A dog that comes at the Helper without slowing down and then only reaches up to grip the sleeve bumps the Helper during the grip in a way that the slightly turned hip (right or left, set up through the forward stepping position and leg positioning) twists backwards. This hip twist causes the body of the Helper to turn so that the body axis of the Helper acts like a hinge to steer the momentum of the dog. As soon as the momentum is caught in a way that the Helper can dictate the direction he can take the dog, he places the dog along his side (in the pocket) and goes into the drive.

A dog that jumps very high should be offered a higher target. The catch is performed as above where the dog causes the Helper to twist as he makes contact. However, with the target set higher the Helper gives himself the opportunity to "pull the dog out of the air" and to steer the dog's momentum downwards as well as twisting with him. Therefore the Helper can direct the momentum of the dog during his twisting motion downwards, set the dog on the ground, and can go straight into the drive out of this catch as well.

This catching technique allows the Helper to attack a dog frontally and to stay on the same path at all times without stepping around the dog, evading the dog, or lessening the attack speed. It also allows the Helper to control the direction of the drive, which is also advantageous for consistent Helperwork.

### **Section V: Breed Survey and Sieger Show Exercise "Attack on Handler"**

The attack on Handler is just that, the Handler not the dog. The Helper should wait out of sight in the blind. Under no circumstances can the Helper attack before the Judge's command, even if the dog breaks from the Handler out of control for the blind. When called or signaled to attack, the Helper will come out of the blind and attack in the general direction of the Handler with a threatening posture and a high stick. The protective sleeve is to be carried in front of the Helper close to the body. Any additional movement of the sleeve is to be avoided. Once the dog has a grip, the Helper places the dog, out of motion to the side and the pressure phase begins in a straight direction. The Helper must drive all the dogs in the same direction. Therefore, the Judge must position himself/herself in such a manner that it is possible to observe and evaluate how the dog acts while attacking, during the pressure phase, evaluate the grip, the release and the guarding phase. Driving the dog towards the Handler is not permitted. The hits with the soft stick are to be placed on the dog's shoulders and the area of the withers. The intensity of the stick hits has to be the same for all the dogs. The first hit is applied after 4-5 paces, the second hit after 4-5 more paces during the pressure phase. After the second stick hit additional pressure without stick hits is to be demonstrated. **Note:** If the dog should fail to bite during the attack, the Helper must continue to attack until stopped by command of the Trial Judge. Stopping of this exercise is presented above in Section I, B, h. For additional technical reference regarding this exercise refer to Section III, Driving. For additional technical reference regarding this exercise refer to Section IV, Catching.

## **APPENDIX B: HELPER PROGRAM CURRICULUM - VIDEO**

### **HELPER PROGRAM CURRICULUM – VIDEO**

The Helper Program Curriculum Video is under development.

**APPENDIX C: HELPER EVALUATION FORM**

<b>UNITED SCHUTZHUND CLUBS OF AMERICA</b> <b>HELPER EVALUATION FORM</b>		
Location:		
Evaluator Name and Title:		
Name:	USA Helper Book No.:	USA Member No.:
<b>GRADES</b> <b>Pass</b> – Procedurally correct with the VDH Trial Regulations, is under control while performing the Exercise, takes direction from the Judge while performing the Exercise, and performs the Exercise in a manner that is safe for the dog, Judge and him/her self. <b>Fail</b> – Not procedurally correct with VDH Trial Regulations (e.g., feeding the dog the sleeve during the escape bite), out or lack of control (e.g., inability to drive dog and place stick hits at proper interval), does not take direction from the Judge while performing the Exercise or unsafe (e.g., endangerment of dog and self) while performing the Exercise or improper presentation of the dog to the Judge (e.g., the dog’s back is presented away from the Handler).		
<b>SchH/VPG 3 EXERCISES</b>		
Exercise 1:	Hold and Bark in "Find" Blind	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 2:	Escape Bite	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 3:	Lockup for Out from Escape Bite	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 4:	Re-Attack with Drive and Stick Hits after Escape Bite	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 5:	Lockup for Out from Re-Attack with Drive and Stick Hits (Front Half Work)	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 6:	Presence and Preparedness during Back Transport	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 7:	Safe but Threatening Engagement (catch) of Dog from Back Transport	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 8:	Fluid (smooth) Transition to Drive from Long Bite engagement (catch)	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 9:	Threat presence while running towards dog for Long Bite	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 10:	Safe but Threatening Engagement (catch) of Dog during Long Bite	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 11:	Fluid (smooth) Transition to Drive from Long Bite Engagement (catch)	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 12:	Lockup for Out from Long Bite	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 13:	Re-Attack with Drive and Stick Hits after Long Bite	



Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 14:	Lockup for Out from Re-Attack with Drive and Stick Hits (Back Half Work)	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
ATTACK-ON-HANDLER EXERCISES		
Exercise 15:	Preparedness for Attack-Out-of-Blind	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 16:	Threat presence while moving towards dog during Frontal Attack	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 17:	Safe but Threatening Engagement (catch) of Dog from Attack-Out-of-Blind	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 18:	Fluid (smooth) Transition to Drive from Attack-Out-of-Blind Engagement (catch)	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Exercise 19:	Lockup for Out from Attack-Out-of-Blind	
Rating:	Pass	Fail
Under Control:	Was the Helper UNDER CONTROL at ALL TIMES?	
Rating:	YES	NO
Directability:	Does the Helper take direction while working a dog?	
Rating:	YES	NO
Proper Equipment:	Does the Helper have cleats, bite-bar sleeve, pants, jacket and padded stick?	
Rating:	YES	NO

## APPENDIX D: HELPER EVALUATION WRITTEN EXAMINATION

### HELPER EVALUATION WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The Helper Evaluation Written Examination will include twenty or more questions that will be changed periodically by the National Helper Committee, similar to the process for the BH Written Exam. The following ten questions are examples.

1. The correct arm to be used during a Trial is:
  - a. the arm that you have trained with
  - b. a soft arm
  - c. an arm with a bite bar
  - d. only a new arm and cover
  
2. In a Trial only Helpers that are right handed (sleeve on the left arm) may do helperwork  
True                      False
  
3. What type of stick or whip may be used in a Trial ?
  - a. any whip
  - b. a rattan / reed stick
  - c. a soft padded stick
  - d. the Helper's choice
  
4. If the dog does not stay in the blind it is OK for the Helper to make slight attraction / noise to help the dog in a Trial.  
True                      False
  
5. When the Helper is called out of the blind he/she should:
  - a. walk out to the escape position, keeping an eye on the dog
  - b. walk out to the escape position with his back to the dog
  - c. walk out to the escape position and move the arms and stick in a excited manner
  
6. If the dog attempts to grip the Helper somewhere other than the sleeve it is OK for the Helper to defend himself using the sleeve  
True                      False
  
7. On Trial day the Helper's job is to:
  - a. help the Handler and dog by providing safe and consistent work
  - b. help the Club by working the dogs in the Trial
  - c. help the Judge, evaluate the dog by providing safe and consistent work
  
8. A Trial Helper should always do his/her best to safely and consistently and with good sportsmanship work all dogs in a Trial.  
True                      False
  
9. A protection jacket is required to do helperwork in all USA Trials.  
True                      False
  
10. In what Examination Level does the Helper run out of the blind for the long attack?
  - a. SchH 1
  - b. SchH 2
  - c. SchH 3
  - d. Both b and c
  - e. All of the above

**APPENDIX E: HELPER RELEASE FORM**

**WAIVER  
INFORMED CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM**

I wish to participate/view the United Schutzhund Clubs of America Helper Program/Seminar (hereinafter referred to as the “program”) and to use the equipment, facilities and services (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “facilities”) made available by the program. I agree that my participation/viewing of the program and the use of the facilities are and will at all times be at my own risk. I will be responsible for my actions, the actions of any minor(s) under my supervision and for any animal(s) that I choose to handle in the program.

I hereby agree to accept all risks associated with the use of the facilities made available to me as a participant/viewer of the program and that the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, the Helper Committee, Official Teaching Helpers, \_\_\_\_\_ (Region?/Local Club?, etc.) have made no guarantees or representations as to the quality and suitability of the facilities for any purpose. I acknowledge that I will seek medical advice from a doctor regarding my participation/viewing of the program or use of any facilities. I agree to report any signs or symptoms of distress or abnormalities to the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, the Helper Committee, Official Teaching Helpers, \_\_\_\_\_ (Region/Local Club, etc.) and hereby consent to the administration of any resuscitation measures deemed advisable by such person.

In consideration for my participation/viewing of the program and use of the facilities, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, do hereby release and forever discharge the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, the Helper Committee, Official Teaching Helpers, \_\_\_\_\_ (Region/Local Club, etc.) their employees, agents, successors and assigns, from all manner of actions, causes of actions, claims, demands or damages whatsoever which may have arisen or may in the future arise for or by reason of any damage, loss or injury to property or person (including death) which I have sustained or which I may in the future sustain, as a consequence of my participation/viewing of the program or use of the facilities.

I have read the foregoing, and I understand it. Any questions which have arisen or occurred to me have been answered to my satisfaction.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



# *TRIAL HELPER RECORD BOOK*

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**Book Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **USA Membership Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Helper:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Issued By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Issued:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Objectives**

The primary purpose of the Helper Program is to provide education for the development of qualified trial helpers to facilitate USA objectives of preserving the German Shepherd Dog as outlined in its bylaws and to promote membership involvement and participation through ongoing helper education to ensure the availability of qualified helpers at all USA sanctioned events.

As of January 1, 1998, all helpers selected to work dogs in a USA sanctioned trial are required to present their Helper Record Book to the trial organizers for endorsement by the presiding judge. The purpose of this book is to record the trial experience of the helper. All events in which the helper works dogs in a trial, regardless of the club affiliation of the event's host, should be recorded in this book. It is recommended that helpers keep copies of their original record books.

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**Classification:**

- **Entry Level**
- **Basic Level**
- **Intermediate Level**
- **Advanced Level**

**Entry Level:** All helpers who have obtained a USA Helper Book

**Basic Level:** Attendance of a USA Helper Seminar and Evaluation, and receiving a grading of "good" or better on the Basic level written and practical exam.

**Intermediate Level:** Attendance of a USA Helper Seminar and Evaluation, and receiving a grading of "good" or better on the Intermediate level written and practical exam.

**Advanced Level:** Attendance of a USA Helper Seminar and Evaluation, and receiving a grading of "good" or better on the Advanced level written and practical exam.

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***Level of Classification Recommended  
Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Teaching Helper***

<b>Signature of Teaching Helper</b>	<b>Level Recommended</b>	<b>Date</b>

**Teaching Helper Recommendations**

<b>Signature of Teaching Helper</b>	<b>Date</b>

**Approved by USA Helper Committee**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of USA Helper Program Director**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**SECTION  
II  
APPROVED  
HELPER SEMINARS**

**Approved Seminars**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Host Club/Location</b>	<b>Presiding Teaching Helper</b>	<b>Teaching Helper Signature</b>

# SECTION III APPROVED TRIALS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Club &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dogs Worked</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Notes & Judges Comments:		SchH/VPG 1 _____ SchH/VPG 2 _____ SchH/VPG 3 _____ IPO 1 _____ IPO 2 _____ IPO 3 _____ DPO 1 _____ DPO 2 _____ Breed Survey _____ SchH A _____ WH _____  <i>Total Dogs Worked</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent  <input type="checkbox"/> Very Good  <input type="checkbox"/> Good  <input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Protection Judge

## APPENDIX G: TEACHING HELPER APPLICATION

### USA TEACHING HELPER APPLICATION

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Phone number:

Region and Club:

USA Membership:

Other Dog Club Memberships:

Training Experience:

Training Influences (people you have trained with that you credit MOST with teaching you about training and helperwork):

Trial Helper Experience

Local Level:

Regional Level:

National Experience:

Club Training Helper Experience:

Helpers Trained:

Other USA experience:

Why do I want to be a USA Teaching Helper?

Respectfully submitted,

Date:



## APPENDIX H: HELPER TRYOUT FORM

<b>UNITED SCHUTZHUND CLUBS OF AMERICA</b> <b>HELPER TRYOUT EVALUATION FORM</b>		
Event: GSD Nationals - North American - HOT Championship – Sieger Show		
Evaluator Name and Title:		
Name:	Trial Helper Record Book No.:	USA Member No.:
Front-Half Score:	Back-Half Score:	Total Score:
Selection: None   Front Half   Back Half   Alternate Front Half   Alternate Back Half		
<b>RATING SYSTEM</b> <u>Definition:</u> "GOOD = THE STANDARD" - Defines correct and safe Helper work for what a Judge considers essential to be able to properly evaluate a dog's performance and the Helper SHALL be UNDER CONTROL at ALL TIMES! Any "0s" or "NOs" requires immediate disqualification.		
Qualitative Description	Quantitative Value	Relation to STANDARD
Excellent	3	Much better than the Standard
Very Good	2	Better than the Standard
Good	1	Standard
Unsatisfactory	0	Below Standard
<b>INITIAL EVALUATION</b> <u>Purpose:</u> Evaluate all Helpers that are trying out to identify the "Best Four (4)", which will proceed to Final Selection. Helper uses Dog he/she supplies during the Initial Evaluation.		
Front-Half Exercises		
Exercise 1:	Hold and Bark in "Find" Blind	
Rating:	0 = Unsatisfactory      1 = Good                      2 = Very Good      3 = Excellent	
Exercise 2:	Escape Bite	
Rating:	0 = Unsatisfactory      1 = Good                      2 = Very Good      3 = Excellent	
Exercise 3:	Lockup for Out from Escape Bite	
Rating:	0 = Unsatisfactory      1 = Good                      2 = Very Good      3 = Excellent	
Exercise 4:	Re-Attack with Drive and Stick Hits after Escape Bite	
Rating:	0 = Unsatisfactory      1 = Good                      2 = Very Good      3 = Excellent	
Exercise 5:	Lockup for Out from Re-Attack with Drive and Stick Hits (Front Half Work)	
Rating:	0 = Unsatisfactory      1 = Good                      2 = Very Good      3 = Excellent	
Exercise 6:	Presence and Preparedness during Back Transport	
Rating:	0 = Unsatisfactory      1 = Good                      2 = Very Good      3 = Excellent	
Exercise 7:	Safe but Threatening Engagement (catch) of Dog from Back Transport	
Rating:	0 = Unsatisfactory      1 = Good                      2 = Very Good      3 = Excellent	
Exercise 8:	Fluid (smooth) Transition to Drive from Attack-Out-of-Back Transport Engagement	
Rating:	0 = Unsatisfactory      1 = Good                      2 = Very Good      3 = Excellent	





## JUDGES COMMITTEE

### **E-Ballot #2-06 (National Event Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that two USA judges be utilized for USA national events whenever possible; with the option of using one recognized non-USA judge in one of the three phases, and the non-USA judge rotated through the phases on a regular basis. Beginning in 2007, the USA Judges Committee will provide a possible slate of authorized USA judges for all USA national events by January 31 of the event year.

### **E-Ballot #1-06 (Judge Emeritus Status for Willi Ortner)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that Willi Ortner be named a Judge Emeritus, and granted all of the privileges awarded with the title, based on his years of service as the USA Director of Judges and his standing as the first USA Judge.

### **E-Ballot #26-05 (Entry in AWDF Affiliated Breed Club Trials)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA will recognize titles awarded by AWDF-affiliated breed clubs. The recognition of these clubs and their judges will be considered on a club-by-club basis. The clubs to be considered will be required to have viable and comprehensive judges programs of their own, with judges who have gone through their respective programs in their entirety; and they will be required to provide a list of judges who are recognized through their respective programs. AWDF clubs must petition USA for recognition.

These AWDF-affiliated breed club judges may award titles that will be recognized exclusively for progression pertaining to performance titles (AD, B, WH, OB, TR, FH, IPO, SchH/VPG).

These titles will not be recognized for entry in the USA-GSD National Championship, which will still require a qualifying score of 270 points at a USA-sanctioned event awarded under a USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judge. These titles will not be recognized for the USA SchH3 Club or the USA Sports Medals Program.

These titles will not be recognized for German Shepherd Dogs in any context that applies to breeding, breed surveys, breed shows, or registration with USA. Titles for such recognition for GSDs must be awarded under USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judges.

### **E-Ballot #25-05 (AWMA Judge License for Nathaniel Roque)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that Nathaniel Roque be permitted to accept a working dog judge license in the AWMA (American Working Malinois Association).

### **E-Ballot #19-05 (WUSV Judges School Seminar Attendance by USA Judges)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to approve spending up to \$5,000 to send two USA Judges to the WUSV Judges School Seminar in Germany in July 2005.

### **2004 GBM–Nashville (Judges Fee Increase)**

Motion that beginning January 1, 2005 the judges' rates will be raised from \$50 to \$75 a day, including one travel day, and mileage will be 38¢.

### **E-Ballot #29-04 (Amend Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the budget to include \$2,000 for the Judges Committee.

### **2003 GBM–Reno (Chairman of Judges Committee)**

The Director of Judges shall be the chairman of the Judges Committee. He/she shall be a USA Schutzhund Judge or Schutzhund Judge Emeritus in good standing. **Bylaw amendment.**

### **2003 GBM–Reno (USA Breed Judges Program)**

Motion to accept the USA Breed Judges Program as amended.

### **2003 GBM–Reno (National Event Slate of Judges)**

The host body along with the Judges Committee shall recommend a slate of judges for all national working dog events. The Executive Board shall approve the slate or recommend alternatives. Only the Director of Judges may initially contact the approved judges. **Bylaw amendment.**

### **2003 EBM–Bakersfield (National Event Slate of Judges)**

The Executive Board recommends to the General Board through a bylaw change that the judges slate for the

working national events will be presented to the Executive Board by the Judges Committee. The judges slate for the Sieger Show will be presented to the Executive Board by the Breed Advisory Committee. The Executive Board will then approve the slate presented, or recommend alternatives to the recommended judges.

#### **E-Ballot #5-03 (American Doberman Association Judging)**

Motion by Bill Plumb that USA support the American Doberman Association (ADA) by allowing our judges to officiate at their working events.

#### **2002 GBM–Gadsden (Performance Judge Limit at Same Club)**

USA Performances Judges Program:

4.J. A Judge can judge at any club *only once in a 12 (twelve) month period* and there must be another trial held with a different judge *before they can return*. Furthermore, a Judge may not judge *consecutive trials* at any club except in an emergency, which may *only be decided by the Regional Director*. This restriction will also be lifted if the local club is the sponsor of a Championship event from Regional level on up.

#### **2002 GBM–Gadsden (USA Working Dog Judges Program)**

Approval of the revised USA Working Dog Judges Program. Mike Hamilton moved to accept the revised USA Working Dog Judges Program.

#### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (VDH/SV Rule Variances)**

We will continue with the variances from VDH/SV rules:

- Waiting period between USA trials reduced from four weeks to two weeks.
- Limit on the number of dogs to be judged by one judge in one day in a schutzhund trial increased from 10 dogs to 12 dogs.

#### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (Judges for National Events)**

Motion to have no mandate for judges selected for national events. The judges could be all SV, all USA, or a combination of both. The host club recommends the slate, the Judges Committee passes on the slate, and the Board approves.

#### **2001 GBM–Taunton (Compliance with SV Rules)**

Motion by Floyd Wilson to conduct all future trials in compliance with SV rules.

#### **2001 GBM–Taunton (Requirement to Follow SV Rules)**

Limit the number of dogs per handler to two per trial. Trial secretaries are not eligible to compete in the trial. These are SV rules and according to our previously stated policy all SV rules will be followed.

#### **2001 GBM–Taunton (Replacement of Judges)**

Motion to ratify the amended Executive Board decision that in the event of extenuating circumstances, a judge that is unable to fulfill his duties at a USA national event may be replaced by any USA-recognized, qualified judge approved by the Director of Judges and/or trial or show chairperson in the absence of the Director of Judges. Addition to USA Judge's Program 11.A.

#### **E-Ballot #7-01 (Six New Training Titles)**

Motion by Jim Elder to accept the Judges Committee's program for Six New Training Titles. *This program will be for USA trials conducted by USA-recognized judges. USA-recognized judges are welcome to judge these titles. The results will be posted on a separate Bewertungsliste. These titles require a "G" or better rating for the purpose of the Sports Medal Program. These points may only be counted once per title per dog. Ratified at 2001 GBM–Taunton after amending to add text as shown in semibold italic.*

#### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (New Training Degrees)**

Motion by Jim Elder to recommend the Judges Committee develop a new training degrees program: BH1, BH2, BH3 and also Tracking 1, 2, 3. **Titles changed to OB1–3 and TR1–3 in final program.**

#### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

#### **E-Ballot #21-00 (Canadian Reciprocity With Regard to USA Breed Program)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to accept reciprocity with the judges from the GSSCC (German Shepherd Schutzhund Club of Canada) with respect to USA breed titles. This rule will not supersede our overall USA

policies, including adhering to the 80-point minimum protection score. **Ratified at 2001 GBM–Taunton with exclusion of 80-point rule.**

**2000 GBM–Madison (Mandatory Requirement Age)**

Motion by Diane Madigan to uphold the judges program’s mandatory retirement age of 75 years old.

**2000 GBM–Madison (Canadian Reciprocity With Regard to Judges)**

Motion to accept open reciprocity with Canada with regard to their judges.

**2000 GBM–Madison (70-Point Protection Score)**

Motion that the United Schutzhund Clubs of America not adopt the 70-point minimum score in protection for any and all Schutzhund titles and continue to adhere to the current stand of 80 points minimum as a passing score for any and all titles in Schutzhund trials.

Furthermore, any dogs that are imported with a 70-point minimum score in Protection in regard to Schutzhund shall be required to achieve a passing score in all phases of a Schutzhund trial including a minimum of 80 points in protection in order to be awarded a recognized Schutzhund title in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

The 80-point minimum in Protection is also required for any and all Schutzhund titles and is a prerequisite for any and all Breed Surveys, shows, and the USA Sieger Show. Foreign judges must adhere to our 80-point protection passing score when judging at USA Sanctioned events. **Rescinded at 2001 GBM–Taunton.**

**E-Ballot #12-00 (70-Point Protection Score)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that the United Schutzhund Clubs of America not adopt the 70-point minimum score in protection for any and all Schutzhund titles and continue to adhere to the current standard of 80-points minimum as a passing score for any and all titles in Schutzhund trials.

Furthermore, any dogs that are imported with the 70-point minimum score in protection in regard to Schutzhund shall be required to achieve a passing score in all phases of a Schutzhund trial, including a minimum of 80 points in protection, in order to be awarded a recognized Schutzhund title in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

The 80-point minimum in protection is also required for any and all Schutzhund titles and is a prerequisite for any and all breed surveys, shows, and the USA Sieger Show. *Foreign judges must adhere to our 80-point protection passing score when judging at USA-sanctioned events.*

**Ratified at 2000 GBM–Madison after addition shown in semibold italic. Rescinded at 2001 GBM–Taunton.**

**2000 EBM–Austin (Scheduling Regional Championships)**

Motion by John Oliver that a club that is hosting a regional championship event, working or breed, may host a trial on the day preceding the event. **Ratified at 2000 GBM–Madison.**

**2000 EBM–Austin (USA Conformation Judge Usage)**

Motion by Jim Elder, amended by Kay Koerner, that starting with 2001, we strongly recommend the usage of USA conformation judges.

**1999 GBM–Reno (Tracklayers/Helpers from Same Household)**

Delete rule from Judge’s Program that states that people living in the same household cannot lay tracks or do helper work. This will only include club trials and not championships.

**1999 GBM–Reno (Judging Non-USA Events)**

Motion by Peggy Park that all USA Judges must have USA approval to judge a non-USA event.

**1997 GBM–St. Joseph (Judges Program)**

Approval of newly amended Judges’ Program.

**1997 GBM–St. Joseph (Mileage Rate Increase for Judges)**

Amended judges’ mileage to 31 cents per mile.

**Mail Ballot #1A-97 (Revocation of Douglas Alexander’s USA Judges License)**

Permit revocation of Douglas Alexander’s USA judges license.

**1996 GBM–Charlottesville (Board of Inquiry Case: Hicks vs. Alexander)**

BOI recommended to the Judges Committee that Mr. Douglas Alexander’s judging license be permanently

revoked. Mr. Alexander should be permanently barred from holding any organizational position in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

**1995 EBM–Albuquerque (Expenses/Legal Fees in Hintz vs. Caputo)**

Motion that the United Schutzhund Clubs of America provide the funding necessary to cover Michael Caputo's expenses and legal fees associated with the case of Hintz vs. Caputo.

**1995 EBM–Albuquerque (Minimum Number of Trial Entries)**

A trial must have no fewer than three dogs shown; at least one must be SchH or IPO.

**1994 GBM–Madison (Reinstatement of Ernest Hintz)**

Motion to accept reinstatement of Ernest Hintz.

**1994 GBM–Madison (National Event Slate of Judges)**

Motion to have no mandate for judges selected for national events. The judges could be all SV, all USA, or a combination of both. The host club recommends the slate, the Judges Committee passes on the slate, and the Board approves.

**1994 GBM–Madison (80 Points for Progression)**

Regarding the new IPO rule to accept 70 points in protection for IPO1, the Judges Committee recommends requiring 80 points to progress to the next higher level and for breed purposes. **Rescinded at 2001 GBM–Taunton.**

**1994 GBM–Madison, Wisconsin (Decisions on Performance Regulations)**

The performance regulations for all USA working evaluations shall be decided by the Board of Directors, yet shall be based upon international standards. Any change from the currently accepted trial regulations requires approval by the Board of Directors.

**1994 GBM–Madison (Judges Approved for USA Events)**

Only judges licensed by USA, the SV, and/or other WUSV member organizations that have been approved by the Board shall preside over events sanctioned by USA.

**Mail Ballot #2-94 (Use of WUSV-Licensed Judges)**

Shall USA authorize the use of judges licensed by WUSV organizations located in the United States, Germany, Canada, Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, Luxemburg, Belgium, Netherlands, Austria, Republic of Ireland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland?

**1993 GBM–Riverside (USA Apprentice Judge Requirements)**

Requirement of attaining an FH on a dog trained by the applicant be added to the requirements to become a USA apprentice judge, in Section 1.b. of the Judges Program. This applies only to USA working judges; it does not apply to conformation judges. The intent is that this be one of the two dogs used to meet the training requirement.

**1993 GBM–Riverside (Bill Fields Restored to Active Status)**

In light of the fact that Bill Fields is actively training and showing a dog that he be restored to active status.

**1993 EBM–Norton (Judges Program Addition: Judge's Licenses Probationary Period).**

An initial license shall be awarded for a two-year probationary period. A review of the judge's performance shall be made by the Judges Committee near the end of the two-year period. A recommendation of the Judges Committee will be made to the Board concerning awarding permanent status. All judges currently holding licenses hold permanent licenses.

**1993 EBM–Norton (Affiliation Trials)**

The only people eligible to officiate at USA affiliation trials are USA licensed judges, USA apprentice judges, and USA regional directors, and the trial must be conducted at an appropriate facility for the club in question in close proximity to the home of record of the club.

**1992 EBM–Manchester (Electric Training Collars/Devices)**

There shall be no public display of electric training devices at any authorized USA event. Any individual displaying such a device shall be dismissed from this event.

**1990 GBM–Sacramento (Prohibit Judging for Club Member Trials)**

Proposal that judges not be permitted to judge trials for clubs of which they are a member.

**1990 EBM–Plymouth (Judging at AWDF Events)**

Motion to allow our judges to officiate at events for all members of the AWDF. **Superseded at 1999 GBM–Reno.**

**1988 GBM–Canton (Judging at World Union/Rottweiler Club Events)**

Motion to allow our USA judges to judge events for other member countries in the World Union and the United States Rottweiler Club.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Judges for Major Events)**

Proposal to have no mandates over judges for major events. Judges could be all SV, all USA, or a combination of both. The club selects and the board approves.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Zone Trial Judges)**

Zone trials will be judged by one USA judge starting in 1989. **Superseded at 1987 GBM–St. Louis and 1994 GBM–Madison.**

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Adoption of SchHA)**

Motion that we adopt the SchHA.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Free Event Entry for USA Judges)**

Motion to give free entry to USA events to USA judges. They pay to enter a trial, but may attend other functions free.

**Mail Ballot 1987 (Exclusion of Spectators from USA Events)**

No spectator(s) may be excluded from or ejected from any USA events: trials, show, koerung, youth evaluation, etc., whether admission is charged or not, unless disruptive in overtly, openly hostile manner. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (Prohibition of Unpublicized Events)**

Clubs may not hold unpublicized USA-sanctioned events. To be properly publicized, all full member clubs in the host club's region must be notified in writing require three weeks notice before the USA sanctioned event. *Reliance not be placed in an advertisement in the magazine.* All scores and ratings awarded at unpublicized events shall be null and void. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis after addition shown in semibold italic.**

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (VDH Rule Variance for Handicapped Handlers)**

USA does not adhere to VDH rules prohibiting entry into USA sanctioned working examinations by handicapped handlers. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (USA Judges Per Diem Reimbursement)**

Motion to increase the per diem reimbursement for USA judges to \$50 per day.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Club Responsibilities for Hosting Judges)**

Motion that the Judges Committee prepare a list of responsibilities of clubs in hosting judges, and prepare a form in German and English for judges to report to the USA to be directed to the Director of Judges. The Regional Directors will have feedback about which clubs have been deficient.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Adoption of SchHA)**

Motion that we recommend to the General Board that we adopt SchHA.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Judges Travel Expenses for WUSV Events)**

Motion that USA pays the travel expense for USA Judges that are selected to be the judge in the WUSV events in the same amount as allocated for each member of the European Team. This means paying for two years, as the judge apprentices the year before.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Selection of Judges for Major Events)**

Motion that the Judges Committee be assigned to oversee the selection of judges for our major events and of recommending them for the Board's approval, to bring order to the selection process, not dictate who the judges should be. Solicit requests from the host clubs, review those judges for suitability, and make a recommendation to the Board.



**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (National Championship Tracking/Obedience Judges)**

Motion that USA judges be used for tracking and obedience for the National Championship beginning in 1989 if there are qualified USA judges available. The Judges Committee will decide who is “qualified.” To be qualified, must have been involved as an assistant judge in a major event, and there will be other qualifications considered. **Partially rescinded at 1994 GBM–Madison.**

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Three Judges for National Events)**

Motion that in the future our championship events (National Championship, Schutzhund III Tournament/North American) be judged by three judges, one for each phase (A, B, and C). Effective 1988 it will be required, and is recommended for 1986 and 1987.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Paperwork Samples)**

Motion that the Judges Committee make a correct sample in English of how the Bewertungsliste and other paperwork should be filled out for the Regional Directors.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Responsibility for Rules)**

The Judges Committee is the keeper of the rules for the National Championship, the Schutzhund III Tournament/North American Championship, and the FH Championship. The Board would still have to vote on any rule changes, but the Judges Committee would be responsible for bringing things to the Board.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Temperament Test Requirement)**

Motion that all dogs entered in USA-sanctioned trials be subjected to a temperament test.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Application Procedure for SV Judge’s License)**

Motion that the procedure be as follows:

1. Apply to USA through the Judges Committee.
2. Publish the applicant’s name once in the magazine.
3. Judges Committee makes a recommendation to the President.
4. President contacts the SV with his recommendation.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (National Championship Judge’s Expenses)**

Motion that the host club for the National be responsible for the judge’s expenses. **Modified at 2001 GBM–Taunton.**

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (VB as Prerequisite for FH)**

Accept the VB as a prerequisite for the FH.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (VB, WH, IPO Judges Books)**

Authorization to print Judges books for VB, WH, IPO.

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (License Revocation of Cecil Catching)**

Motion to accept the report of the Judges Committee by removing the license of Cecil Catching. **Ratified at 1985 GBM–Bowling Green.**

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (VB, WH, IPO Judges Books)**

Authorization to print judges books for VB, WH, and IPO similar to the ones we already have for the other titles. **Ratified at 1985 GBM–Bowling Green.**

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (Deposit for Forgotten Scorebooks)**

Any entry that the scorebook is not available, that the handler put forth a \$50 deposit (check payable to USA) that is sent in with the paperwork (Bewertungsliste) to the Administrator, and upon receipt of the scorebook the check is refunded. Scorebook to be received within ten days. It is up to the judge and he can refuse to judge the dog without a scorebook.

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (Rulebooks)**

Motion that we print the new rulebooks with the approval of the Judges Committee. **Ratified at 1985 GBM–Bowling Green.**

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (Recognition of Titles Awarded Under VDH Rules)**

Motion that the United Schutzhund Clubs of America recognize titles awarded by judges authorized by the parent club of a breed of the country of origin under VDH rules.

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (Procedures for Scheduling SV Judges)**

The President appoints a special committee to handle the scheduling of judges and the committee develops a written procedure.

**1982 GBM–Washington (Judging at SchH III Championship)**

Future SchH III Championships should be judged by a USA judge in tracking as designated by the USA Executive Board and an SV judge for obedience and protection, with the qualifying score remaining at 260.

**1982 GBM–Washington (Judges Program Additions)**

Additions to Judges Program:

3. Apprenticing Procedure
  - f. Before his/her last apprenticing the apprentice should contact the Director of Judges, who will then assign him a judge for the final assignment.
7. Judges Contact
  - g. It is absolutely necessary for anyone involved in the judges program to inform the Director of Judges of his/her correct address and phone number.
2. Procedure for Application
  - f. The applicant is required to fill out a questionnaire accepted by the Board.

**1981 GBM–St. Louis (Judges Expenses)**

Motion that a club will pay a judge a \$25/day per diem, will pick up travel expenses including U.S. Government mileage for actual miles driven, and will pay for reasonable expenses incurred by the judge only.

**1981 EBM–St. Louis (Judges Program Additions/Changes)**

Page 12, Section 7.a. (addition): He or she is a promoter of our sport and our organization. Page 12, Section 8.b. (change): The “and” should be changed to “and/or” so that the sentence reads: A judge should be actively involved in the training and/or showing of schutzhund dogs.

**1981 EBM–St. Louis (Requirement to Show Scorebooks/Membership Cards)**

Motion that individuals must show a registered scorebook and membership card before showing at a trial and that a checklist must be attached to the judge’s book before the trial.

**1981 EBM–St. Louis (Judging Qualifier Trials)**

Anyone qualified by the Chief Judge should be allowed to judge qualifier trials.

**1981 EBM–Columbia (Judges Program)**

Motion to accept the Judges Program as amended.

**1980 GBM–Denver (Judging USA-Sanctioned Trials)**

Motion to allow only USA judges and SV approved judges to judge USA-sanctioned schutzhund trials.

**1980 GBM–Denver (Judges Prohibited Accepting Reimbursement for Showing Dogs)**

A USA judge may not show someone else’s dog in a schutzhund trial for money.

**1980 EBM–St. Louis (Continued Training Program for USA Judges)**

Motion to accept the Continued Training Program for USA Judges (Appendix J).

**1979 GBM–San Jose (Apprentice Judge Program Requirements)**

Motion that only titles earned under VDH rules be acceptable for meeting the requirements of the apprentice judge program.

**1979 GBM–San Jose (Elimination of Courage Points)**

Motion to refer the matter of the elimination of courage points to the Judges Committee to find out if the change is a VDH rule, and thus a change that we must comply with because of the requirement in our bylaws to adhere to all VDH rules and regulations.

**1979 EBM–Peoria (Publication of Trial Rules)**

Motion that the Trial Rules be sent to the clubs and that they be published in the magazine.

**1978 GBM–Edwardsville (Acceptance of Judges Program)**

Motion that the entire Judges Program be accepted, with the exception of the requirement that an apprentice be a nonprofessional.

**1978 GBM–Edwardsville (Trial Rules and Regulations)**

Motion that the report regarding Trial Rules and Regulations be adopted as official trial rules and regulations.

## JUDGE APPROVALS

### **2005 GBM–San Jose (Permanent Judges Licenses)**

Mark Przybylski reported the Judges Committee has recommended that Nathaniel Roque and Johannes Grewe be given their permanent judges licenses. Motion by John Oliver to approve both as permanent judges.

- Nathaniel Roque – **Approved**
- Johannes Grewe – **Approved**

### **2003 GBM–Reno (Revocation of Mike West’s USA Judge’s License)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to permanently revoke Mike West’s USA judge’s license.

### **2003 GBM–Reno (Revocation Bill Knox’s USA Judge’s License)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to permanently revoke Bill Knox’s USA judge’s license.

### **E-Ballot #22-03 (Probationary USA Breed Judges License for Ricardo Carbajal)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to accept the Judges Committee recommendation to grant a probationary breed judge’s license for Ricardo Carbajal. **Approved**

### **2002 GBM–Gadsden (Approval of USA Judges Licenses)**

Director of Judges and Chair of the Judges Committee, Mark Przybylski, presented the following judges for approval:

- Jim Elder – **Approved**
- Nathaniel Roque – **Approved**
- Johannes Grewe – **Approved**

### **E-Ballot #11-02 (Approval of Probationary USA Judges License for Jim Elder)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that Jim Elder be granted a probationary USA judge’s license as recommended by a majority vote of the USA Judges Committee. **Approved.**

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (Appointment of Breed Survey Judge #1)**

Effective March 2, 2002, Johannes Grewe is appointed by Mike Hamilton as Breed Survey Judge #1.

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (USA-Recognized Judges)**

USA-recognized judges are USA, Canadian, and SV judges; however, all judges for USA-sanctioned events must first be approved by the Director of Judges or the National Breed Warden respectively.

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Approval of USA Conformation Judges License)**

Motion to approve Karen McIntyre as a USA conformation judge. **Approved.**

### **2000 GBM–Madison (Approval of Probationary USA Judges License)**

Motion to approve Nikki Banfield as a USA probationary judge. **Approved.**

### **1998 GBM–Denver (Judge Approvals/Revocations/Changes)**

- Al Govednik has completed his probationary period as a USA judge and the Judges Committee unanimously recommends him for his permanent license. **Approved.**
- Tony Perrone’s USA judge’s license is permanently revoked for non-payment of dues.
- Mike Bodnarik has returned to judging after an eighteen-month leave.
- Bill Knox is on an extended leave from judging, as his business will keep him in China for the next five years.
- Motion to approve Ann Marie Chaffin’s probationary judges license for a period of three years. **Approved.**
- The Judges Committee unanimously recommends Carla Griffith for her probationary judges license for a period of three years. **Approved.**
- Motion to accept Anne Marie Chaffin as a USA judge. **Approved.**

### **1997 GBM–St. Joseph (Judge Approvals/Changes)**

- Jim Jisa and Dave Shroeder have dropped out of the program
- Motion to accept Glenn Stephenson as a schutzhund judge. **Approved.**
- Motion to accept Johannes Grewe as a conformation Judge. **Approved.**

**Mail Ballot #1A-97 (Revocation of Douglas Alexander's USA Judges License)**

Permit revocation of Douglas Alexander's USA judges license.

**1996 GBM–Charlottesville (Approval of Probationary Judges License)**

Motion to approve probationary judges license for Al Govednik. **Approved.**

**1996 GBM–Charlottesville (Board of Inquiry Case: Hicks vs. Alexander )**

BOI recommended to the Judges Committee that Mr. Douglas Alexander's judging license be permanently revoked. Mr. Alexander should be permanently barred from holding any organizational position in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

**1994 GBM–Madison (Approval of USA Judges License)**

Approve Mike Hamilton as a USA judge **Approved.**

**1992 GBM–Albuquerque (Approval of USA Judges License)**

Approve Al Milner as a USA judge. **Approved.**

**1992 EBM–Manchester (Approval of USA Judges License)**

Approve Ernest Hintz and Mark Przybylski as USA judges. **Approved.**

**1991 GBM–Washington (Approval of USA Judges License)**

- Approve Bill Szentmiklosi as a USA working judge and police dog judge. **Approved.**
- Approve Bill Knox as a USA working judge. **Approved.**

**1990 EBM–Plymouth (Approval of USA Judges License)**

Motion to approve Dr. Al Kerr, Willie Pope, and Doug Alexander as USA judges. **Approved.**

**1990 EBM–Plymouth (Apprenticeship Age Requirements)**

Motion that an apprentice must complete the apprenticeship by their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, with Jerry Slavens grandfathered in. **Approved.**

**1988 GBM–Canton (Recognition of Titles/Approval of USA Judges License)**

- Recognize titles issued by SV Judge Tom Mitchell. **Approved.**
- Approve as a USA judge Floyd Wilson. **Approved.**

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Approval of USA Judges License)**

Motion to accept Mike Caputo as USA judge. **Approved..**

**1987 EBM–St. Louis, Missouri (Approval of USA Judges License)**

- Accept Ray Wisner as a USA judge. **Approved. Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**
- Approve Mike West to judge DPO competitions and award DPO titles. **Approved. Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Approval of USA Judges License)**

Approve Mike Bodnarik as a USA judge. **Motion carried.**

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (Approval of USA Judges License)**

Approve John Mulligan to be issued a license to judge SchHI, II, III, FH, WH, VB, and IPO. Mike West was also approved for the same titles. It was not proposed that we approve Mike for the DPO titles, as we must clarify with Germany whether we are authorized to do so. **Approved. Ratified at 1985 GBM–Bowling Green.**

**1983 EBM–Peoria (Approval of USA Judges License)**

Approve Tony Perrone as a USA judge. **Approved. Ratified at 1983 GBM–Peoria.**

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (Approval of USA Judges License)**

Approve William Fields as a USA judge. **Approved.**

**1978 EBM–Missouri (Approval of USA Judges License)**

Approval by the SV, USA judges: Willi Ortner, Joe Tackett, and Hal Sowle.

## USA BREED JUDGES PROGRAM

### I. MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRANCE INTO USA BREED JUDGES PROGRAM

- A. The candidate should be a USA member in good standing for at least five (5) years, and keep up maintain that their membership throughout their judging career in USA.
- B. A candidate must have trained and shown a dog through SchH3 and FH and at least one (1) other dog to SchH1 and also acquired a B.
- C. Must be a breeder of record of at least five (5) litters of the German Shepherd Dog and registered litters with USA and breed surveyed out of these litters and achieved at least one (1) KKL1 and one (1) KKL2.
- D. A candidate for USA judge shall not be a professional; that is, he/she should not earn a substantial portion of his/her income from the breeding, handling, training, or showing of schutzhund-type dogs, including conformation. The method of determining the income shall be any reasonable means determined by the USA Judges Committee.
- E. Must be familiar with all aspects of the German Shepherd Dog.
- F. Must have demonstrated abilities in administrative matters relating to the German Shepherd Dog, such as club officer or service in USA as an officer or committee member.
- H. In addition to the above requirements, the candidate must also show a considerable amount of training experience (i.e., that would be involvement at the local club level).
- J. The age requirements for entering the USA Apprentice Judges Program are that the applicant should not be younger than twenty-five (25) years of age and cannot be older than sixty (60) years of age. Proof of age is required upon entering the USA Judges Program.

### II. APPLICATION TO APPRENTICE PROGRAM

- A. The applicant *must be recommended by his/her club* to their Regional Director. A *written résumé* of the applicant's qualifications *must* accompany the local club's recommendation. Clubs should take great care in recommending individuals to participate in the USA Apprentice Judges Program. Only those persons who demonstrate high standards of personal conduct, good sportsmanship, a sound mastery of the basics of Schutzhund, and a willingness to work with people on a one-to-one basis and to intelligently promote the sport of Schutzhund should be considered.
- B. The Regional Director should acquaint him/herself with the applicant, perform a background check on the applicant, and review a *criminal history supplied by the applicant*. The Regional Director will then forward all of the above information *along with his/her recommendation*, the club's recommendation, and the applicant's résumé to the USA Director of Judges, the USA National Breed Warden, and the USA Judges Committee.
- C. The USA Director of Judges, the USA National Breed Warden, and the USA Judges Committee shall check the résumé and all accompanying material that has been submitted for truth and forthrightness. After review and upon acceptance, the applicant's name will be published in *Schutzhund USA* for two (2) consecutive issues. Any challenges or objections as well as support regarding the applicant should be forwarded to the USA Director of Judges and the USA National Breed Warden *in writing no later than four (4) weeks after the mailing of the second issue*. Any unsigned letters will be disregarded.
- D. All letters received will be sent to the applicant *without the signature*.

- E. If accepted after further review by the USA Judges Committee, the applicant will be placed on the USA apprentice judges list and is *qualified* to begin his/her apprenticeship, including *judging practice conformation events* at the request of a Regional Director.
- F. Before beginning official assignments as a USA apprentice judge, the applicant will do two (2) walkthroughs with judges and attend the USA judges seminar/workshop to become acquainted with the intricacies of trial procedure and of the judging experience itself.

### III. APPRENTICESHIP PROCEDURE

- A. The apprentice judge will send a *written request* for permission to the teaching judge, the trial secretary of the event host club, the USA Director of Judges, and the USA National Breed Warden. All of this *must be done no less than ten (10) days before the event* for permission to apprentice.
- B. Upon completion of the apprentice event, reports should be sent to the presiding judge no later than two (2) weeks after the event.
- C. After completion of an apprenticeship (i.e., all copies graded and mailed back), there will be a *waiting period of thirty (30) days before the next assignment*. This will give the apprentice judge time to study the results and the presiding judge's remarks from the preceding event.
- D. When apprenticing under USA judges, three (3) copies of the trial report must be sent to the judge *with the necessary postage*. One (1) copy of the report, with corrections and remarks by the presiding judge, will be returned to the applicant; one copy will go to the USA Director of Judges; and one copy will go to the USA National Breed Warden with a cover letter from the presiding judge covering the apprentice's work.
- E. When apprenticing under SV judges, two (2) copies in *English* and one (1) copy in *German* must be sent to the presiding judge with the *required return postage*, unless the presiding judge agrees that *English only is acceptable*. The two (2) copies in *English* are to be sent to the USA Director of Judges and the USA National Breed Warden.
- F. *Only* after receiving the corrected copy of the previous trial reports and after an elapsed time period of *thirty (30) days* will the apprentice be able to *apprentice at another trial event*. All copies from the previous assignments *must* be presented to the teaching judge *ten (10) days prior to the next event*. This will give the teaching judge the opportunity to evaluate the apprentice's progress throughout the procedure.
- G. There will be a *required minimum* of nine (9) apprenticeship events as follows:
- Suitability test under the USA National Breed Warden (if he/she is a judge) or senior USA breed judge.
  - Four (4) conformation events under USA-recognized judges.
  - One (1) apprenticeship at the USA Sieger Show.
  - The last apprenticeship will be under the USA National Breed Warden (if he/she is a judge) or the senior USA breed judge.
- H. It is also a requirement to apprentice at two (2) schutzhund trials.
- I. A *written final exam* is to be taken by the apprentice that is administered by the USA National Breed Warden, with the questions based on the *USA Official Rule Book*.
- J. After completion of the above-mentioned requirements, the USA Director of Judges, USA National Breed Warden, and USA Judges Committee will review all of the apprentices' records and will grant probationary judges licenses to apprentice judges who have successfully completed their apprenticeship.
- K. Any apprentice who does not pass two (2) events in a row will be excused from the USA Apprentice Judge Program.

- L. An apprentice must finish their apprenticeship in three (3) years and must apprentice twice a year to remain current in the program.
- M. The initial judge's license will be for a *minimum probationary period of three (3) years*. At the end of the three (3) year probationary period, the probationary judge and their work will be reviewed by the USA Director of Judges and the USA National Breed Warden for recommendation to the Board(s) for his/her permanent license.

#### IV. CONDUCT OF JUDGES

- A. A judge is a representative of USA *on and off* the field at all times and will be dressed appropriately when judging; this means slacks and sport shirt (shirt w/collar) during the event. Jeans, t-shirts, and warm-up suits are not proper attire for judging.
- B. A judge should always be fair and unbiased in his/her work.
- C. A judge should always conduct him/herself in a sportsmanlike manner.
- D. A judge should abide by the rules accepted by USA.
- E. A judge should not *train or show someone else's dog for money* in a schutzhund trial, breed survey, or conformation show.
- F. A judge should at all times be concerned with the welfare of the dogs, the spectators, and the safe conduct of the trial and all concerned.
- G. It is *absolutely necessary* for everyone involved in the USA Judges Program to inform the USA Director of Judges of his/her correct address, telephone number, age, and *all other vital statistics that may be required for insurance purposes*. All of this information must remain current throughout and will be updated annually.
- H. A judge may not judge *his/her local club* or *members of a household of which they are a member*.
- I. A judge must always abide by the USA judges "Code of Ethics."
- J. A judge may only judge twenty-five (25) events per year.
- K. A judge can judge at any club *only once in a 12 (twelve) month period* and there must be another trial held with a different judge *before they can return*. Furthermore, a judge may not judge *consecutive trials* at any club except in an emergency, which may *only be decided by the regional director*. This restriction will also be lifted if the local club is the sponsor of a championship event from regional level on up.
- L. USA judges may not preside at events *that are not sponsored by USA* without the permission of the USA Director of Judges.

#### V. REQUIRED ACTIVITIES OF JUDGES

- A. A judge should keep expanding their knowledge by studying under USA recognized judges and attend the USA judges workshop/seminar at least every other year.
- B. A judge *must* remain *actively involved in the training and showing of Schutzhund dogs, working or breed*.
- C. A judge will always adhere to the judge's task list when working an event.
- D. A judge *shall be required* to judge *a minimum of 4 (four) events within the calendar year*.

#### VI. JUDGE'S FEES

- A. For travel, the mileage reimbursement will follow federal guidelines for any and all travel to and from the trial by personal car (currently .485 cents per mile.).



- B. Roundtrip airfare when required and all attendant charges, such as parking, etc.
- C. Any meals taken while in transit to and from the event.
- D. Lodging if necessary and all meals during the course of the event.
- E. A judge's fee as prescribed by the Board *for trials, shows, and seminars*, which is currently \$75 (seventy-five) dollars per day and includes one (1) travel day.

## VII. REMOVAL OF JUDGES

- A. Automatic Removal
  - 1. Termination of USA membership for any reason.
  - 2. Voluntary request for removal.
  - 3. Any judge *who does not judge during any 1 (one) calendar year.*
- B. PUNITIVE: Judges may be removed as a *result of an Executive Board decision* and after *an impartial hearing*; the basis for this action should be:
  - 1. Failure to abide by the rules and regulations of USA.
  - 2. Failure to abide by the USA Judge's "Code of Ethics," rules and regulations, and procedural requirements as specified in the USA Judges Program or by the USA Director of Judges.
- C. Inactive Status
  - 1. At any time, the USA Director of Judges may place an individual *on inactive status until a meeting of or a decision by the Executive Board.* An individual may also become temporarily inactive until certain requirements are met as specified by the USA Director of Judges and the USA Judges Committee.
  - 2. *A judge may request inactive status for personal reasons.*
- D. The retirement age for a judge shall be seventy-five (75) years old. Upon retirement, the judge will receive the title of "Judge Emeritus," and become a life-long member of USA with suspension of their yearly dues and would also receive free admission into any USA-sponsored event (as either spectator or competitor) as gratitude for their years of service. This honor is only bestowed upon the judge who is no longer actively judging and has completed fifteen (15) years of active service.

## VIII. REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGES PRESIDING OVER APPRENTICE JUDGES

- A. Must be a licensed judge for a *minimum of five (5) years.*
- B. Must have *judged in the USA Sieger Show.*
- C. Must have the approval of the USA Director of Judges.

## IX. REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGING NATIONAL EVENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Must be a licensed judge for a *minimum of three (3) years.*
- B. Must have judged two (2) regional conformation championships.
- C. Must have attended the USA judges workshop/seminar within the last two (2) years prior to the event.
- D. USA judges must have the approval of the USA Director of Judges for all events outside of USA.
- E. The final approval for appointment to national events rests with the USA Director of Judges, the USA Judges Committee, and the Board(s).
- F. All international judging assignments *must* have the approval of the USA Director of Judges.

## **X. ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN JUDGES INTO USA JUDGES PROGRAM**

The following will apply to all judges with considerable judging experience:

- A. Must be a USA member and keep their membership current throughout their USA judging career.
- B. Must be sponsored by a member of the USA Executive Board.
- C. Must have their name printed in the USA magazine for two (2) issues.
- D. Must be between the ages of thirty (30) and seventy (70) years of age and supply proof of age upon application.
- E. Must supply the USA Director of Judges and the USA Judges Committee with a curriculum of their experience in all aspects of Schutzhund and keep all of their vital statistics current with the USA Director of Judges.
- F. Must have trained one (1) German Shepherd Dog to a SchH 3, another to a SchH 1, and acquired an FH.
- G. Must present him/herself and actively participate at the annual Judges College, at the end of which the USA Director of Judges will recommend to the USA Judges Committee to sponsor and accept the presenting judge as a licensed USA judge or recommend either 2 (two) walkthroughs or an appropriate amount of formal apprenticeships. This will be at the discretion of the USA Director of Judges.
- H. The USA Judges Committee will present their recommendation to the Executive Board for approval via a mail ballot (electronic or U.S. mail) or at the next meeting of either the Executive or General Board.
- I. Once accepted, all other USA judges rules and regulations will apply.

### **REVISION HISTORY:**

- 10/30/03 USA Breed Judges Program approved.
- 10/30/03 Add Section XI Part G: Must present him/herself and actively participate at the annual Judges College, at the end of which the USA Director of Judges will recommend to the USA Judges Committee to sponsor and accept the presenting judge as a licensed USA judge or recommend either two (2) walkthroughs or an appropriate number of formal apprentice-ships. This will be at the discretion of the USA Director of Judges.
- 10/30/03 Add Section XI Part H: The USA Judges Committee will present their recommendation to the Executive Board for approval via a mail ballot (electronic or U.S. mail) or at the next meeting of either the Executive or General Board.
- 10/30/03 Add Section XI Part I: Once accepted, all other USA judges rules and regulations will apply.
- 11/04/04 Change Section VI Part E: Increase judges fee to \$75 per day.
- 09/16/05 Change Section VI Part A: Increase mileage to .485 cents per mile.
- 11/03/05 Change Section III Part J: After completion of the above-mentioned requirements, the USA Director of Judges, USA National Breed Warden, and USA Judges Committee will review all of the apprentices' records and will grant probationary judges licenses to apprentice judges who have successfully completed their apprenticeship.

## USA PERFORMANCE JUDGES PROGRAM

### I. MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRANCE INTO USA JUDGES PROGRAM

- A. The candidate should be a USA member in good standing for at least five (5) years, and keep up their membership throughout their judging career in USA.
- B. A candidate must have trained and shown a German Shepherd Dog through SchH3 and FH and at least one (1) other dog to SchH1; and, in addition, acquired a B and an AD. Also, the candidate should have competed at the SchH3 level in a regional or national competition.
- C. In addition to the above requirements, the candidate should show a considerable amount of training experience (i.e., involvement at the local club level).
- D. A candidate for USA judge shall not be a professional; that is, he/she should not earn a substantial portion of his/her income from the breeding, handling, training, or showing of schutzhund-type dogs, including conformation. The method of determining the income shall be any reasonable means determined by the USA Judges Committee.
- E. The age requirements for entering the USA Judges Program are that the applicant should not be younger than twenty-five (25) years of age and cannot be older than sixty (60) years of age. Proof of age is required upon entering the USA Judges Program.
- F. The candidate should have knowledge of and have participated in a breed survey or a conformation show.

### II. APPLICATION TO APPRENTICE PROGRAM

- A. The applicant *must be recommended by his/her club* to their Regional Director. A *written résumé* of the applicant's qualifications *must* accompany the local club's recommendation. Clubs should take great care in recommending individuals to participate in the USA Apprentice Judges Program. Only those persons who demonstrate high standards of personal conduct, good sportsmanship, a sound mastery of the basics of schutzhund, and a willingness to work with people on a one-to-one basis and to intelligently promote the sport of Schutzhund should be considered.
- B. The Regional Director should acquaint him/herself with the applicant, perform a background check on the applicant, and review a *criminal history supplied by the applicant*. The Regional Director will then forward all of the above information *along with his/her recommendation*, the club's recommendation, and the applicant's résumé to the USA Director of Judges and the USA Judges Committee.
- C. The USA Director of Judges and the USA Judges Committee shall check the résumé and all accompanying material that has been submitted for truth and forthrightness. After review and upon acceptance, the applicant's name will be published in *Schutzhund USA* for two (2) consecutive issues. Any challenges or objections regarding the applicant should be forwarded to the Director of Judges *in writing no later than four (4) weeks after the mailing of the second issue*. Any unsigned letters will be disregarded.
- D. All letters received will be sent to the applicant *without the signature*.
- E. If accepted after further review by the USA Judges Committee, the applicant will be placed on the USA Apprentice Judges list and is *qualified* to begin his/her apprenticeship, including *officiating at affiliation trials* at the request of a Regional Director.
- F. Before beginning official assignments as a USA Apprentice Judge, the applicant will do two (2) walkthroughs with judges and attend the USA judges seminar/workshop to become acquainted with the intricacies of trial procedure and of the judging experience itself.

### III. APPRENTICESHIP PROCEDURE

- A. The apprentice judge will send a *written request* for permission to the teaching judge, the club contact of the hosting club, and the USA Director of Judges. All of this *must be done no less than ten (10) days before the event* for approval to apprentice.
- B. The apprentice trial report should be sent to the presiding judge no later than thirty (30) days after the completion of the event.
- C. After completion of an apprenticeship (i.e., all copies graded and mailed back), there will be a *waiting period of 30 (thirty) days before the next assignment*. This will give the apprentice judge time to study the results and the presiding judge's remarks from the preceding event.
- D. When apprenticing under USA judges, two (2) copies of the trial report must be sent to the judge *with the necessary postage*. One (1) copy of the report, with corrections and remarks by the presiding judge, will be returned to the applicant. The other copy will go to the USA Director of Judges with a cover letter from the presiding judge covering the apprentice's work.
- E. When apprenticing under SV judges, two (2) copies in *English* and one (1) copy in *German* must be sent to the presiding judge with the *required return postage*, unless the presiding judge agrees that *English only is acceptable*.
- F. *ONLY* after receiving the corrected copy of the previous trial reports and after an elapsed time period of *thirty (30) days* will the apprentice be able to *apprentice at another trial*. All copies from the previous assignments *must* be presented to the teaching judge *ten (10) days prior to the next event*. This will give the teaching judge the opportunity to evaluate the apprentice's progress throughout the procedure.
- G. There will be a *required minimum* of eight (8) apprenticeship trials as follows:
  - There will be five (5) apprenticeships under USA-recognized judges such as USA, SV, FCI, and all judges from WUSV member countries with approval from the USA Director of Judges.
  - The first apprenticeship will be under the USA Director of Judges or his/her designee.
  - There will be an apprenticeship at a national event, (German Shepherd Dog Championship, North American Championship or the USA Schutzhund 3 National Championship) where at least two (2) complete flights of dogs will be followed throughout the event.
  - The last apprenticeship will be under the USA Director of Judges.
- H. The apprentice judge will also *be required to judge a minimum of fifty (50) dogs* as follows:
  - Five (5) Begleithunde (BH)
  - Two (2) Ausauerprufung (AD)
  - Five (5) Farthenhund (either FH1 or FH2)
  - Ten (10) Schutzhund 1 (SchH1)
  - Five (5) Schutzhund 2 (SchH2)
  - Twenty-three (23) Schutzhund 3 (SchH3)
- I. A *written final exam* is to be taken by the apprentice that is administered by the USA Judges Committee, with the questions based on the *USA Official Rule Book*.
- J. After completion of the above-mentioned requirements, the USA Director of Judges and the USA Judges Committee will review all of the apprentices' records and will grant probationary judges licenses to apprentice judges who have successfully completed their apprenticeship.
- K. Any apprentice who fails to pass two (2) assignments in a row will be excused from the USA Judges Program.
- L. The apprenticeship will last *no longer than three (3) years*, and the apprentice must perform at least three (3) apprenticeships a year to remain current and remain in the program.

- M. The initial license will be for a minimum probationary period of (three (3) years. At the end of the three (3) year probationary period, the USA Director of Judges and the USA Judges Committee will review the probationary judge's work for recommendation to the Board for his/her permanent USA judges license.

#### IV. CONDUCT OF JUDGES

- A. A judge is a representative of USA *on and off* the field at all times and will be dressed appropriately when judging; this means slacks and sport shirt (shirt w/collar) during stadium work. Jeans, t-shirts, and warm-up suits are not proper attire for judging, especially stadium work (obedience and protection). Jeans may be worn during the tracking phase at the discretion of the judge, however, if the terrain and cover warrant it.
- B. A judge should always be fair and unbiased in his/her work.
- C. A judge should always conduct him/herself in a sportsmanlike manner.
- D. A judge should abide by the rules accepted by USA.
- E. A judge should not *train or show someone else's dog for money* in a schutzhund trial, breed survey, or conformation show.
- F. A judge should at all times be concerned with the welfare of the dogs, the spectators, and the safe conduct of the trial and all concerned.
- G. It is *absolutely necessary* for everyone involved in the USA Judges Program to inform the USA Director of Judges of his/her correct address, telephone number, and *all other vital statistics that may be required for insurance purposes*. All of this information must remain current throughout his/her judging career with USA and will be updated annually.
- H. A judge may not judge *his/her local club or members of a household of which they are a member*.
- I. A judge must always abide by the USA judges "Code of Ethics."
- J. A judge can judge at any club *only once in a 12 (twelve) month period* and there must be another trial held with a different judge *before they can return*. Furthermore, a judge may not judge *consecutive trials* at any club except in an emergency, which may *only be decided by the regional director*. This restriction will be lifted if the local club is the sponsor of a championship event from regional level on up.
- K. A judge can judge a *maximum of 25 trials per year*. Endurance tests, BH trials, and B and C tournaments do not count toward this total.

#### V. REQUIRED ACTIVITIES OF JUDGES

- A. A judge should keep expanding his/her knowledge by studying under designated SV judges and attending the USA judges scheduled workshop/seminar.
- B. A judge *must* remain *actively involved* in the *training and showing of Schutzhund dogs*.
- C. A judge *shall be required* to judge *a minimum of four (4) events within the calendar year*.
- D. A judge should always adhere to the judge's task list when working an event.

#### VI. JUDGE'S FEES

- A. For travel, the mileage reimbursement will follow federal guidelines for any and all travel to and from the trial by personal car (currently .485 cents per mile.).
- B. Roundtrip airfare when required and all attendant charges, such as parking, etc.
- C. Any meals taken while in transit to and from the trial.

- D. Lodging if necessary and all meals during the course of the event.
- E. A judge's fee as prescribed by the Board *for trials and seminars*, which is currently \$75 (seventy-five) dollars per day and includes one (1) travel day.

## VII. REMOVAL OF JUDGES

### A Automatic Removal

1. Termination of USA membership for any reason.
2. Voluntary request for removal.
3. Any judge *who does not judge four (4) trials in any (one (1) calendar year* without sufficient cause will be placed on suspension until good reason is supplied for failure to judge the required number of trials. four (4) trials in any one (1) calendar year. If good reason is not supplied to the USA Director of Judges and the USA Judges Committee, the judge in question will be required to perform one (1) apprenticeship with the USA Director of Judges within one (1) year of being placed on suspension to reinstate his/her license.

### B. PUNITIVE: Judges may be removed as a *result of an Executive Board decision* and after *an impartial hearing*; the basis for this action should be:

1. Failure to abide by the rules and regulations of USA.
2. Failure to abide by the USA judges "Code of Ethics," rules and regulations, and procedural requirements as specified in the USA Judges Program or by the USA Director of Judges.

### C. Inactive Status

1. At any time, the USA Director of Judges may place an individual *on inactive status* until a meeting of or a decision by the Executive Board. An individual may also become temporarily inactive until certain requirements are met as specified by the USA Director of Judges and the USA Judges Committee.
2. A judge may request inactive status for personal reasons.

### D. The retirement age for a judge shall be seventy-five (75) years old. This age will be observed whether the judge is a working dog performance judge or conformation breed judge. Upon retirement, the judge will receive the title of "Judge Emeritus," become a lifetime member of USA with suspension of yearly dues, and receive free admission into any USA-sponsored event (as either spectator or competitor) as gratitude for his/her years of service. This honor is only bestowed upon a judge who is no longer actively judging.

## VIII. REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGES PRESIDING OVER APPRENTICE JUDGES

- A. They must have been a licensed judge for a *minimum of five (5) years*.
- B. They must have *judged a championship event at the national level*.
- C. They must have the approval of the USA Director of Judges.

## IX. REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGING NATIONAL EVENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

- A. They must have been a licensed judge for a *minimum of five (5) years*.
- B. They must have judged *two (2) regional championships*.
- C. They *must have attended* the USA Judges College workshop/seminar *within the last two (2) years* prior to the event in question.
- D. They must have judged a *minimum of one hundred fifty (150) schutzhund dogs*.
- E. USA judges must have the approval of the USA Director of Judges for all events outside of United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

- F. The final approval for appointment to national events rests with the USA Director of Judges, the USA Judges Committee, and the Board.
- G. All international judging assignments *must* have the approval of the USA Director of Judges.
- H. Any USA judge wishing to join another organization's judging program must present a formal request from the organization, must be sponsored by the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, and must have the approval of the USA Director of Judges.

## **X. SELECTION OF JUDGES FOR NATIONAL EVENTS**

- A. A judge may accept no more than one (1) assignment at the national level during the World Qualifying series; i.e., the World Qualifier, the North American Championship or the USA National Schutzhund 3 Championship.
- B. In the event of extenuating circumstances, a judge may be allowed to judge at more than one (1) national event within the World Qualifying Series, provided he/she meets all of the necessary criteria and are approved by the USA Director of Judges and/or event trial chairperson
- C. The USA Director of Judges and the USA Judges Committee shall provide a list of eligible judges for national events.

## **XI. ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN JUDGES INTO USA JUDGES PROGRAM**

The following will apply to all judges with considerable judging experience:

- A. Must be a USA member and keep their membership current throughout their USA judging career.
- B. Must be sponsored by a member of the USA Executive Board.
- C. Must have their name printed in the USA magazine for two (2) issues.
- D. Must be between thirty (30) and seventy (70) years of age and must supply proof of age upon application.
- E. Must supply the USA Director of Judges and the USA Judges Committee with a curriculum of their experience in all aspects of schutzhund and keep all of their vital statistics current with the USA Director of Judges.
- F. Must have trained one (1) to a SchH3, another to a SchH1, and acquired an FH.
- G. Must present him/herself and actively participate at the annual Judges College, at the end of which the USA Director of Judges will recommend to the USA Judges Committee to sponsor and accept the presenting judge as a licensed USA judge or recommend either two (2) walkthroughs or an appropriate number of formal apprenticeships. This will be at the discretion of the USA Director of Judges.
- H. The USA Judges Committee will present their recommendation to the Executive Board for approval via a mail ballot (electronic or U.S. mail) or at the next meeting of either the Executive or General Board.
- I. Once accepted, all other USA judges rules and regulations will apply.

### **REVISION HISTORY:**

- 10/31/02 USA Performance Judges Program approved.
- 10/30/03 Change Section I Part B: Add requirement that candidate must have trained and shown a German Shepherd Dog through SchH3 and FH.
- 10/30/03 Add Section XI Part G: Must present him/herself and actively participate at the annual Judges College, at the end of which the USA Director of Judges will recommend to the USA Judges Committee to sponsor and accept the presenting judge as a licensed USA judge or recommend

- either two (2) walkthroughs or an appropriate number of formal apprentice-ships. This will be at the discretion of the USA Director of Judges.
- 10/30/03 Add Section XI Part H: The USA Judges Committee will present their recommendation to the Executive Board for approval via a mail ballot (electronic or U.S. mail) or at the next meeting of either the Executive or General Board.
- 10/30/03 Add Section XI Part I: Once accepted, all other USA judges rules and regulations will apply.
- 11/04/04 Change Section VI Part E: Increase judges fee to \$75 per day.
- 09/16/05 Change Section VI Part A: Increase mileage to .485 cents per mile.
- 11/03/05 Change Section III Part J: After completion of the above-mentioned requirements, the USA Director of Judges and the USA Judges Committee will review all of the apprentices' records and will grant probationary judges licenses to apprentice judges who have successfully completed their apprenticeship.



## NATIONAL EVENTS SLATE OF JUDGES

### **E-Ballot #2-06 (National Event Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that two USA judges be utilized for USA national events whenever possible; with the option of using one recognized non-USA judge in one of the three phases, and the non-USA judge rotated through the phases on a regular basis. Beginning in 2007, the USA Judges Committee will provide a possible slate of authorized USA judges for all USA national events by January 31 of the event year.

### **E-Ballot #12-05 (2005 H.O.T. Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the USA Judges Committee's recommended slate of judges for the 2005 H.O.T. Championship:

- Tracking – Nikki Banfield (USA)
- Obedience – Mike Hamilton (USA)
- Protection – Jakob Meyer (SV)

### **E-Ballot #6-05 (2005 USA-GSD National Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the USA Judges Committee's recommended slate of judges for the 2005 USA German Shepherd Dog National Championship:

- Tracking – Al Kerr (USA)
- Obedience – Peter Jacobs (SV)
- Protection – Heinz Balonier (SV)

### **E-Ballot #5-05 (2005 North American and FH Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the USA Judges Committee's recommended slate of judges for the 2005 North American and FH Championship:

- Tracking and FH – Carla Griffith (USA)
- Obedience – Bill Szentmiklosi (USA)
- Protection – Dirk Stocks (SV)

### **E-Ballot #2-04 (2004 National Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the Judges Committee recommended slate of judges for the 2004 National Championship:

- Tracking – Al Govednik (USA)
- Obedience – Günter Lanfer (SV)
- Protection – Michael Hamilton (USA)

### **E-Ballot #1-04 (2004 North American and FH Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the Judges Committee recommended slate of judges for the 2004 North American and FH Championship:

- Tracking – Al Kerr (USA)
- Obedience – Frank Mensing (GSSCC/SV)
- Protection – Eckhard Roddewig (SV)

### **E-Ballot #25-03 (2003 WPO Judge)**

Motion by Diane Vegsund to accept the USA K-9 Committee's recommendation that Kevin Sheldahl judge the 2003 WPO Police Dog Championship at the 2003 National Championship.

### **E-Ballot #6-03 (2003 National Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to accept the Judges Committee's recommendation of the following judges for the 2003 National Championship:

- Tracking – Willie Pope (USA)
- Obedience – Igor Lengvarsky (FCI)
- Protection – Günther Diegel (SV)

### **E-Ballot #1-03 (2003 GSD Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve the following slate of judges for the 2003 German Shepherd Dog Championship:

- Tracking – Willie Pope (USA)

Obedience – Carla Griffith (USA)  
 Protection – Glenn Stephenson (USA)

**E-Ballot #16-02 (2003 North American and FH Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion to approved the following judges for the 2003 North American and FH Championship:

Tracking – Floyd Wilson (USA)  
 Obedience – John Mulligan (USA/SV)  
 Protection – Lance Collins (GSSCC)

**E-Ballot #9-02 (2002 USA National Championship and Police Dog Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion to accept the judges slate for the 2002 USA National Schutzhund 3 and Police Dog Championship to be held from October 31 thru November 3, 2002 in Gadsden, Alabama and hosted by the Jefferson-St. Clair County Schutzhund Association. The proposed slate is as follows:

Tracking – Al Govednik (USA)  
 Obedience – Peter Jacobs (SV)  
 Protection – Kurt Falkenstern (SV)  
 WPO – Ulrich Gerling (SV)

**E-Ballot #2-02 (2002 North American and FH Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to accept the Judges Committee's approved slate of judges for the 2002 North American and FH Championship.

Tracking (Including FH) – Lance Collins (GSSCC)  
 Obedience – Frank Mensing (SV/GSSCC)  
 Protection – Doug Deacon (SV/GSSCC)

**E-Ballot #1-02 (2002 German Shepherd Dog Championship Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to accept the Judges Committee's approved slate of judges for the 2002 German Shepherd Dog Championship.

Tracking – Floyd Wilson (USA)  
 Obedience – Michael Caputo (USA)  
 Protection – Bill Szentmiklosi (USA)

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Replacement of Judges)**

In the event of extenuating circumstances, a judge that is unable to fulfill his duties at a USA national event may be replaced by any qualified judge approved by the Director of Judges or trial chairperson. **Amended and ratified at 2001 GBM–Taunton (Replacement of Judges).**

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (2001 GSD Championship Slate of Judges)**

The Judges Committee approved the following judges for the 2001 GSD Championship:

Tracking – Al Govednik  
 Obedience/Protection – Willie Pope

**E-Ballot #1-01 (2001 North American SchH3 and FH Championship Judge)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve John Mulligan (USA/SV) as the obedience judge at the 2001 North American SchH3 and FH Championship.

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (2001 North American Championship and FH Slate of Judges)**

The Judges Committee approved the following judges for the 2001 North American Championship and FH Championship:

Tracking – Ernest Hintz  
 Obedience – TBD  
 Protection – Bill Szentmiklosi

**2000 EBM–Austin (2000 National Championship WPO Judge)**

Mike West will be the WPO judge for the 2000 National Championship in Madison.

**Mail Ballot #15-98 (1998 USA National Championship Protection Judge)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski, Director of Judges, that, due to cancellation of Hans Rudenauer, Al Milner be selected as Protection Judge for the 1998 USA National Championship in Denver, Colorado.

**Mail Ballot #8-98 (1998 North American Championship Judge Change)**

Due to unexpected medical problems, SV Judge Ludwig Germain, scheduled to judge tracking at the 1998 North American Championship, is unable to do so. The Trial Committee wishes to use USA Judge Ray Wisner and the Judges Committee has approved this selection. Motion that USA Judge Ray Wisner be approved to judge tracking at the 1998 North American Championship.

**Mail Ballot #6-97 (1997 National Championship Slate of Judges)**

Approve the following slate of judges for the 1997 National Championship Trial:

- Tracking – Al Milner
- Obedience – Willie Pope
- Protection – Mike Caputo

**Mail Ballot #2-97 (1997 North American and FH Championships Slate of Judges)**

Approval for the following judges slate for the 1997 North American and FH Championships:

- FH – George Shumaker
- Tracking – Mike Caputo
- Obedience – George Shumaker
- Protection – Günter Lanfer

**Mail Ballot #29-96 (1996 World Qualifier Slate of Judges)**

Shall the following judges slate be approved to judge USA's 1996 World Qualifier Trial April 21–22 in St. Louis, Missouri.

- Tracking – Al Kerr
- Obedience – Tony Perrone
- Protection – Mike Caputo

**Mail Ballot #28-96 (1996 North American Championship and FH Championship Slate of Judges)**

Shall the following judges slate be approved to judge USA's 1996 North American Championship Trial and FH Championship hosted by the South County Schutzhund Club:

- Tracking – Doug Deacon
- Obedience – Bill Szentmiklosi
- Protection – Frank Mensing
- FH – Bill Szentmiklosi

## **K-9 COMMITTEE**

### **E-Ballot #25-03 (2003 WPO Judge)**

Motion by Diane Vegsund to accept the USA K-9 Committee's recommendation that Kevin Sheldahl judge the 2003 WPO Police Dog Championship at the 2003 National Championship.

### **2003 EBM–Bakersfield (DPO Entry Requirements)**

The Executive Board interprets entry requirements for its DPO Program to be:

- Dog handlers must be full time law enforcement officers.
- The dog must be a full time service dog.
- Only full time police officers handling full time service dogs may enter WPO events.

Motion that a full time police officer may participate in a DPO event with a dog that is not a full time service dog, provided it has achieved the BH. The police officer's and dog's status must be provided by the officer's department and verified by the trial secretaries. **Rescinded at 2003 GBM–Reno.**

### **E-Ballot #15-02 (Entry to Both the SchH3 and WPO Championships)**

Motion to change the existing USA rules and regulations to allow USA K-9 officers (that qualify) to compete at the USA annual International Police Dog Competition and also at the annual Schutzhund Championship that is held in conjunction with that event, should they so desire, as long as they have met all qualifications for entering both of the championships. This motion applies to annual championships only and does not apply to local or regional events. **Rescinded at 2003 GBM–Reno.**

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

### **1991 EBM–Rome (WPO Championship with USA National Championship)**

USA K-9 may hold a WPO Championship event in conjunction with the USA National Championship providing that they bear all responsibility for costs, details, and arrangements. The hosting of other DPO events in conjunction with other USA events is at the option of the USA host clubs.

### **1987 GBM–St. Louis (DPO Waiting Period Rule Change)**

Change DPO rules so that the interval required between DPO I and DPO II is a minimum of two weeks instead of six weeks.

### **1987 GBM–St. Louis (DPO I and DPO II Competition Requirements)**

Rule #6 requirements for competition for DPO I and DPO II be changed. For DPO I competition the dog would need no title or a SchH I title. For DPO II competition the dog should have a DPO I or a SchH II or III or the European equivalent.

### **1987 GBM–St. Louis (DPO Judge Requirements)**

Change Rule #3 in the requirements for DPO judges to read that the applicant must have six years of experience as a K-9 handler or have titled his or her working police dog to DPO II.

### **1987 GBM–St. Louis (DPO Trial Paperwork)**

USA trial secretaries at club trials where DPO I or DPO II are offered have on the trial application a mandate that the applicant must have included on the application his or her name, rank, department, and work phone number for proper verification. Verification must be made by the trial secretary if the handler is unknown to them.

### **1987 GBM–St. Louis (International Entries at 1988 National Police Dog Competition)**

Proposal to open the 1988 National Police Dog Competition to limited international entries.

### **1987 EBM–St. Louis (Approval of Mike West to Judge DPO Competitions)**

Motion to approve Mike West to judge DPO Competitions and award DPO titles.

### **1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Qualifying Police Dog Judges)**

Motion to accept the procedure proposed by the USA K-9 Committee for qualifying Police Dog Judges. That the program conforms to the current USA Judges Program, with the following additional provisions:

1. That the applicant be a full-time law enforcement officer.

2. That he have served as a police dog handler for a minimum of six years.
3. That he apprentices under a qualified police judge during the apprentice period.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (USA Police Dog Championship Rules)**

Motion to accept the proposal from the USA K-9 Committee for the rules for USA Police Dog Championships:

1. Must be a member of USA.
2. Must be a full-time law enforcement officer.
3. Scorebooks must be registered with the USA Administrator of Records six months prior to the championship.
4. All dogs must be the handler's street dog or personal dog. No handler may compete with another handler's dog unless that handler is also a full-time law enforcement officer who would have shown the dog but is incapacitated.
5. For DPO I, the dog must have SchH II or III, or DPO I title. Dogs entered in DPO II must have DPO I title or DPO II title.
6. Tracklayers and helpers should be law enforcement officers.
7. Judges will be approved police dog judges.

**Rules #3 and #6 changed at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Conduct Police Dog Championship with SchH3 National Championship)**

Motion to approve conducting a Police Dog Championship in conjunction with the SchH3 National Championship annually.

**1984 EBM–Sacramento (Adoption of DPO I and DPO II Rules)**

Motion that the translation of the rules that Mike West has been adopted by the USA for the DPO I and the international rules for the DPO II.

**1983 GBM–Peoria (Recognition of DPO Titles)**

USA recognize DPO titles earned under SV-recognized police trial judges.

**1981 EBM–St. Louis**

Motion that individuals must show a registered scorebook and membership card before showing at a trial and that a checklist must be attached to the judge's book before the trial.

## LEGAL BUSINESS

### **1999 EBM–Gatlinburg (Executive Director Position)**

Motion that President Mike Hamilton personally speak with a competent attorney to double check all issues discussed at the meeting pertaining to the position of Executive Director and report to the Executive Board.

### **1999 EBM–Gatlinburg (Davidson Lawsuit)**

Do not utilize Paul Grana's proposal dated March 1999 regarding the Davidson lawsuit.

### **Mail Ballot #7-97 (Hintz vs. United Schutzhund Clubs of America)**

Shall the United Schutzhund Clubs of America accept settlement of the above case on the following basis:

1. USA will pay Peggy Hintz \$5,725 representing the \$5,500 previously agreed, plus interest from January 1, 1997 to July 1, 1997 at 10% per annum, which totals \$225.
2. By her check dated some date other than USA's check, i.e., a day or two before or after, Peggy Hintz will donate \$2,750 to USA.
3. The exchange of checks will occur simultaneously. At the same time any release USA requires and a request for dismissal will be delivered to USA's attorney. The settlement and exchange of funds and documents will occur no later than 5:00 P.M. on August 26, 1997, at the office of Peggy Hintz's attorney.

### **1995 EBM–Albuquerque (Expenses/Legal Fees in Hintz vs. Caputo)**

Motion that the United Schutzhund Clubs of America provide the funding necessary to cover Michael Caputo's expenses and legal fees associated with the case of Hintz vs. Caputo.

### **1986 EBM–Sacramento (CARDA)**

Letter from John Koerner, President of CARDA (California Rescue Dog Association), objecting to article in last issue of *Schutzhund USA*. Motion that we:

1. Ask the author for a retraction acceptable to CARDA.
2. Ask CARDA for a release of liability from any legal action based upon the retraction.

## **MAGAZINE COMMITTEE**

(Formerly Editorial Committee)

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

### **1999 GBM–Reno (Publication of Contact Information)**

Only the committee chairperson's contact information will be printed in the magazine publication. Only the names of the other committee members will be listed.

### **1999 EBM–St. Louis (Rescind Rule Restricting Magazine Advertising)**

Motion to rescind the rule restricting magazine advertising to USA members. Insert: All advertising is subject to the approval of the Editorial Committee.

### **1998 GBM–Denver (Publication of Committee Information)**

Complete listing of all committees and their purpose to be published in our current website and printed in every magazine, including e-mail address, mailing address, and phone number.

### **1998 GBM–Denver, Colorado (Publication of Board Member Information)**

Complete listing of all board members to be published in our current website and printed in every magazine, including e-mail address, mailing address, and phone number.

### **1997 EBM–Madison (Restriction of WDA Sieger Show Placing Advertising)**

Motion that advertising of WDA Sieger Show placings not be allowed in *Schutzhund USA*.

### **1994 GBM–Madison (Add “For the German Shepherd Dog” to Magazine Cover)**

Proposal to add the words “For the German Shepherd Dog” on the cover magazine beginning with the January/February 1995 issue.

### **1994 EBM–Portland (Change to In-House Desktop Publishing)**

Motion that we make the change to in-house desktop publishing system for our magazine.

### **1990 EBM–Plymouth (Publish Top National Event and Sieger Show Placements)**

Motion that the top three places in our national events, the top three males and females at the Sieger Show, and the first places in the youth classes be published, the photos to be supplied by the owner subject to quality control and approval by the editor of the magazine.

### **1988 GBM –Canton (Covers Showing DPO Champion and National Conformation Show Winners)**

The winner of the DPO Championship trial and the National Conformation Show winners to appear on the magazine cover.

### **1988 EBM–Bowling Green (Mail Ballots)**

Motion that the results of Executive Board mail ballots of the 21 Board members be listed and how they voted.

### **1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Appointment of Magazine Editor)**

Motion to confirm the appointment of Marc Hess as the new Editor.

### **1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Reimbursement of Editor Travel Expenses)**

Motion that we give the same transportation reimbursement to the Editor of the magazine that is given to the Executive Board members for transportation to the Executive Board meeting in the spring and the General Board meeting in the fall. This is an expense of a maximum of \$600/year.

### **1986 GBM–Sacramento (Publish USA and SV Sport Medal Recipients)**

Motion for annual publication of all USA and SV sport medal recipients during the previous year beginning with the February 1987 issue of *Schutzhund USA*. The announcement is to be provided by the Administrator of Records.

**1986 GBM–Sacramento (Publish Breed Warden/Tattooist Lists)**

Effective for June 1987 publication and from thereon twice per year in *Schutzhund USA* of breed wardens and tattooists by region. Information to be provided by the Administrator of Records in conjunction with the regional director.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Handling Inappropriate Magazine Submittals)**

If there is something submitted that the editor feels should not be published, that is not just deleted but the desired changes indicated and sent back to the author or advertiser to be resubmitted.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Standardization of Magazine Cover)**

Standardization of magazine cover: As of January 1, 1988 the cover format of the *Schutzhund USA* magazine be such that one issue shows a picture of the National Champion, one issue shows the European Team, one issue shows the SchHIII tournament/North American Champion, one issue shows the FH Champion, one issue shows a dog at play, one issue shows a dog at work (non-schutzhund).

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Front/Back Covers to Feature German Shepherd Dogs)**

Limit the front and back cover of the magazine to German Shepherd Dogs. **Rescinded at 1985 GBM–Bowling Green.**

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Publish Mail Ballots)**

In the future all mail ballots and the results be printed in the magazine.

**1984 GBM–Oxford (Clubs with Unacceptable Trial Paperwork)**

Motion that we publish which trials in which scores have been held up.

**1984 EBM–Sacramento (Non-Sanctioned Event Advertising)**

Non-sanctioned events will receive no advertising in the magazine.

**1982 GBM–Washington (Payment for Political Ads)**

Motion that all political ads in the *Schutzhund USA* magazine be paid for as ads.

**1982 EBM–Sacramento (Meeting Minutes)**

Motion to publish the minutes after each meeting.

**1982 EBM–Sacramento (Publish Reason Dog Did Not Finish in Trial Results)**

Motion to publish in the magazine trial results the reason a dog did not finish a trial.

**1981 EBM–Columbia (Tri-Tronics Ad)**

Upon completion of the contract with Tri-Tronics, the ad is removed from the magazine.

**1980 GBM–Denver (Publish Breed Surveys/Sell Breed Survey Documents)**

The results of breed surveys be published in the magazine and that any individual be allowed to purchase copies of breed survey documents from the Administrator of Records.

**1980 EBM–St. Louis (Committee for Publishing Guidelines)**

Motion to set up a committee immediately to establish guidelines for publishing the magazine.



## NATIONAL BREED WARDEN

### **2003 GBM–Reno (2004 Sieger Show and USA-GSD Championship at Same Venue)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to conduct the 2004 Sieger Show at same venue as the USA-GSD National Championship.

### **2003 EBM–Bakersfield (National Event Slate of Judges)**

The Executive Board recommends to the General Board through a bylaw change that the judges slate for the working national events will be presented to the Executive Board by the Judges Committee. The judges slate for the Sieger Show will be presented to the Executive Board by the Breed Advisory Committee. The Executive Board will then approve the slate presented, or recommend alternatives to the recommended judges.

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (Violations Against USA Breeding Regulations)**

Motion by Peggy Park that violations against USA's Breeding Regulations will be reviewed by the National Breed Warden and possibly referred to the Board of Inquiry.

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (USA-Recognized Judges)**

USA-recognized judges are USA, Canadian, and SV judges; however, all judges for USA-sanctioned events must first be approved by the Director of Judges or the National Breed Warden respectively.

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

### **2000 GBM–Madison (Sieger Show Helper Selection)**

The Director of Judges, the National Breed Warden, or their appointee shall select the helpers at the National Sieger Show.

### **2000 EBM–Austin (New Judges for 2001 Sieger Show)**

Motion to select new judges for the 2001 Sieger Show.

### **2000 EBM–Austin (Use USA Conformation Judges)**

Starting with 2001, we strongly recommend the usage of USA conformation judges.

### **2000 EBM–Austin (Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

The Breed Advisory Committee will recommend the slate of judges starting with the 2001 Sieger Show.

### **1999 GBM–Reno (Breed Advisory Committee Chairman)**

The Breed Advisory Committee will elect their chairperson, who will also serve as the National Head Breed Warden.

### **1998 GBM–Denver (Sieger Show Dates)**

Change the window of dates for the Sieger Show to be no closer than two weeks on either side of the North American or World Qualifier or National Championship to begin in the year 2000 due to airline restrictions.

### **1997 EBM–Madison (Sieger Show Window)**

Motion to create a window for the Sieger Show to be either the first or second weekend in June. **Rescinded at 1998 GBM–Denver.**

### **1992 GBM–Albuquerque (Sieger Show Helpers)**

The helpers for the working classes at the Sieger Show will be picked from the USA membership. They will be picked by the protection judge, the regional director, and the Breed Advisory Committee Chairman. Three helpers would be selected, and in case of warm weather could be rotated every five dogs instead of having one helper for the males and one for the bitches. The USA Office will keep the protection judge and the Breed Advisory Committee Chairman informed of the size of the entry in the working classes in case more helpers would be needed.

## NATIONAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

### **E-Ballot #2-06 (National Event Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that two USA judges be utilized for USA national events whenever possible; with the option of using one recognized non-USA judge in one of the three phases, and the non-USA judge rotated through the phases on a regular basis. Beginning in 2007, the USA Judges Committee will provide a possible slate of authorized USA judges for all USA national events by January 31 of the event year.

### **2005 GBM–San Jose (H.O.T. Definition Revision Effective Date)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that to be considered a H.O.T. dog, as of January 1, 2006 you must have owned the dog before it was one year of age. Any dogs before that date, as long as you can show ownership before January 1, 2006, will still be considered a H.O.T. dog under the current H.O.T. requirements.

### **2005 GBM–San Jose (H.O.T. Definition Revision)**

Motion by Molly Graf to revise the definition of H.O.T. to include the requirement that the dog must be owned no later than one year of age.

### **2005 GBM–San Jose (National Event NEC Contact Requirement)**

Motion by Howie Rodriguez that in order for the NEC to ensure the organization of a properly prepared trial, the trial chairperson must contact the NEC chairperson at least six months prior to the event.

### **2005 EBM–San Jose (Regional Participation for GSD National Championship Entry)**

Regional participation is not required for entry to the GSD National Championship if the handler/dog team was selected by USA or AWDF for a WUSV or FCI team and participated that year. **Ratified at 2005 GBM–San Jose. Supersedes 2004 GBM–Nashville (Regional Participation for GSD National Championship Entry).**

### **2005 EBM–San Jose (Regional Policy Clarification of Participation)**

To qualify for participation, the handler/dog team at a minimum must begin one or more phases of the trial. If while participating the dog is pulled due to injury or illness, the process outlined under Section D “Pulling a Dog from a Trial” under General Rules and Regulations in the USA Trial Rules will apply. A notation in the scorebook of “terminated (or discontinued) because of injury or illness” is acceptable to qualify for participation. A handler/dog team that cannot attempt the exercises or achieve a partial score due to a pre-existing injury is not qualified as having participated. Disqualification for unsportsmanlike conduct does not qualify as participation. **Ratified at 2005 GBM–San Jose. Supersedes 2004 GBM–Nashville (Regional Policy Clarification of Participation).**

### **E-Ballot #26-05 (Entry in AWDF Affiliated Breed Club Trials)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA will recognize titles awarded by AWDF-affiliated breed clubs. The recognition of these clubs and their judges will be considered on a club-by-club basis. The clubs to be considered will be required to have viable and comprehensive judges programs of their own, with judges who have gone through their respective programs in their entirety; and they will be required to provide a list of judges who are recognized through their respective programs. AWDF clubs must petition USA for recognition.

These AWDF-affiliated breed club judges may award titles that will be recognized exclusively for progression pertaining to performance titles (AD, B, WH, OB, TR, FH, IPO, SchH/VPG).

These titles will not be recognized for entry in the USA-GSD National Championship, which will still require a qualifying score of 270 points at a USA-sanctioned event awarded under a USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judge. These titles will not be recognized for the USA SchH3 Club or the USA Sports Medals Program.

These titles will not be recognized for German Shepherd Dogs in any context that applies to breeding, breed surveys, breed shows, or registration with USA. Titles for such recognition for GSD's must be awarded under USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judges.

### **E-Ballot #22-05 (Youth National Championship)**

Motion by Randy Kromer to initiate a Youth National Championship to be held in conjunction with the annual H.O.T. Championship and possibly other national events in the future. The championship will be for two age groups, 12 years and under and 13 through 18 years. Competitors can compete without a H.O.T. dog, but a special award will also be given to the highest scoring H.O.T. competitor.

**E-Ballot #10-05 (Rescind Tattoo Variance for German Shepherd Dogs)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that tattoos or microchips will be required for German Shepherd Dogs entered in all USA performance events effective January 1, 2006, and the identification information is to be recorded in the scorebook. Dogs of breeds other than the German Shepherd Dog will be required to have a tattoo or microchip for entry in USA national and regional events, but not for entry in USA local events. Owners of dogs with microchips are responsible for providing the identification equipment. The only change resulting from this motion will be requiring identification for German Shepherd Dogs entered in local performance events. **Supersedes E-Ballot #25-04 (Tattoo Variance).**

**E-Ballot #8-05 (Host for 2005 H.O.T. Championship)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to accept the bid from Penn Ohio Working Dog Club to host the 2005 H.O.T. Championship as approved by the National Events Committee.

**E-Ballot #7-05 (Breed Registry Requirements for National Event/Conformation Show Entry)**

Motion by Sara Wallick to require German Shepherd Dogs entered in the USA German Shepherd Dog National Championship, the USA North American and FH Championship, or USA conformation shows to be registered with either the USA Breed Registry or the USA/SV Breed Registry effective immediately. This requirement excludes dogs under twelve months of age and dogs owned by individuals who are not permanent residents of the United States.

**2004 GBM–Nashville (Regional Policy Clarification of Participation)**

To qualify for participation, there must be an entry in the scorebook, other than unsportsmanlike conduct, made by the judge at the regional championship. **Superseded by 2005 EBM–San Jose (Regional Policy Clarification of Participation).**

**2004 GBM–Nashville (Regional Participation for GSD National Championship Entry)**

Regional participation is not required for entry to the GSD National Championship if the handler has participated in or is selected as an FCI or WUSV team member for that year. **Superseded by 2005 EBM–San Jose (Regional Participation for GSD National Championship Entry).**

**E-Ballot #30-04 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer to defer indefinitely the adoption of the 2005 requirement of a passing score at a regional championship to participate at the GSD National Championship. **Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville. Supersedes E-Ballot #19-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry).**

**E-Ballot #27-04 (Sponsorship Merchandise)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to support the National Events including the H.O.T. by contributing merchandise to those events that is contributed to USA by sponsors.

**E-Ballot #25-04 (Tattoo Variance)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that the VDH requirement for having a tattoo or microchip on your dog is not required at local events only. Effective January 1, 2005, all entries to our championships (regional and national) are required to be tattooed or microchipped. Owners of dogs that are microchipped are responsible for providing the necessary equipment for the identity check. **Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville. Superseded by E-Ballot #10-05 (Rescind Tattoo Variance for German Shepherd Dogs).**

**E-Ballot #22-04 (Amend Budget)**

Motion by Vicki Keller to amend the budget to include \$3,000 to go to the host club of the 2005 North American Championship. This money will be used for judge and helper expenses and stadium and tracking field expenses.

**E-Ballot #21-04 (Regional Director Waivers for Regional Participation)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to allow the regional director to consider the circumstances and either issue or deny a waiver for the required regional participation for entry to the 2004 National Championship. The Office will verify the waiver with the regional director.

**E-Ballot #15-04 (Sportsmanship Statement)**

Motion by John Oliver to add following statement:

USA encourages and supports sportsmanship and camaraderie among all USA members; however, local clubs reserve their right to refuse entries at their events. In the interest of good sportsmanship, entries should not be unreasonably denied.

The exception to this rule will apply to the host club for national and regional events where the right of refusal rests with the sponsoring organization. National Events are: USA National Championship, North American and FH Championship, *H.O.T. Championship, Sieger Show*, and regional championships. **Amended at 2004 GBM–Nashville to include H.O.T. Championship and Sieger Show as shown in semibold italic. Supersedes 1986 EBM–Sacramento (Club’s Right to Refuse Trial Entries).**

#### **E-Ballot #10-04 (National Event Trial Processing Fees)**

Motion by Vicki Keller, as recommended by the NEC, to increase trial processing fees for national events from \$6 to \$10.

#### **E-Ballot #7-04 (Scheduling Flights at National Events)**

As recommended by the NEC, events follow a one phase per day schedule. The dog handler team would do tracking one day, obedience another day, and protection another day.

#### **E-Ballot #6-04 (Bid Proposal for National Events)**

Motion by Vicki Keller to recommend to the General Board that a bid solicitation process for national event sites be used beginning in 2005. Potential host clubs will be asked to submit written bids by August 1. Bids will be presented to the General Board and sites chosen by General Board vote. Regional directors are responsible for recommending potential sites to the NEC.

The bid proposal *should* include the following information: Host club and officers, insurance information, funds available for financing event expenses, and past regional and national event experience. Contracts for tracking, stadium and practice facilities, motels, and draw night location should be included. Also a video or photos of the stadium (with a dog working) and tracking are necessary. Finally, the number of USA members willing to help and availability of sponsorship money should be included in the bid proposal. Regional directors must be involved in soliciting bids. **Amended at 2004 GBM–Nashville to substitute “should” for “will” as shown in semibold italic.**

#### **E-Ballot #26-03 (2004 North American Schedule Variance)**

Motion by Vicki Keller to approve a variance for the 2004 North American Championship to be held in mid-April instead of the General Board-approved dates of the first two weekends in May.

#### **E-Ballot #24-03 (Regional Participation Requirement Variance)**

Motion by Diane Vegsund that regional championship participation is not required for those individuals whose permanent residence is outside the 48 contiguous United States of America. Permanent residence will be the address provided to the Office with membership application or renewal.

#### **E-Ballot #19-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer that starting in 2005, all entries to the GSD National Championship must receive a passing score at a USA regional championship any time after the previous year's GSD National Championship. *All regional entries must compete at their current SchH1, SchH2, or SchH3 level or the next higher level.* This is "in addition" to the required 270-point qualifying score attained at any USA regular club trial and/or a USA regional championship. **Supersedes E-Ballot #11-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry) with addition shown in semibold italic. Adoption deferred indefinitely by E-Ballot #30-04 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry).**

#### **E-Ballot #18-03 (Regional Participation for 2004 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Starting in 2004, all entries in the GSD National Championship must have shown at a USA regional championship any time after the 2003 GSD National Championship. *All regional entries must compete at their current SchH1, SchH2, or SchH3 level or the next higher level.* This is "in addition" to the required 270-point qualifying score attained at any USA regular club trial and/or a USA regional championship. **Supersedes E-Ballot #10-03 (Regional Participation for 2004 GSD National Championship) with addition shown in semibold italic.**

#### **E-Ballot #17-03 (Two-Dog Rule Variance)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA make a variance from SV rules to allow handlers to show three dogs per handler per trial in all USA trials, excepting any and all championship trials where the two-dog limit will still apply. **Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville.**

**2003 GBM–Reno (National Event Slate of Judges)**

The host body along with the Judge's Committee shall recommend a slate of judges for all national working dog events. The Executive Board shall approve the slate or recommend alternatives. Only the Director of Judges may initially contact the approved judges. **Bylaws amendment.**

**2003 GBM–Reno (2004 Sieger Show and GSD Championship at Same Venue)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to conduct the 2004 Sieger Show at same venue as the GSD National Championship.

**2003 GBM–Reno (Reserving Practice Times at National Events)**

Motion by NEC to allow the competitors at national events to reserve their times in advance either by using a website or by talking with the trial secretary. This way after a hectic day of travel you don't have to hunt down the local person in charge of scheduling the stadium practice.

**2003 GBM–Reno (Reserving Practice Times at National Events)**

The NEC moves to recommend two options for the handlers. Not everybody wants to practice obedience and protection during an eight-minute time frame. Obedience may be practiced at one time and protection at another. Two handlers can practice obedience at once, allowing six minutes total. Then, when all the obedience is done, if the handler wishes, they can have five minutes allotted for protection. This plan will speed up stadium practice and make for a more pleasant and fair competition.

**E-Ballot #13-03 (Change USA-GSD Championship to USA-GSD National Championship)**

Motion by Howie Rodriguez to change the name of the USA-GSD Championship, if approved in E-Ballot #8-03, to the USA-GSD National Championship. **Supersedes E-Ballot #8-03 (Change USA National Championship to USA-GSD Championship).**

**E-Ballot #11-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Starting in 2005, all entries to the GSD National Championship must receive a passing score in a USA regional championship any time after the 2004 GSD National Championship. This is "in addition" to the required 270-point qualifying score attained at any USA regular club trial. **Superseded by E-Ballot #19-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry).**

**E-Ballot #10-03 (Regional Participation for 2004 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Starting in 2004, all entries in the GSD National Championship must have shown at a USA regional championship any time after the 2003 GSD National Championship. This is "in addition" to the required 270-point qualifying score attained at any USA regular club trial. **Superseded by E-Ballot #18-03 (Regional Participation for 2004 GSD National Championship Entry).**

**E-Ballot #8-03 (Change USA National Championship to USA-GSD Championship)**

Motion by Mike Hamilton to eliminate the current USA "open" National Championship and replace it with the USA-GSD Championship effective 2004. **Superseded by E-Ballot #13-03 (Change USA-GSD Championship to USA-GSD National Championship).**

**2003 EBM–Bakersfield (National Event Slate of Judges)**

The Executive Board recommends to the General Board through a bylaw change that the judges slate for the working national events will be presented to the Executive Board by the Judges Committee. The judges slate for the Sieger Show will be presented to the Executive Board by the Breed Advisory Committee. The Executive Board will then approve the slate presented, or recommend alternatives to the recommended judges.

**2003 EBM–Bakersfield (Seminars at National Events)**

Steve Robinson suggested a series of free seminars in conjunction with our national events. Steve's proposal was unanimously accepted to adopt this program for future national events.

**E-Ballot #3-03 (Change Central Zone Borders)**

Motion by Floyd Wilson to change the Central Zone borders to: North to South from Lake Erie along the Eastern Borders of Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Northern border of Alabama, and Eastern border of Mississippi, placing Alabama in the Eastern Zone. **Ratified at 2003 GBM–Reno.**

**E-Ballot #15-02 (Entry to Both the SchH3 and WPO Championships)**

Motion to change the existing USA rules and regulations to allow USA K-9 officers (that qualify) to compete

at the USA annual International Police Dog Competition and also at the annual Schutzhund Championship that is held in conjunction with that event, should they so desire, as long as they have met all qualifications for entering both of the championships. This motion applies to annual championships only and does not apply to local or regional events. **Rescinded at 2003 GBM–Reno.**

### **2002 GBM–Gadsden (USA-GSD Championship Entry Requirements)**

Proposed USA-GSD Championship entry requirements:

- Restricted to SchH3 German Shepherd Dogs registered with the SV/USA Breed Registry.
- Limited to members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.
- Scorebooks must be registered with the USA Office.

Individuals whose permanent residence is outside the U.S. are exempt from these requirements.

### **2002 GBM–Gadsden (Definition of H.O.T. for National Events)**

Motion by Donna Rednour to revise the definition of a H.O.T. dog for our National Events to the same criteria as for the H.O.T. Tournament. “Dogs must have been titled from B to current degree with listed owner/handler (any age). Verification will be done through evidence the owner/handler provides and also copies of the scorebook pages showing the titles and the date the event was held including the judge’s name.”

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (Event Oversight for Sieger Show)**

Motion by Kay Koerner that the event oversight for the Sieger Show will be returned to the Breed Advisory Committee.

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (North American/National SchH3 Championship Entry Requirements)**

Entry into the North American and the National SchH3 Championship is limited to members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America. Individuals whose permanent residence is outside the United States are exempt from this requirement.

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (National SchH3 Championship Qualifying Score)**

To participate at the USA SchH3 Championship, a qualifying score of 270 or better *at a USA sanctioned event* is needed. **Statement.**

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (National Events Slate of Judges)**

Motion to have no mandate for judges selected for national events. The judges could be all SV, all USA, or a combination of both. The host club recommends the slate, the Judges Committee passes on the slate, and the Board approves. **Same motion previously made and approved at 1994 GBM–Madison (National Events Slate of Judges).**

### **2002 EBM–St. Louis (National Championship H.O.T. Trophy/Criteria)**

The hosting club shall provide a trophy for the highest scoring owner trained and handled dog in the National Championship. To qualify for the trophy, the dog/handler team must meet the following criteria:

- The dog must have been acquired before the age of six months, and shall not have changed ownership at any point subsequent to this acquisition.
- The owner shall have handled the dog to all schutzhund titles.
- At no time shall the dog have been sent or turned over to another individual for training. This does not preclude the owner from seeking expert help in the training of the dog.

On the entry form, owner shall declare his or her eligibility for this award to enable the host club to track it.

**Supersedes 1993 GBM–Norton (National Championship H.O.T. Trophy).**

### **2001 GBM–Taunton (National Championship Qualification Process)**

Motion to modify the existing National Championship qualification rule to read:

Any SchH3 dog imported into the U.S. whose scorebook is registered with the USA Administrator of Records Office after January 1 of any calendar year must attain a qualifying score by August 1 of the same calendar year for entrance into that year’s Nationals. This rule does not pertain to imported SchH1 or SchH2 dogs or their equivalent.

### **2001 GBM–Taunton (Replacement of Judges)**

Motion to ratify the amended decision of the Executive Board that in the event of extenuating circumstances, a judge that is unable to fulfill his duties at a USA national event may be replaced by any USA-recognized, qualified judge approved by the Director of Judges and/or trial or show chairperson in the absence of the Director of Judges. Addition to USA Judge’s Program, 11.A. **Supersedes 2001 EBM–St. Louis (Replacement of Judges).**

**2001 GBM–Taunton (New Zoning and Event Rotation)**

Motion to accept the new zoning and event rotation as recommended by the NEC:

Zones:

- Western Zone: North to south along the eastern borders of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico.
- Central Zone: North to south from Lake Erie along the eastern borders of Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama.
- Eastern Zone: East from the eastern border of the Central Zone.

Event Rotation (W–Western Zone, C–Central Zone, E–Eastern Zone):

	2003	2004	2005	2006
• GSDC	E	W	C	E
• NAC/FH	C	E	W	C
• NC	W	C	E	W
• SS	C	E	W	C

Future years will alternate from left to right.

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Replacement of Judges)**

In the event of extenuating circumstances, a judge that is unable to fulfill his duties at a USA national event may be replaced by any qualified judge approved by the Director of Judges or trial chairperson. **Superseded by 2001 GBM–Taunton (Replacement of Judges).**

**2000 GBM–Madison (GSD Championship Conformation Rating Requirement)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that to compete in the GSD Championship, the dog must have a minimum “G” conformation rating in addition to the current requirements effective with the 2001 Championship. **Motion tabled by proposer until the breed program is in place.**

**2000 GBM–Madison (Sieger Show Helper Selection)**

The Director of Judges, the National Breed Warden, or their appointee shall select the helpers at the National Sieger Show.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Breed Survey at Sieger Show)**

A breed survey will not be allowed at the USA Sieger Show.

**2000 EBM–Austin (GSD Championship Conformation Rating Requirement)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that to compete in the GSD Championship, the dog must have a minimum “G” conformation rating in addition to the current requirements effective with the 2001 Championship. **Motion tabled by proposer at 2000 GBM–Madison until the breed program is in place.**

**2000 EBM–Austin (2001 Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

Johannes Grewe will conduct an e-mail ballot for the slate of judges for the 2001 Sieger Show no later than May 1, 2000.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Sieger Show Performance Test Judge)**

The Director of Judges is the presiding judge for the performance test at the Sieger Show.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Sieger Show Slate of Judges Recommendation)**

The Breed Advisory Committee will recommend the slate of judges starting with the 2001 Sieger Show.

**2000 EBM–Austin (New Judges for 2001 Sieger Show)**

Motion to select new judges for the 2001 Sieger Show.

**2000 EBM–Austin (USA Conformation Judges Usage)**

Starting with 2001, we strongly recommend the usage of USA conformation judges.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

The Breed Advisory Committee will recommend the slate of judges starting with the 2001 Sieger Show.

**2000 EBM–Austin (2001 Sieger Show Slate of Judges)**

Johannes Grewe will conduct an e-mail ballot for the slate of judges for the 2001 Sieger Show no later than May 1, 2000.

**1999 GBM–Reno (Participation at COAPA Event)**

The highest qualifying top scoring GSD team under the WUSV Qualifier and the FCI Qualifier team have the opportunity, sanctioned by USA, to participate at the COAPA event, not funded by USA.

**1999 EBM–St. Louis (World Qualification Trial Name Change)**

Motion effective with the year 2000 to change the name of the World Qualification Trial to the USA-GSD Championship.

**1999 EBM–St. Louis (AWDF National Championship)**

Motion to recommend to the AWDF Board that, effective with the year 2000, the AWDF National Championship be conducted in conjunction with USA's North American Championship per USA's established national events rotation schedule. Every third year the AWDF Championship must be hosted by a club who is a non-USA AWDF club. Trial will include SchH1, 2, and 3; SchH3 entries will be limited to one dog per AWDF club. The finances of the AWDF Championship and USA's North American Championship will be kept separate. This will be presented to the General Board upon approval by the AWDF Board.

**1999 EBM–St. Louis (National Event Entry Requirements)**

Entry in USA National Events:

*From:* Entry into any USA national event is limited to members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, who must also be a full member of a full member club of USA. Individuals whose permanent residence is outside the North America continent are excepted from these requirements.

*To:* Entry into any USA national event is limited to members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America. Individuals whose permanent residence is outside the North American continent are excepted from these requirements.

**1998 GBM–Denver (Return World Qualifier to Rotation Schedule)**

Motion to return the World Qualifier to the National Events Rotation Schedule beginning with the year 2000 in the Southwest Region.

**1998 GBM–Denver (North American and FH Championship Entry Requirements)**

Motion that GSD's entered in the North American and FH Championship must be registered with the USA Breed Registry program beginning with the year 2000. Dogs not residing in the United States are not included.

**1998 GBM–Denver (Sieger Show Dates)**

Change the window of dates for the Sieger Show to be no closer than two weeks on either side of the North American or World Qualifier or National Championship to begin in the year 2000 due to airline restrictions. **Supersedes 1997 EBM–Madison (Sieger Show Dates) and 1995 GBM–West Lafayette (Sieger Show Schedule).**

**1998 GBM–Denver (Nonmember Surcharge for USA Event Entry)**

Motion by George Shumaker to rescind the \$35 surcharge.

**Mail Ballot #12-98 (Nonmember Surcharge for USA Event Entry/National Event Entry Requirements)**

Effective January 1, 1999, any individual who is not a member in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America must pay a surcharge of \$35 in order to enter any USA sanctioned event. This money is payable to USA and must be submitted to the office in St. Louis along with the event's other paperwork. Collection of this fee is the responsibility of the hosting club. In the event the club fails to submit the required fees for nonmembers of USA, all paperwork for that event will be held in abeyance until the required fees for nonmembers are received in the USA Office. Also effective January 1, 1999, entry into any USA National Event is limited to members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, who must also be a full member of a full member club of USA. Individuals whose permanent residence is outside the North American continent are excepted from these requirements. **Nonmember entry surcharge rescinded by 1998 GBM–Denver (Nonmember Surcharge for USA Event Entry). National event entry requirements superseded by 1999 EBM–St. Louis (National Event Entry Requirements).**

**1997 GBM–St. Joseph (Scheduling of Executive Board Meeting)**

Motion to have the Executive Board meeting held the day before the North American/FH Championships, usually on Wednesday. **Rescinded at 2000 GBM–Madison with bylaw amendment.**



**1997 EBM–Madison (National Event Host Grant)**

Motion to continue to offer \$3,250 as a grant to the club or region hosting the North American Championship and FH Championship, the USA Nationals, and the Sieger Show.

**1997 EBM–Madison (Sieger Show Dates)**

Motion to create a window for the Sieger Show to be either the first or second weekend in June. **Supersedes 1995 GBM–West Lafayette (Sieger Show Schedule), then superseded by 1998 GBM–Denver (Sieger Show Dates).**

**1997 EBM–Madison (Dates for National Events/Bylaws Changes)**

Motion that the Executive Board recommend to the General Board that we remove dates for national events from USA's bylaws and that these dates become rules, and also recommend the last weekend in October and the first weekend in November as the window for USA National SchH3 Championship Trial.

**1997 EBM–Madison (World Qualification Trial Schedule)**

Motion that the World Qualification Trial be returned to the last two weekends in May.

**1995 GBM–West Lafayette (North American and FH Championship Window)**

Motion to block the first and second weekends of May exclusively for the North American and FH Championship with a provision for a region to request a variance for a particular year.

**1995 GBM–West Lafayette (National Championship Schedule)**

Motion that the National Championship be held the last weekend of October or the first weekend of November with a provision for a region to request a variance for a particular year.

**1995 GBM–West Lafayette (Sieger Show Schedule)**

Motion to exclude the Sieger Show from the months of April, May, October, and November, leaving the remaining eight months available. **Superseded by 1998 GBM–Denver (Sieger Show Dates).**

**1995 GBM–West Lafayette (World Qualification Trial Schedule)**

Motion that the World Qualification Trial be conducted each year in the same window of time, at a permanent location to coincide with the Annual Judges' Meeting. Further, that the judges shall conduct the event and that the proceeds from this World Qualification Trial shall be deposited to defray the cost of the Annual Judges Meeting. This trial must take place no later than Memorial Day weekend.

**1994 GBM–Madison (Offer SchH1 and SchH2 at 1995 National Championship)**

Motion to offer Schutzhund 1 and 2 classes at USA's 1995 National Championship Trial.

**1994 GBM–Madison (National SchHIII Championship Entry Requirements)**

Proposal to change the eligibility requirements for the National SchHIII Championship to require that German Shepherd Dogs must be registered with the SV/USA Breed Registry in order to be eligible for entry, effective with the 1995 National Championship.

**1994 GBM–Madison (National Events Slate of Judges)**

Motion by Kay Koerner to have no mandate for judges selected for national events. The judges could be all SV, all USA, or a combination of both. The host club recommends the slate, the Judges Committee passes on the slate, and the Board approves. **Same motion made and approved again at 2002 EBM–St. Louis (National Events Slate of Judges).**

**1993 EBM–Norton (National Championship H.O.T. Trophy)**

Approve \$150 per year for a trophy for the highest scoring owner trained and handled dog in the National Championship. To qualify for the trophy, the dog/handler team must meet the following criteria:

1. The dog must have been acquired before the age of six months, and shall not have changed ownership at any point subsequent to this acquisition.
2. The owner shall have handled the dog to all schutzhund titles.
3. At no time shall the dog have been sent or turned over to another individual for training. This does not preclude the owner from seeking expert help in the training of the dog.

On the entry form, owner shall declare his or her eligibility for this award to enable the host club to track it **Superseded at 2002 EBM–St. Louis (National Championship H.O.T. Trophy).**

**1992 GBM–Albuquerque (Sieger Show Helpers)**

The helpers for the working classes at the Sieger Show will be picked from the USA membership. They will be picked by the protection judge, the regional director, and the Breed Advisory Committee Chairman. Three helpers would be selected, and in case of warm weather could be rotated every five dogs instead of having one helper for the males and one for the bitches. The USA Office will keep the protection judge and the Breed Advisory Committee Chairman informed of the size of the entry in the working classes in case more helpers would be needed.

**1992 GBM–Albuquerque (National Championship Trial Catalogs)**

In National Championship trial catalogs designate dogs with current breed surveys, whether the dog is Breed Survey Class I or II, instead of an asterisk.

**1991 EBM–Rome (National Event Entry Forms)**

For all national events, the USA will prepare and distribute an entry form, which is to be returned to the USA office with a specific cutoff date. From this information the USA office will prepare for the host club score-sheets, judges books, and show cards, effective January 1, 1992.

**1991 EBM–Rome (WPO Championship with USA National Championship)**

USA K-9 may hold a WPO Championship event in conjunction with the USA National Championship providing they bear all responsibility for costs, details, and arrangements. The hosting of other DPO events in conjunction with other USA events is at the option of the USA host clubs.

**1991 EBM–Rome (Liability Insurance for National Events)**

Clubs hosting a national event must show proof of sufficient liability insurance that is effective through the date of the show.

**1990 EBM–Plymouth (Reimbursement of Helpers)**

Motion to retroactively reimburse two helpers for the 1990 World Championship Qualifying Trial in St. Louis and two helpers for the 1990 Sieger Show by up to \$300 each for travel expenses.

**1989 GBM–Bowling Green (Combine Zone Trials into World Championship Qualification Trial)**

Motion to combine the three zone trials into one major World Championship Team Qualification Trial. This trial, open only to World Championship Team declarers, would be used in combination with the other two major events, the National Championship and the North American, to select the team. The selection procedure would remain the same. With the exception of the coming year, this trial should be scheduled *before* the North American.

**1989 GBM–Bowling Green (World Championship Registry Requirement)**

Motion that all dogs declaring for the World Championship shall be registered with the USA Registry.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Judges for Major Events)**

Proposal to have no mandates over judges for major events. Judges could be all SV, all USA, or a combination of both. The club selects and the board approves.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Free Event Entry for USA Judges)**

Motion that USA judges receive free entry to USA events. They pay to enter a trial, but may attend other functions free.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (One USA Judge for Zone Trial)**

Motion that the zone trial will be judged by one USA judge starting in 1989. **Rescinded at 1994 GBM–Madison.**

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (World Championship Team Declaration Deadline)**

Motion that the deadline for the declaration of candidacy for the World Championship Team shall be changed from June 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Selection of Judges for Major Events)**

Motion that the Judges Committee be assigned to oversee the selection of judges for our major events and of recommending them for the Board's approval, to bring order to the selection process, not dictate who the judges should be. Solicit requests from the host clubs, review those judges for suitability, and make a recommendation to the Board.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (National Championship Tracking/Obedience Judges)**

Motion that USA judges be used for tracking and obedience for the National Championship beginning in 1989 if there are qualified USA judges available. The Judges Committee will decide who is “qualified.” To be qualified, must have been involved as an assistant judge in a major event, and there will be other qualifications considered. **Partially rescinded at 1994 GBM–Madison (National Events Slate of Judges).**

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Conduct Police Dog Championship with SchH3 National Championship)**

Motion to approve conducting a Police Dog Championship in conjunction with the SchH3 National Championship annually.

**1987 EBM St.–Louis (Bids for Major Events)**

Motion that clubs submitting bids for major events include a list of proposed judges in their bid. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

**1986 EBM–Ontario (National Championship Entry Requirements)**

Motion that any SchHIII dog imported into the U.S. whose scorebook is registered with the USA Administrator of Records Office after January 1<sup>st</sup> of any calendar year must attain a qualifying score by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the same calendar year for entrance into that year’s Nationals. Takes effect for 1987.

**1986 EBM–Sacramento (Club’s Right to Refuse Trial Entries)**

A club can refuse any entry except for the host club for national events where the right of refusal rests with the sponsoring organization. National Events are: National Championship, SchHIII Tournament/North American, FH Championship, Regional Championship, and Zone Trials. **Superseded by E-Ballot #15-04 (Sportsmanship Statement).**

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Three Judges for National Events)**

Motion that in the future our championship events (National Championship, Schutzhund III Tournament/North American) be judged by three judges, one for each phase (A, B, and C). Effective 1988 it will be required, and is recommended for 1986 and 1987.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (National Championship Judge’s Expenses)**

Motion that the host club for the National be responsible for the judge’s expenses.

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (National Championship Qualifying Score Deadline)**

Define the cutoff date for imported dogs to be shown for the National Championship of the preceding year to June 1<sup>st</sup>, as the last date the dog can earn a qualifying score.

**1984 GBM–Sacramento (SchH III Tournament/North American Championship/EBM Schedule)**

The Executive Board recommends to the General Board that the Schutzhund III Tournament and/or the North American Championship and the spring Executive Board meeting be held the last weekend in April each year and the location and host club be selected two years in advance as we do the National Championship.

**1983 GBM–Peoria (National Championship Helper Tryouts)**

Motion that three helpers be selected at the National Championship by the host club and the regional director. A maximum of one of those helpers to be selected from the region. The trial judge will determine which of the three will be the two starting helpers and which will be the alternate. If there is a participant from the host club, none of the helpers can come from that club. The host club will be responsible for having suitable dogs for the tryouts. **Rescinded at 1998 GBM–Denver.**

**1983 GBM–Peoria (Demonstration Dog for National Events)**

Motion that for the National Championship, North American Championship, and SchH III Tournament there be a trial (demonstration) dog used before the competing dogs start in protection work.

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (SchH II Title Guidelines)**

Motion that the dog that is imported as a SchHI and was titled as a II prior to the six months they that puts the dog in the same category as every other USA SchHII.

**1982 GBM–Washington (National Championship Qualification Requirement)**

The handler should show the dog imported to the United States at least six months before the National Championship in Schutzhund III with a qualifying score.

**1982 GBM–Washington (Qualifying Score for National Championship)**

Nancy Shumaker moved that the qualifying score for the National Championship be raised to 270.

**1982 GBM–Washington (Judging at SchH III Championship)**

Future SchH III Championships should be judged by a USA judge in tracking as designated by the USA Executive Board and an SV judge for obedience and protection, with the qualifying score remaining at 260.

**1982 EBM–Sacramento (Soliciting Hosts for National Events)**

Motion that a letter should be sent to the full member clubs advising them that if they are interested in hosting the event, they should submit the request in writing for consideration at the General Board meeting.

**1981 EBM–St. Louis (Payment for Six Entries in North American Championships)**

Motion to guarantee that USA pay for six entries in future North American Championships. **This championship was between Canada, Mexico, and the U.S.**

**1980 GBM–Denver (National Championship Site Inspection)**

Motion that the location site of the National Championship be inspected in advance by a local qualified member appointed by the Application Review Committee.

**1980 GBM–Denver (National Championship Trial Procedures)**

Motion to accept the Trial Procedures for the National Championship as amended. **See 1980 GBM–Denver Minutes, Appendix G, Page 22, as amended.**

**1979 EBM–Peoria (H.O.T. Award at National Championship)**

Motion that we have at the yearly National Championship a class called “Trained, Owned, and Handled by Exhibitor,” and a special award for this class.

**1979 EBM–Peoria (National Championship Bids)**

Motion that if a club wishes to hold the next year’s National Championship, a representative from their club submit a bid for their club and the General Board will vote for one for the next year’s National Championship.

## OTHER TRAINING ORGANIZATIONS

### **E-Ballot #26-05 (Entry in AWDF Affiliated Breed Club Trials)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA will recognize titles awarded by AWDF-affiliated breed clubs. The recognition of these clubs and their judges will be considered on a club-by-club basis. The clubs to be considered will be required to have viable and comprehensive judges programs of their own, with judges who have gone through their respective programs in their entirety; and they will be required to provide a list of judges who are recognized through their respective programs. AWDF clubs must petition USA for recognition.

These AWDF-affiliated breed club judges may award titles that will be recognized exclusively for progression pertaining to performance titles (AD, B, WH, OB, TR, FH, IPO, SchH/VPG).

These titles will not be recognized for entry in the USA-GSD National Championship, which will still require a qualifying score of 270 points at a USA-sanctioned event awarded under a USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judge. These titles will not be recognized for the USA SchH3 Club or the USA Sports Medals Program.

These titles will not be recognized for German Shepherd Dogs in any context that applies to breeding, breed surveys, breed shows, or registration with USA. Titles for such recognition for GSDs must be awarded under USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judges.

### **E-Ballot #25-05 (AWMA Judge License for Nathaniel Roque)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that Nathaniel Roque be permitted to accept a working dog judge license in the AWMA (American Working Malinois Association).

### **E-Ballot #9-04 (Event Authorizations)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque that the Regional Director has the authority to automatically suspend a club for one year if it is found to have hosted another organization's event on the same day as that given on a USA Event Authorization. This will also incur if a club is found to have hosted an event that is not authorized on a particular day, i.e., Friday afternoon, without an event authorization. All suspensions will be printed in the magazine. Suspended clubs will need to be re-affiliated and that club's trial will not count toward the club's annual trial requirement.

### **2003 GBM–Reno (WDA Scorebooks Not Recognized)**

Motion to no longer recognize WDA scorebooks effective January 1, 2004.

### **E-Ballot #16-03 (WDA)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer that USA will no longer recognize the existence of the WDA. USA will not recognize any of their activities, judges, or scorebooks; and will not recognize awards or titles issued by any judges, including SV judges, at WDA events.

### **E-Ballot #5-03 (American Doberman Association Judging)**

Motion by Bill Plumb that USA support the American Doberman Association (ADA) by allowing our judges to officiate at their working events.

### **2002 GBM–Gadsden (USA Judges and Competing U.S. German Shepherd Dog Organizations)**

USA judges may not be governing members or judges of competing U.S. German Shepherd Dog organizations. **Bylaw amendment.**

### **2002 GBM–Gadsden (Executive Board and Competing U.S. German Shepherd Dog Organizations)**

Executive Board members may not be governing members of competing U.S. German Shepherd Dog organizations. **Bylaw amendment.**

### **2001 GBM–Taunton (Accept GSDCA-WDA Scorebooks)**

Motion by Diane Madigan to ratify the Executive Board's decision to accept GSDCA-WDA scorebooks, provided they are certified by the USA Office and nonmember fees are paid where applicable.

### **E-Ballot #9-01 (AWDF Sieger Show Travel)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to approve \$1,750 to send Johannes Grewe, Roanna Banducci, Mark Przybylski and a helper to the AWDF Sieger Show.

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Accept GSDCA-WDA Scorebooks)**

Motion by Kay Koerner to accept GSDCA-WDA scorebooks. (Amended at 2002 GBM–Gadsden.)

**1999 EBM–St. Louis (AWDF National Championship)**

Motion to recommend to the AWDF Board that, effective with the year 2000, the AWDF National Championship be conducted in conjunction with USA's North American Championship per USA's established national events rotation schedule. Every third year the AWDF Championship must be hosted by a club who is a non-USA AWDF club. Trial will include SchH1, 2, and 3; SchH3 entries will be limited to one dog per AWDF club. The finances of the AWDF Championship and USA's North American Championship will be kept separate. This will be presented to the General Board upon approval by the AWDF Board.

**1997 GBM–St. Joseph (COAPA Membership)**

Motion to accept membership in the COAPA.

**1997 EBM–Madison (Restriction of WDA Sieger Show Placing Advertising)**

Motion that advertising of WDA Sieger Show placings not be allowed in *Schutzhund USA*.

**1991 GBM–Washington (Rescind Portion of 1979 GBM–San Jose Minutes)**

Motion to rescind Item 25, Page 6, of the 1979 General Board meeting minutes which reads: Tom Just moved that no line officer, regional director, administrator, Executive Board member-at-large, editor of USA, judge, or apprentice judge is allowed to be an officer or representative in an official capacity of any other national or international schutzhund organization.

**1988 GBM–Canton (Judging at World Union/Rottweiler Club Events)**

Motion to allow our USA judges to judge events for other member countries in the World Union and the United States Rottweiler Club.

**1988 EBM–Bowling Green (Exclusion of Ring Sport)**

Motion that we exclude ring sport as an event by USA clubs. No ring sport activity may be conducted by any USA club.

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (Alliance of Mexico, USA, and Canada)**

Proposal for alliance of Mexico, USA, and Canada. Recommend to the General Board that we pursue looking into this alliance. Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Assistance to Breed Clubs)**

The USA express our willingness to assist breed clubs wishing to start their own national organizations, but request that they make a proposal of what assistance they want from the USA.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Nonmember Scorebook Certification Charge)**

Motion to require a \$15 charge to certify nonmember scorebooks from other organizations.

**1982 EBM–Washington (DVG)**

Motion that our position with regard to DVG be that we publish our willingness to have their members participate in our events if the DVG reciprocates in kind. Ratified at 1982 GBM–Washington.

**1982 EBM–Washington (NASA)**

Motion that the President of the USA be directed to draft a letter to NASA encouraging NASA to operate under VDH rules and to reaffirm USA's belief in the promotion of schutzhund under VDH rules. Ratified at 1982 GBM–Washington.

**1982 EBM–Washington (Relationship with GSDCA)**

Motion that the relationship with the German Shepherd Dog Club of America remain as stated in the position statement presented at the June 20, 1982 meeting with the German Shepherd Dog Club of America representatives.

**1980 EBM–St. Louis (Solicitation of USA Members by DVG)**

Motion to direct the President to write a letter to Mr. Muller expressing our concern about his solicitation of USA members to DVG; and to inform him that if he continues, it will be looked upon with disfavor and call into question both his and other DVG judges' ability to judge USA trials.

**1979 GBM–San Jose (USA Officials May Not Be Officials of Other Schutzhund Organizations)**

Tom Just moved that no line officer, regional director, administrator, Executive Board member-at-large, editor of USA, judge, or apprentice judge is allowed to be an officer or representative in an official capacity of any other national or international schutzhund organization. **Motion carried. Rescinded at 1991 GBM–Washington.**

## **PRESIDENT**

### **2003 GBM–Reno (Replacement of Committee Members)**

The President/Board may appoint/replace committee member(s) to the above committees, except for the Board of Inquiry, if the elected member resigns, becomes incapacitated for any reason, or is unable/ unwilling to do the work. (Note: This applied to standing committees.) **Bylaw amendment.**

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **2000 EBM–Austin (Decision on Executive Board Meeting Dates/Locations)**

Motion that we recommend to the General Board that as of April 26, 2000, the President will decide the date and location of the Executive Board meeting. **Ratified at 2000 GBM–Madison with bylaw amendment.**

### **2000 EBM–Austin (Lufthansa Agreement)**

Motion that the President should sign the Lufthansa Agreement.

### **1999 EBM–Gatlinburg (Executive Director Position)**

Motion that President Mike Hamilton personally speak with a competent attorney to double check all issues discussed at the meeting pertaining to the position of Executive Director and report to the Executive Board.

### **1999 EBM–Gatlinburg (Davidson Lawsuit)**

Do not utilize Paul Grana's proposal dated March 1999 regarding the Davidson lawsuit.

### **1999 EBM–Gatlinburg (Davidson Print/Marathon Print Negotiations)**

Motion that Mike Hamilton handles negotiations with Davidson Print and Marathon Print for resolution.

### **Mail Ballot #1-99 (Convene Executive Board Meeting)**

Motion to convene an Executive Board meeting at USA's office in St. Louis on Saturday/Sunday, March 13–14, 1999. Call to order 8:00 A.M. Saturday.

### **1997 GBM–St. Joseph (Scheduling of Executive Board Meeting)**

Motion to have the Executive Board meeting held the day before the North American/FH Championships, usually on Wednesday. **Rescinded at 2000 GBM–Madison with bylaw amendment.**

### **1988 GBM–Canton (Attendance at SV Headquarters Opening Ceremony)**

Motion that the President be authorized to attend the opening ceremony for new SV Headquarters and be compensated in accordance with travel to World Union meetings.

### **1983 EBM–West Lafayette (Attendance at WUSV Meeting)**

The President, or if he is not available, whoever he appoints, on an annual basis be reimbursed for his air transportation and normal lodging expenses to attend the WUSV meeting. Amended to state that the appointment follows the chain of command of the officers.

### **1981 EBM–St. Louis (Increase in President's Compensation)**

Motion to increase the President's compensation from \$90 per year to \$1,200 per year to help relieve the cost of phone calls.



## USA RECORDS RETENTION POLICY

### INTRODUCTION

Information is a valuable organizational asset and its proper management is crucial to our organization's success. An integral part of your duty as an Executive Board member is to manage information effectively and securely. While creating information, try to avoid recording information that may be incorrect, misleading, confusing, or inappropriate. Try to ensure that statements are accurate and are based on facts, not on unsupported assumptions or beliefs.

Generally, official records are records that have long-term business or legal value; these include all approved programs, bylaws, minutes, standing rules, and accounting records. Transient records are shorter term and may be discarded once their business value ends, but they should not be kept longer than one year. All e-mail notes, for example, generally fall within the category of transient records. As a general rule, e-mail notes should be deleted as soon as they are read and their business has been reconciled.

Any rough draft or other preliminary version of an official record should be clearly labeled "Draft" and disposed of as soon as it is superseded by a subsequent draft or final approved record.

Safeguarding and retaining pertinent information is your responsibility, as well as updating your files and amending approved programs.

### DEFINITION OF RECORDS

Records include any information that you acquire or record in performing your duties as an Executive Board member. This includes such documents as written memoranda, handwritten notes, computer files, approved programs, e-ballots, voice mail, and e-mail notes.

### RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

Several laws contain either explicit or implicit recordkeeping requirements. These laws include the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), the Equal Pay Act, Executive Order 11246, the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). The list below includes various types of records, the length of time those records must be retained, and the law requiring the records retention. In many cases, several laws require that a particular record must be maintained. In those cases, the law with the longest recordkeeping requirement is listed.

#### **Type of Record; Length of Time to Retain; Applicable Law:**

- Employment applications: Current employees indefinitely, past employees, three years; FLSA
- Biographical data (name, address, birth date, sex, etc.): Current employees indefinitely, past employees not less than three years; FLSA.
- Medical records: Current employees indefinitely, past employees not less than three years; ADA, ADEA, and Civil Rights Act.
- Offer and hiring records: Current employees indefinitely, past employees not less than three years; ADA, EO 11246, Civil Rights Act, and VETS Act.
- Promotions, demotions, and transfers: Current employees indefinitely, past employees not less than three years, ADA, ADEA, and Civil Rights Act.
- Payroll records: Three years; ADEA, Equal Pay Act, FMLA, and FLSA.
- Time cards: Three years; ADEA and FLSA.
- Employment contracts: Current employees indefinitely, past employees not less than three years; Equal Pay Act and FLSA.
- Employee pay and benefit plans: Three years; FMLA.
- Records and logs of occupational injuries: Current employees indefinitely, past employees five years is adequate; OSHA.
- Employee terminations: Not less than three years; ADA, ADEA, EO 11246, and Civil Rights Act.
- Record of employee disputes: Current employees indefinitely, past employees not less than three years; FMLA.
- Any records that are a part of a lawsuit must be retained at least until the lawsuit is resolved.

## DISPOSITION OF OFFICER'S FILES

### All Outgoing Officers Including Regional Directors

Within 30 days of the election of a new officer, all outgoing officers will forward all records, electronic and hard copy, to the newly elected officer. Upon verification of delivery of the original records, the outgoing officer will destroy all additional copies and delete the records from their p.c. In all cases, a personal copy of documents that are public knowledge may be retained.

#### Treasurer

Within 30 days of the election of the Treasurer, the outgoing Treasurer will forward all records, electronic and hard copy, to the newly elected Treasurer. Upon verification of delivery of the original records, the outgoing officer will destroy all additional copies and delete the records from their p.c. The current USA Treasurer will retain all records as prescribed by our accounting agency.

##### Permanent files:

- Cancelled checks for important payments, i.e. lawsuit settlement, or settled accounts with members or employees.
- Contracts and leases still in effect. Deeds, mortgages, and bills of sale proving ownership.
- Letters showing your position on any legal matters.
- Depreciation schedules and end-of-year financial statements, what list assets purchased and verify figures on tax returns.
- Insurance records, accident reports, claims, and insurance policies.
- Tax returns and worksheets, revenue agent's reports, property records, and audit reports.

##### Store these documents for seven years:

- Accounts payable/receivable, ledgers, expense reports, payroll records and summaries, and time books.
- Cancelled checks for payments to vendors and employees to prove payment for services.
- Expired contracts and leases.

##### Store these records for three years:

- Files relating to taxes, forms that justify tax return figures.
- Personnel records of discharged employee applications.
- Expired insurance policies.
- Petty cash vouchers.

##### Keep for one year:

- Paperwork that is reconciled at the end of each year, i.e. bank reconciliation, correspondence with customers, or vendors, duplicate deposit slips, purchase orders, and receiving sheets.

#### Secretary

Upon election of the Secretary, the outgoing Secretary will forward all records, electronic and hard copy, and tapes to the newly elected Secretary within 30 days. Upon verification of delivery of the original records, the outgoing officer will destroy all additional copies and delete their records from their p.c.

##### Permanent files:

- Minutes from Board Meetings, Standing Rules, current Constitution and Bylaws, and approved current programs.

##### Upon approval of the minutes at the General Board meeting remove/delete the following:

- Tapes from meetings, notes from meetings, election ballots, delegate letters, committee reports, mail ballots, agendas.

##### Keep for one year:

- E-mail and other correspondence that is reconciled.

#### Regional Directors

Within 30 days of the election of the Regional Director, the outgoing Regional Director will forward all records, electronic and hard copy, to the newly elected Regional Director. These records will include but not be limited to copies of all Event Authorization Forms that were written for the previous year; copies of all Event Authorization Forms written for future trials; a list of any clubs in the region that have not fulfilled their annual trial requirement; and all information with regard to Affiliate and Forming Clubs in the region.

Upon verification of delivery of the original records, the outgoing committee member will destroy all additional copies and delete their records from their p.c.

## **DISPOSITION OF COMMITTEE RECORDS AND PROGRAMS**

### **Board of Inquiry**

Within 30 days of the election of the Board of Inquiry, the outgoing committee members and chairman will forward all records, electronic and hard copy, of both open and completed cases to the committee chairman. Upon verification of delivery of the original records, the outgoing committee member will destroy all additional copies and delete their records from their p.c. A personal copy of documents that are public knowledge may be retained.

#### **Store these records for two years:**

- Records pertaining to BOI cases will be destroyed two years after the approval of the minutes from the Board meeting where their findings were reported.

### **Committee Records**

Within 30 days of the election of a new committee member, the outgoing committee member will forward all records, electronic and hard copy, and current approved programs to the current chairperson. Upon verification of delivery of the original records, the outgoing committee member will destroy all additional copies and delete their records from their p.c. A personal copy of documents that are public knowledge may be retained.

## REGIONAL DIRECTORS

### 2005 EBM–San Jose (Mailing List Distribution Restrictions)

Motion by Sara Wallick to allow the USA Office to provide regional USA membership lists to the regional directors on a monthly basis for the purpose of monitoring regional membership problems.

### E-Ballot #21-04 (Regional Director Waivers for Regional Participation)

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to allow the regional director to consider the circumstances and either issue or deny a waiver for the required regional participation for entry to the 2004 National Championship. The Office will verify the waiver with the regional director.

### E-Ballot #9-04 (Event Authorizations)

Motion by Nathaniel Roque that the Regional Director has the authority to automatically suspend a club for one year if it is found to have hosted another organization's event on the same day as that given on a USA Event Authorization. This will also incur if a club is found to have hosted an event that is not authorized on a particular day, i.e., Friday afternoon, without an event authorization. All suspensions will be printed in the magazine. Suspended clubs will need to be re-affiliated and that club's trial will not count toward the club's annual trial requirement.

### 2003 GBM–Reno (Breed Judge Limit at Same Club)

USA Breed Judges Program:

4.K. A Judge can judge at any club *only once in a 12 (twelve) month period* and there must be another trial held with a different judge *before they can return*. Furthermore, a Judge may not judge *consecutive events* at any club except in an emergency, which may *only be decided by the Regional Director*. This restriction will also be lifted if the local club is the sponsor of a Championship event from Regional level on up.

### 2003 GBM–Reno (Performance Judge Limit at Same Club)

USA Performance Judges Program:

4.J. A Judge can judge at any club *only once in a 12 (twelve) month period* and there must be another trial held with a different judge *before they can return*. Furthermore, a Judge may not judge *consecutive trials* at any club except in an emergency, which may *only be decided by the Regional Director*. This restriction will also be lifted if the local club is the sponsor of a Championship event from Regional level on up.

### 2002 GBM–Gadsden (Annual Trial Requirement)

Each full member club shall hold at least one (1) sanctioned USA schutzhund trial or HGH herding dog trial per calendar year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year after the year in which the club is granted full member status. The Regional Director shall approve any waiver of this requirement, provided the club's dues and membership list are current. The Regional Director will advise all the clubs in the region of the proposed waiver and the reasons thereof. Failure to comply with this provision will reduce the club to affiliated status for at least one (1) year. The affiliated club shall meet all the requirements once again to become a full member club. **Bylaw amendment.**

### 2002 GBM–Gadsden (Club Membership List Requirement)

A complete and current membership list including full addresses must be included with the club's annual dues. This information will be sent to the USA Office for verification. Clubs that fail to submit both annual dues and membership lists will not be granted trial authorizations by the Regional Director. Should club lists and dues not be submitted by the due date, any previously approved trial authorizations will be recalled. Trial authorizations will be restored when dues and membership lists are submitted and approved. **Bylaw amendment.**

### E-Ballot #8-01 (Appealing Decision of Regional Director)

An appeal has been made by the Willamette Valley Schutzhund Club for the Executive Board to overrule Pacific Northwest Regional Director Todd Morganti's decision regarding Willamette Valley Schutzhund Club's request for an October 2001 conformation show, and to place a legal bid to hold the 2002 Pacific Northwest Region's regional show. Question: Should the Executive Board reverse this decision? **Appeal failed.**

### 2001 EBM–St. Louis (Withhold Event Authorizations for Outstanding Debts)

Regional Directors may withhold or cancel Event Authorizations requested or issued to any clubs who have

not resolved any outstanding debts to the organization 30 days after a second notice of this debt. The organization's office staff will notify the concerned Regional Director of this outstanding debt and the dates of the notices.

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

**2000 EBM–Austin (Acknowledge Approval of Clubs)**

Regional Directors are required to formally acknowledge the approval of a full member club in their region at each Executive Board and General Board meeting. **Ratified at 2000 GBM–Madison.**

**2000 EBM–Austin (Scheduling Regional Championships)**

Motion by John Oliver that a club that is hosting a regional championship event, working or breed, may host a trial on the day preceding the event. **Ratified at 2000 GBM–Madison.**

**1999 GBM–Reno (Emailed/Faxed Trial Authorizations)**

Accept trial authorizations sent by email or fax.

**1998 GBM–Denver (Regional Boundary Change)**

Change the boundary line between the Southwest Region and Northwest Region across the State of Nevada.

**Mail Ballot #14-98 (Appealing Decision of Regional Director)**

The Western Maine Schutzhund Club would like to appeal the decision of the New England Regional Director, Mary Allen, to not renew the appointment of Deborah Palman as a Tattooer and Breed Warden. Motion: Shall the decision of Mary Allen, New England Regional Director, to not renew the appointment of Deborah Palman as a Tattooer and Breed Warden be sustained by the Executive Board.

**1998 EBM–Bangor (Regional Event Trophy Fund Donation)**

Motion to eliminate USA's Trophy Fund donation to Regional Events.

**1995 EBM–Albuquerque (Regional Director Approval of Clubs)**

Motion that the Executive Board recommend to the General Board that the Regional Director can approve new clubs. This change includes a letter of approval or disapproval from the Regional Director. If a difference of opinion exists in the region, it is subject to appeal by the Executive Board. **Bylaw amendment. Ratified at 1995 GBM–Lafayette.**

**1995 EBM–Albuquerque (Regional Boundary Change)**

Motion to move the State of Utah from the Southwest Region to the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Region.

**1993 EBM–Norton (Affiliation Trials)**

The only people eligible to officiate at USA affiliation trials are USA licensed judges, USA apprentice judges, and USA regional directors, and the trial must be conducted at an appropriate facility for the club in question in close proximity to the home of record of the club.

**1992 EBM–Manchester (Electric Training Collars/Devices)**

There shall be no public display of electric training devices at any authorized USA event. Any individual displaying such a device shall be dismissed from this event.

**1992 EBM–Manchester (Unpublicized Event)**

Southland Schutzhund Club trial held without meeting the requirement of notifying all of the full member clubs in the region three weeks ahead. Peggy Hintz read the rule from the minutes of the 1987 General Board meeting: "Clubs may not hold unpublicized USA events. To be properly publicized, all full member clubs in the host club's region must be notified in writing a reasonable time before the USA sanctioned event: at least three weeks. All scores and ratings awarded at unpublicized events shall be null and void." Vote to null and void titles and any subsequent titles.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Event Authorization Forms)**

Event Authorization forms for judges be filled out after judges' availability is obtained and prior to (as applicable) approval is sought from SV.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Club Approval Procedures)**

Motion that no club be voted on for approval at a meeting without the completed paperwork in hand.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Club Names)**

The same name shall not be identified with a person or kennel and a club. Does not apply to the two existing conflicts (Main, Burgberg).

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Scheduling Judges)**

Regional Directors must approve all clubs asking for a foreign judge before the request goes to the Scheduler of Judges.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Recording Trial Results)**

No trials will be recorded without written approval by the Regional Director.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Revoke West Coast K-9 Affiliation Status)**

Motion to drop the West Coast K-9 Club from the list of affiliated clubs, and that the USA President write a letter asking them never again to use the USA logo or name or any facsimile or resemblance.

**1983 GBM–Peoria (National Championship Helper Tryouts)**

Motion that three helpers be selected at the National Championship by the host club and the regional director. A maximum of one of those helpers to be selected from the region. The trial judge will determine which of the three will be the two starting helpers and which will be the alternate. If there is a participant from the host club, none of the helpers can come from that club. The host club will be responsible for having suitable dogs for the tryouts. **Rescinded at 1998 GBM–Denver.**

**1983 EBM–Peoria (Assistant Regional Director)**

Individual appointed by the Regional Directors to assist them be allowed any responsibilities or privileges as delegated by the Regional Director *except* for qualifying new clubs.

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (Practice Trial/Forming Club Paperwork Procedures)**

All paperwork from practice trials for new clubs (Club Evaluation Form, Side A & B) go to the Treasurer, who will forward the information to the Secretary. All paperwork on forming clubs be sent directly by the Regional Director to the Treasurer.

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (Disciplinary Action for Material Sent with Event Flyer)**

Disciplinary action for USA member sending out advertising material for his kennel business in the same envelope as the flyer and entry form for their club trial, and promoting the sale of dogs at sanctioned events and training. Motion that the Regional Director and the Secretary take action under the direction of the Executive Board to inform the individual that this is unacceptable.

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (Regional Championship Trophy Fund)**

Motion that the USA contribute two hundred dollars towards the trophy fund for the regional championship in each region. This is for one regional championship per region per year. **Amended to one hundred dollars at 1983 GBM–Peoria, then rescinded at 1998 EBM–Bangor.**

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (Assistant Regional Director)**

The Assistant Regional Director or any other individual appointed by the Regional Director be allowed any responsibilities or privileges as delegated by the Regional Director. The Regional Director can appoint individuals to assist him and delegate to them authority to act for him, including evaluating new clubs. The board and the magazine should be notified of the individuals appointed and they must act through the Regional Director. It was stressed that good communications are essential. **Amended at 1983 EBM–Peoria.**

**1982 EBM–Washington (Regional Championships)**

Motion that the Executive Board recommend to the General Board that each region sponsor a SchHI, II, and III Championship. **Ratified at 1982 GBM–Washington.**

**1980 EBM–St. Louis (Information Package for Forming Clubs)**

Motion by John Koerner that Kay Koerner, Jack Smith, and Dean Calderon come up with a handout package for regional directors which will include guidelines to be followed by regional directors when a new club comes into the organization.

## **USA REGIONAL POLICY**

### **ELECTED OFFICERS**

The Regional Officers positions will be Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, Regional Breed Warden, Regional Training Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. The positions of Assistant Regional Director, Secretary, and/or Treasurer may be combined if there is not enough interest within the region to fill the vacancies individually.

### **NOMINATION AND ELECTION**

Adapted from USA Bylaws, Section 6:

- a. Candidates for all Regional Officers positions may be nominated by a Delegate from a full member club in that particular region. All nominations must be seconded.
- b. One need not be nominated to receive votes. Write in balloting is permitted.
- c. Regional Officers positions shall have a term of office of two (2) years and shall be elected in odd-numbered years.
- d. Elections may be held at a regional meeting or by mail between the dates of January 1, prior to the annual meeting and 14 days prior to the annual meeting of the General Board of Directors, provided, all full member clubs in the region are notified in writing, not less than thirty (30) days prior to said election. If this election is held, the USA Secretary shall be notified of the result within ten (10) days.
- e. To be elected a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast by all the full member clubs in good standing in the particular region.

Should there be a midterm vacancy of the Regional Breed Warden, Regional Training Director, Secretary, or Treasurer, the Regional Director will appoint a member from their region until an election can be held at the next Regional Meeting.

A vacancy in the Assistant Regional Director's position will be filled according to USA Bylaws:

- c. If the position of Assistant Regional Director becomes vacant for any reason an election to fill the office will be held within forty-five (45) days. A majority vote cast by full member clubs in good standing in that particular region is required to elect.

### **REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

**Duties:** In addition to those duties outlined in the USA Constitution and Bylaws, Regional Directors will be expected to govern their regions by insuring that all clubs within their respective regions are abiding by the USA Bylaws and rules which pertain to member clubs. Regional Directors will have the authority to withhold or withdraw Event Authorizations for any club that is found to be in violation of USA Bylaws or rules until the violating club comes into compliance with the USA Bylaws or rules.

Regional Directors will ensure that all clubs within their respective regions are upholding the objectives of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America. Regional Directors will submit a quarterly report to the President on all activities within their respective regions. Regional Directors will be voting members of the Executive Board, Annual USA Regional Congress and General Board Meeting. The Regional Director will be an ex-officio member of all regional committees.

### **ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

**Duties:** Assistant Regional Directors will assist the Regional Director and learn the duties of the Regional Director's office. In the event the Regional Director resigns or is incapacitated the Assistant Regional Director shall assume the position of Regional Director for the remainder of the term.

If the Regional Director is unable to attend a meeting of either Board of Directors, the Assistant Regional Director may attend in his/her place and shall have a vote on either Board.

### **REGIONAL SECRETARY**

**Duties:** To take the official minutes of all regional meetings and to assist the Regional Director with the distribution of minutes and any other information deemed necessary by the RD. The Regional Secretary will

be responsible for implementing a training program for trial secretaries. The Secretary will also establish a log of those members that have been approved as qualified trial secretaries for each club within their respective region.

### **REGIONAL TREASURER**

Duties: The Regional Treasurer will be held accountable for the Regional Treasury and disburse funds for training programs and other regional needs as defined in the Regional Policy.

### **REGIONAL BREED WARDEN**

Duties: As described in the USA Constitution and Bylaws. The Regional Breed Warden will assist the club chosen within their respective region to host the Regional Conformation Championship and Breed Survey and also serve as the Regional Show Chairperson. In addition all Regional Breed Wardens will be required to attend and assist with the USA Sieger Show.

### **REGIONAL TRAINING DIRECTOR**

Duties: To promote proper, and safe training for trial helpers, training helpers and handlers throughout their region by the use of required educational seminars and organized fun matches. The Regional Training Director will receive direction from the National Helper Committee with regard to the required educational Teaching Helper Program. The Regional Training Director will also work directly with the National Youth Director to help implement all youth training programs on a regional and local level. Regional Training Directors will also establish a line of communication to assist new clubs and their Training Directors. Regional Training Directors shall not advertise their office for personal or professional gain.

### **REGIONAL FUNDING**

Regional dues will be due annually for all USA Full Member Clubs. The amount will be determined by the General Board. The regional dues will be assessed with each club's annual National dues and will be collected by the USA Office. The Treasurer of USA will be responsible for the appropriate distribution of regional funds to the Regional Treasurer. Regional dues will be used for approved regional commitments. Regions may also have rules that establish other constructive uses for any excess regional funds, to meet the needs of their regions including the educational programs.

### **REGIONAL RULES**

Regional Rules in effect before the establishment of this Regional Policy and all Regional Rules from this time forward must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote at the Annual Regional Meeting. All clubs in their respective regions must be notified in writing no less than thirty days before the meeting is to take place. All Regional Rules must be in compliance with the USA Constitution and Bylaws and must be filed with the Secretary of the USA.

### **REGIONAL CONGRESS**

The Regional Directors will conduct an Annual Regional Congress Meeting. This meeting will be chaired by the President or his appointee. The Regional Directors will select a committee of three to formulate a real agenda for this meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to address the needs of the membership on a Regional and local level. This meeting will be held on the day preceding the General Board Meeting.

### **REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Regional Championships will be open to all USA members in good standing.

Starting in 2004, all entries in the USA German Shepherd Dog National Championship must have shown at a USA Regional Championship any time after the 2003 USA National Championship. This rule does not affect the entry of individuals whose permanent residence is outside the 48 contiguous United States of America. All regional entries must compete at their current SchH1, SchH2, or SchH3 level or the next higher level. This is "in addition" to the required 270-point qualifying score attained at any USA regular club trial and/or a USA Regional Championship.

Starting in 2005, all entries to the USA German Shepherd Dog National Championship, must receive a passing score at a USA Regional Championship any time after the previous year's USA-GSD National



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Regional participation is not required for entry to the GSD National Championship if the handler/dog team was selected by USA or AWDF for a WUSV or FCI team and participated that year.

To qualify for participation, the handler/dog team at a minimum must begin one or more phases of the trial. If while participating the dog is pulled due to injury or illness, the process outlined under Section D "Pulling a Dog from a Trial" under General Rules and Regulations in the USA Trial Rules will apply. A notation in the scorebook of "terminated (or discontinued) because of injury or illness" is acceptable to qualify for participation. A handler/dog team that cannot attempt the exercises or achieve a partial score due to a pre-existing injury is not qualified as having participated. Disqualification for unsportsmanlike conduct does not qualify as participation.

Clarification: Dogs shown at a Regional Championship may enter for a new title or compete for the title they currently hold. Dogs will not be allowed to enter for a lower title at a Regional Championship.

Permanent residence will be the address provided to the Office with membership application or renewal.

## **REGIONAL CONFORMATION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

All regions will be required to host an annual Regional Conformation Championship and Breed Survey.

### **REVISION HISTORY:**

- 10/30/03 Regional Policy approved.
- 10/18/04 Defer indefinitely the adoption of the 2005 requirement of a passing score at a regional championship to participate at the GSD National Championship.
- 11/04/04 Regional participation is not required for entry to the GSD National Championship if the handler has participated in or is selected as an FCI or WUSV team member for that year.  
**Superseded 11/2/05.**
- 11/04/04 To qualify for participation, there must be an entry in the scorebook, other than unsportsmanlike conduct, made by the judge at the regional championship. **Superseded 11/2/05.**
- 11/02/05 Regional participation is not required for entry to the GSD National Championship if the handler/ dog team was selected by USA or AWDF for a WUSV or FCI team and participated that year.
- 11/02/05 To qualify for participation, the handler/dog team at a minimum must begin one or more phases of the trial. If while participating the dog is pulled due to injury or illness, the process outlined under Section D "Pulling a Dog from a Trial" under General Rules and Regulations in the USA Trial Rules will apply. A notation in the scorebook of "terminated (or discontinued) because of injury or illness" is acceptable to qualify for participation. A handler/dog team that cannot attempt the exercises or achieve a partial score due to a pre-existing injury is not qualified as having participated. Disqualification for unsportsmanlike conduct does not qualify as participation.
- 11/03/05 The provision giving the same financial consideration to regional training directors as that accorded judges eliminated.

## REGIONS

### **2005 EBM–San Jose (Regional Participation for GSD National Championship Entry)**

Regional participation is not required for entry to the GSD National Championship if the handler/dog team was selected by USA or AWDF for a WUSV or FCI team and participated that year. **Ratified at 2005 GBM–San Jose. Supersedes 2004 GBM–Nashville (Regional Participation for GSD National Championship Entry).**

### **2005 EBM–San Jose (Regional Policy Clarification of Participation)**

To qualify for participation, the handler/dog team at a minimum must begin one or more phases of the trial. If while participating the dog is pulled due to injury or illness, the process outlined under Section D “Pulling a Dog from a Trial” under General Rules and Regulations in the USA Trial Rules will apply. A notation in the scorebook of “terminated (or discontinued) because of injury or illness” is acceptable to qualify for participation. A handler/dog team that cannot attempt the exercises or achieve a partial score due to a pre-existing injury is not qualified as having participated. Disqualification for unsportsmanlike conduct does not qualify as participation. **Ratified at 2005 GBM–San Jose. Supersedes 2004 GBM–Nashville (Regional Policy Clarification of Participation).**

### **E-Ballot #10-05 (Rescind Tattoo Variance for German Shepherd Dogs)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that tattoos or microchips will be required for German Shepherd Dogs entered in all USA performance events effective January 1, 2006, and the identification information is to be recorded in the scorebook. Dogs of breeds other than the German Shepherd Dog will be required to have a tattoo or microchip for entry in USA national and regional events, but not for entry in USA local events. Owners of dogs with microchips are responsible for providing the identification equipment. The only change resulting from this motion will be requiring identification for German Shepherd Dogs entered in local performance events. **Supersedes E-Ballot #25-04 (Tattoo Variance).**

### **2004 GBM–Nashville (Regional Policy Clarification of Participation)**

To qualify for participation, there must be an entry in the scorebook, other than unsportsmanlike conduct, made by the judge at the regional championship. **Superseded by 2005 EBM–San Jose (Regional Policy Clarification of Participation).**

### **2004 GBM–Nashville (Regional Participation for GSD National Championship Entry)**

Regional participation is not required for entry to the GSD National Championship if the handler has participated in or is selected as an FCI or WUSV team member for that year. **Superseded by 2005 EBM–San Jose (Regional Participation for GSD National Championship Entry).**

### **E-Ballot #30-04 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer to defer indefinitely the adoption of the 2005 requirement of a passing score at a regional championship to participate at the GSD National Championship. **Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville. Supersedes E-Ballot #19-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry).**

### **E-Ballot #26-04 (Scheduling Regional Championships)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer that, beginning in 2005, USA Regional Championships for SchH/VPG competition shall not be scheduled the weekend before or the weekend of the FCI IPO Championship and WUSV World (SchH/VPG) Championship. **Rescinded at 2004 GBM–Nashville.**

### **E-Ballot #25-04 (Tattoo Variance)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that the VDH requirement for having a tattoo or microchip on your dog is not required at local events only. Effective January 1, 2005, all entries to our championships (regional and national) are required to be tattooed or microchipped. Owners of dogs that are microchipped are responsible for providing the necessary equipment for the identity check. **Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville. Superseded by E-Ballot #10-05 (Rescind Tattoo Variance for German Shepherd Dogs).**

### **E-Ballot #21-04 (Regional Director Waivers for Regional Participation)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to allow the regional director to consider the circumstances and either issue or deny a waiver for the required regional participation for entry to the 2004 National Championship. The Office will verify the waiver with the regional director.

**2003 GBM–Reno (Regional Dues)**

Motion by Carl Johnson that the regional dues be set at \$50.

**2003 GBM–Reno (Approval of Regional Policy)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to approve the Regional Policy as amended.

**E-Ballot #24-03 (Regional Requirement Variance)**

Motion by Diane Vegsund that regional championship participation is not required for those individuals whose permanent residence is outside the 48 contiguous United States of America. Permanent residence will be the address provided to the Office with membership application or renewal.

**E-Ballot #19-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer that starting in 2005, all entries to the GSD National Championship must receive a passing score at a USA regional championship any time after the previous year's GSD National Championship. *All regional entries must compete at their current SchH1, SchH2, or SchH3 level or the next higher level.* This is "in addition" to the required 270-point qualifying score attained at any USA regular club trial and/or a USA regional championship. **Supersedes E-Ballot #11-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry) with addition shown in semibold italic.** Adoption deferred indefinitely by E-Ballot #30-04 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry).

**E-Ballot #18-03 (Regional Participation for 2004 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Starting in 2004, all entries in the GSD National Championship must have shown at a USA regional championship any time after the 2003 GSD National Championship. *All regional entries must compete at their current SchH1, SchH2, or SchH3 level or the next higher level.* This is "in addition" to the required 270-point qualifying score attained at any USA regular club trial and/or a USA regional championship. **Supersedes E-Ballot #10-03 (Regional Participation for 2004 GSD National Championship) with addition shown in semibold italic.**

**E-Ballot #17-03 (Two-Dog Rule Variance)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA make a variance from SV rules to allow handlers to show three dogs per handler per trial in all USA trials, excepting any and all championship trials where the two-dog limit will still apply. **Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville.**

**E-Ballot #15-04 (Sportsmanship Statement)**

Motion by John Oliver to add following statement:

USA encourages and supports sportsmanship and camaraderie among all USA members; however, local clubs reserve their right to refuse entries at their events. In the interest of good sportsmanship, entries should not be unreasonably denied.

The exception to this rule will apply to the host club for national and regional events where the right of refusal rests with the sponsoring organization. National Events are: USA National Championship, North American and FH Championship, *H.O.T. Championship, Sieger Show*, and regional championships. **Amended at 2004 GBM–Nashville to include H.O.T. Championship and Sieger Show as shown in semibold italic. Supersedes 1986 EBM–Sacramento (Club's Right to Refuse Trial Entries).**

**E-Ballot #11-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Starting in 2005, all entries to the GSD National Championship must receive a passing score in a USA regional championship any time after the 2004 GSD National Championship. This is "in addition" to the required 270-point qualifying score attained at any USA regular club trial. **Superseded by E-Ballot #19-03 (Regional Passing Score for 2005 GSD National Championship Entry).**

**E-Ballot #10-03 (Regional Participation for 2004 GSD National Championship Entry)**

Starting in 2004, all entries in the GSD National Championship must have shown at a USA regional championship any time after the 2003 GSD National Championship. This is "in addition" to the required 270-point qualifying score attained at any USA regular club trial. **Superseded by E-Ballot #18-03 (Regional Participation for 2004 GSD National Championship Entry).**

**2003 EBM–Bakersfield (Approval of Regional Policy)**

Motion by Mike Hamilton to approve the Regional Policy, with the exception of the proposed regional boundaries, as amended. Policies will go into effect upon publication of the finished policy. Increase in regional dues will go into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>. **Ratified at 2003 GBM–Reno.**

**2000 EBM–Austin (Scheduling Regional Championships)**

Motion by John Oliver that a club that is hosting a regional championship event, working or breed, may host a trial on the day preceding the event. **Ratified at 2000 GBM–Madison.**

**1999 GBM–Reno (Tracklayers/Helpers from Same Household)**

Delete rule from Judge’s Program that states that people living in the same household cannot lay tracks or do helper work. This will only include club trials and not championships.

**1998 GBM–Denver (Regional Boundary Change)**

Change the boundary line between the Southwest Region and Northwest Region across the State of Nevada.

**1998 EBM–Bangor (Regional Event Trophy Fund Donation)**

Motion to eliminate USA’s Trophy Fund donation to Regional Events.

**1995 EBM–Albuquerque (Regional Boundary Change)**

Motion to move the State of Utah from the Southwest Region to the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Region.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Free Event Entry for USA Judges)**

Motion that USA judges receive free entry to USA events. They pay to enter a trial, but may attend other functions free.

**1986 EBM–Sacramento (Club’s Right to Refuse Trial Entries)**

A club can refuse any entry except for the host club for national events where the right of refusal rests with the sponsoring organization. National Events are: National Championship, SchHIII Tournament/North American, FH Championship, Regional Championship, and Zone Trials. **Superseded by E-Ballot #15-04 (Sportsmanship Statement).**

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (Regional Championship Trophy Fund)**

Motion that the USA contribute two hundred dollars towards the trophy fund for the regional championship in each region. This is for one regional championship per region per year. **Amended to one hundred dollars at 1983 GBM–Peoria. Rescinded at 1998 EBM–Bangor.**

**1982 EBM–Washington (Regional Championships)**

Motion that the Executive Board recommend to the General Board that each region sponsor a SchHI, II, and III Championship. **Ratified at 1982 GBM–Washington.**

## SECRETARY

### **2005 GBM–2005 (Guidelines for Executive Board Ballots)**

Motion by Sara Wallick to supersede 1985 GBM ruling regarding guidelines for Executive Board ballots to:

Any Executive Board member may submit a ballot if it has been seconded. There shall be four choices on the ballots: “Yes,” “No,” “More Discussion Needed,” and “Abstain.” If a majority of the members vote for “More Discussion Needed,” the item will be on the agenda for the next Executive Board meeting. **Supersedes 1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Mail Ballot Guidelines).**

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

### **1999 GBM–Reno (General Board Meeting Minutes)**

All actions of the Board shall be reported as minutes. A printed copy of the minutes will be mailed within sixty (60) days of the meeting to all clubs and Executive Board. It will be sent by mail or electronic mail to any individual member of USA at that member's request. A copy of the minutes shall be published promptly in the association's official publication and internet web site. **Bylaw amendment.**

### **1999 GBM–Reno (Executive Board Meeting Minutes)**

All actions of the Board shall be reported as minutes. A printed copy of the minutes will be mailed within 60 days of the meeting to all clubs and will be sent by mail or electronic mail to any individual member of USA at that member's request. A copy of the minutes shall be published in the association's official publication and internet website. **Bylaw amendment.**

### **Mail Ballot #8-99 (Interim Replacement for Secretary)**

Motion by Mike Hamilton to vote for one of the volunteers who will assume the position of retiring secretary Barbara Malcolm until the regular election of this position by the General Board (Anne Marie Chaffin or Nia Cottrell). **Anne Marie Chaffin elected as interim secretary.**

### **1993 EBM–Norton (Mail Ballots)**

Mail Ballots contain at a minimum the following information:

1. The reason for the ballot, including a brief description of the issue.
2. If a change from the status quo, the reason for the requested change.
3. Support, including documentation, if necessary.
4. Any impact on the organization or its personnel.
5. Any impact on USA's budget or financial projections.
6. It is further proposed that responsibility for the above be placed on the person, persons, or committee requesting the ballot.

### **1992 EBM–Manchester (Secret Ballots for Judge Approvals)**

Recommend to the Bylaws Committee that the requirement for the Executive Board to vote in roll call fashion be removed for votes involving the approval of judges, as these votes are normally taken by secret ballot at the General Board meeting.

### **1988 EBM–Bowling Green (Mail Ballots)**

Motion that the results of Executive Board mail ballots of the 21 Board members be listed and how they voted.

### **1986 GBM–Sacramento (Meeting Protocol)**

1. Layout of the meeting room: To keep the visitors and spectators separate from the voting members of the General Board.
2. Limit debate: No person shall be permitted to debate any issue for more than three minutes. This shall not include persons giving a report or persons making a motion. Once a question is accepted for debate, the matter must be disposed of by the body within two hours.
3. Votes may be taken in only one of three ways: Rising votes, ballot, or unanimous consent, also known by acclamation.
4. Ballots: It is suggested that a quantity of pre-numbered ballots be given to each person who is entitled to vote when he is admitted to the room. The president could then call for a vote to be taken on a

numbered ballot. A ballot counting committee made up of willing spectators who are not voting delegates would permit business to continue while voting results are being tabulated.

5. No person who is not a voting member of the General Board or a delegate from an affiliated club be permitted to speak at the meeting. Visitors or others who wish to express themselves to the body can only do so through their club representative or regional director.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Trial Flyers with Business Logos)**

Trial flyers with a business logo on it. The Secretary is directed to write a letter to the club explaining that this is not acceptable and that the magazine publishes that information.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Publish Mail Ballots)**

In the future all mail ballots and the results be printed in the magazine.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Mail Ballot Guidelines)**

Any Executive Board member may propose a request for a mail ballot as long as it is seconded by another Executive Board member. There be three choices on the ballot: “Yes,” “No,” and “More Discussion Needed.” If a majority votes for the “More Discussion Needed,” the item goes to the next meeting. **Superseded by 2005 GBM–2005 (Guidelines for Executive Board Ballots).**

**1983 GBM–Peoria (Meeting Agendas)**

The Secretary will be required to send out six weeks prior to the General Board Meeting an agenda to all clubs. The clubs are required to send to the Secretary any items that they want on the agenda at least eight weeks prior to the meeting. The items have to be sent in by September 1, and the Secretary has to send out the agenda two weeks after that.

**1982 GBM–Washington (Division of Secretary’s Position)**

Motion that the President appoint a committee to investigate the splitting of the Secretary’s position into two parts, a Recording Secretary who handles minutes of meetings and maintains official club records and a Corresponding Secretary who answers requests for information and handles general correspondence. **President Slavens appointed the Bylaws Committee.**

**1982 EBM–Sacramento (Meeting Minutes)**

Motion to publish the minutes after each meeting.

**1981 EBM–Columbia (Meeting Agendas)**

Two months before the Executive Board and General Board meetings, notices be sent out entertaining suggestions to be placed on the agenda, and that at least one month before the meeting a copy of the agenda be sent out to member clubs and Executive Board members. **Partially superseded by 1983 GBM–Peoria (Meeting Agendas).**

## BOARD MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

2005 EBM–San Jose, California	November 2, 2005
2005 EBM–Conference Call Meeting	May 1, 2005
2004 EBM–Conference Call Meeting	March 14, 2004
2003 EBM–Bakersfield, California	April 4, 2003
2002 EBM–St. Louis, Missouri	March 2/3, 2002
2001 EBM–St. Louis, Missouri	February 24, 2001
2000 EBM–Austin, Texas	April 26/27, 2000
1999 EBM–Gatlinburg, Tennessee	May 5, 1999
1999 EBM–St. Louis, Missouri	January 30, 1999
1998 EBM–Bangor, Maine	May 6, 1998
1997 EBM–Madison, Wisconsin	May 9, 1997
1996 EBM–Los Banos, California	May 10, 1996
1995 EBM–Albuquerque, New Mexico	May 19, 1995
1994 EBM–Portland, Oregon	May 13, 1994
1993 EBM–Norton, Ohio	May 7, 1993
1992 EBM–Manchester, New Hampshire	May 8, 1992
1991 EBM–Rome, Georgia	May 10, 1991
1990 EBM–Plymouth, Massachusetts	May 12, 1990
1989 EBM–Albuquerque, New Mexico	April 28, 1989
1988 EBM–Bowling Green, Kentucky	April 22, 1988
1987 EBM–St. Louis, Missouri	November 6, 1987
1987 EBM–West Lafayette, Indiana	May 3, 1987
1986 EBM–Sacramento, California	October 24, 1986
1986 EBM–Ontario, California	April 28, 1986
1985 EBM–West Lafayette, Indiana	April 28, 1985
1984 EBM–Sacramento, California	April 28, 1984
1983 EBM–Peoria, Illinois	October 4, 1983
1983 EBM–West Lafayette, Indiana	April 24, 1983
1982 EBM–Sacramento, California	April 23, 1982
1981 EBM–Columbia, Missouri	May 10, 1981
1980 EBM–St. Louis, Missouri	May 18, 1980
1979 EBM–Peoria, Illinois	May 27, 1979
1978 EBM–Denver, Colorado	May 13/14, 1978

### GENERAL BOARD MEETINGS

2005 GBM–San Jose, California	November 3, 2005
2004 GBM–Nashville, Tennessee	November 4, 2004
2003 GBM–Reno, Nevada	October 30, 2003
2002 GBM–Gadsden/Noccalula Falls, Alabama	October 31, 2002
2001 GBM–Taunton, Massachusetts	November 1, 2001
2000 GBM–Madison, Wisconsin	October 19, 2000
1999 GBM–Reno, Nevada	November 4, 1999
1998 GBM–Denver, Colorado	October 29, 1998
1997 GBM–St. Joseph, Missouri	October 23, 1997
1996 GBM–Charlottesville, Virginia	October 31, 1996
1995 GBM–West Lafayette, Indiana	October 19, 1995
1994 GBM–Madison, Wisconsin	October 13, 1994
1993 GBM–Riverside, California	November 11, 1993
1992 GBM–Albuquerque, New Mexico	October 29, 1992

1991 GBM–Washington, D.C.	October 24, 1991
1990 GBM–Sacramento, California	October 18, 1990
1989 GBM–Bowling Green, Kentucky	November 2, 1989
1988 GBM–Canton, Ohio	October 27, 1988
1987 GBM–St. Louis, Missouri	November 8, 1987
1986 GBM–Sacramento, California	October 27, 1986
1985 GBM–Bowling Green, Kentucky	November 10, 1985
1984 GBM–Oxford, Alabama	November 4, 1984
1983 GBM–Peoria, Illinois	November 6, 1983
1982 GBM–Washington, D.C.	November 7, 1982
1981 GBM–St. Louis, Missouri	November 1, 1981
1980 GBM–Denver, Colorado	October 19, 1980
1979 GBM–San Jose, California	November 11, 1979
1978 GBM–Edwardsville, Illinois	October 29, 1978
1977 GBM–Carrollton, Texas	November 13, 1977
1976 GBM–Irving, Texas	March 5, 1977



## TRAINING/AWARDS PROGRAMS

### **E-Ballot #26-05 (Entry in AWDF Affiliated Breed Club Trials)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA will recognize titles awarded by AWDF-affiliated breed clubs. The recognition of these clubs and their judges will be considered on a club-by-club basis. The clubs to be considered will be required to have viable and comprehensive judges programs of their own, with judges who have gone through their respective programs in their entirety; and they will be required to provide a list of judges who are recognized through their respective programs. AWDF clubs must petition USA for recognition.

These AWDF-affiliated breed club judges may award titles that will be recognized exclusively for progression pertaining to performance titles (AD, B, WH, OB, TR, FH, IPO, SchH/VPG).

These titles will not be recognized for entry in the USA-GSD National Championship, which will still require a qualifying score of 270 points at a USA-sanctioned event awarded under a USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judge. These titles will not be recognized for the USA SchH3 Club or the USA Sports Medals Program.

These titles will not be recognized for German Shepherd Dogs in any context that applies to breeding, breed surveys, breed shows, or registration with USA. Titles for such recognition for GSDs must be awarded under USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judges.

### **E-Ballot #3-04 (Membership Recognition Program)**

Motion by Bill Plumb that USA begin a membership recognition program by awarding pins for years of continuous membership beginning at five years and progressing in five-year increments. We would need about \$5,000 to purchase an initial supply of pins and the ongoing expense would be about \$1,000 per year. The design of the pins would be a GSD head with Schutzhund USA in a banner below the head and the number of years below that.

### **E-Ballot #7-01 (Six New Training Titles)**

Motion by Jim Elder to accept the Judges Committee's program for Six New Training Titles. *This program will be for USA trials conducted by USA-recognized judges. USA-recognized judges are welcome to judge these titles. The results will be posted on a separate Bewertungsliste. These titles require a "G" or better rating for the purpose of the Sports Medal Program. These points may only be counted once per title per dog. Ratified at 2001 GBM-Taunton after amending to add text as shown in semibold italic.*

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (New Training Degrees)**

Motion by Jim Elder to recommend the Judges Committee develop a new training degrees program: BH1, BH2, BH3 and also Tracking 1, 2, 3. **Titles changed to OB1–3 and TR1–3 in final program.**

### **E-Ballot #20-00 (USA SchH3 Club)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve all applicants that meet these criteria regardless of the date of their accomplishments:

#### SchH3 Club Application

Applicant must comply with all of the following:

1. All titles must be earned as a USA member.
2. Titles must be obtained under a USA, SV, or Canadian judge.
3. Trials must be hosted by a USA club or a USA-recognized AWDF breed club (German Shepherd Dog Club of America–WDA events are not recognized for the purpose of attaining membership in the USA SchH3 Club).
4. The titles of BH, SchH1, SchH2, and SchH3 must be earned by the same handler on a previously untitled dog. All protection scores must adhere to USA standards.
5. All titles must be acquired at a USA-recognized event. An officer of the USA-recognized AWDF organization must confirm the earned title in writing. A note from the presiding USA, SV, or Canadian judge may also be used for confirmation. The USA Office will not be responsible for acquiring this information.
6. A copy of the USA scorebook or USA-certified scorebook.

Please fill out the attached form and send to the USA Office along with the \$10 filing fee. After your accomplishments are verified, you will become part of the permanent list that is published in the March/April issue of *Schutzhund USA* and be eligible to purchase special SchH3 Club T-shirts and jackets from USA. For more information regarding the USA SchH3 Club, please contact the USA Office. **Ratified at 2001 GBM-Taunton.**

**1991 GBM–Washington (Sports Medals Points for IPO/SchH)**

Motion that we treat IPO and SchH titles as the same for the purposes of Sports Medals.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Sports Medal Program Modifications)**

- Recommend to the General Board that FH and SchH3 be inserted in the exceptions for the requirement of two weeks between trials to earn points toward a medal.
- Recommend to the General Board that the words “through the Regional Director” be dropped and that the wording also be changed to read “a fee of \$10 per sports medal.”
- Recommend to the General Board that points be given for IPO titles at the rate of one point less than the equivalent SchH title and that one point each be given for a VB, a WH, and a 10 km hike. Titles earned since 1980 would receive points. A letter from the club president would be sufficient to establish participation in a 10 km hike.

**1980 GBM–Denver (Sports Medals Design)**

Motion that designs for Sports Medals be submitted to George Shumaker and then published in the February/March issue of *Schutzhund USA* along with a mail-in ballot which would be returned to George by March 30<sup>th</sup>. If no designs were submitted to George Shumaker, then the one suggested by him should automatically be accepted for the Sports Medal.

**1979 GBM–San Jose (Awards Program)**

Motion to adopt Awards Program (Appendix G) as of January 1, 1980 with the following changes:

- A pin and a certificate both be used as awards. Print notification of the awards presented in the magazine.
- Strike the AD requirements and to adjust the point totals to correspond to the former requirements if this is necessary.

**1979 EBM–Peoria (H.O.T. Award at National Championship)**

Motion that we have at the yearly National Championship a class called “Trained, Owned, and Handled by Exhibitor,” and a special award for this class.

## USA SchH3 CLUB

Applicant must comply with all of the following:

1. All titles must be earned as a USA member.
2. Titles must be obtained under a USA, SV, or Canadian judge.
3. Trials must be hosted by a USA club or a USA-recognized AWDF breed club (German Shepherd Dog Club of America–WDA events are not recognized for the purpose of attaining membership in the USA SchH3 Club).
4. The titles of BH, SchH1, SchH2, and SchH3 must be earned by the same handler on a previously untitled dog. All protection scores must adhere to USA standards.
5. All titles must be acquired at a USA-recognized event. An officer of the USA-recognized AWDF organization must confirm the earned title in writing. A note from the presiding USA, SV, or Canadian judge may also be used for confirmation. The USA Office will not be responsible for acquiring this information.
6. A copy of the USA scorebook or USA-certified scorebook.

Please fill out the attached form and send to the USA Office along with the \$10 filing fee. After your accomplishments are verified, you will become part of the permanent list that is published in the March/April issue of *Schutzhund USA* and be eligible to purchase special SchH3 Club T-shirts and jackets from USA. For more information regarding the USA SchH3 Club, please contact the USA Office.

### SchH3 Club Application

Name of Handler:
Registered Name of Dog:
Dog's Titles:
Name of Breeder:
Breed of Dog:
Date of SchH3 Title:
Host Club:
Location of Club:
Judge:
Visa/MasterCard (circle one) _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Account Number (from your credit card) ____/____ Expiration Date (month/year)
Signature _____

## SIX NEW TRAINING TITLES

These titles will be TRACKING 1, 2, and 3 and OBEDIENCE 1, 2, and 3. These titles will not serve as any type of prerequisite for breeding or breed surveys or conformation shows. They are available to further increase involvement of the membership in our trials, to add more opportunities to gain the needed trial experience for higher schutzhund type experience and to acquire sports medal points. This program will be for USA trials conducted by USA-recognized judges. USA-recognized judges are welcome to judge these titles. The results will be posted on a separate Bewertungsliste.\*

The "B" title (Begleithunde) will also be a requirement to participate in these titles, as well as the impartiality test administered at all trials.

These new titles will be counted as 1/2 a dog as far as the number of entries in a trial, currently restricted to a total of 12 dogs per day at all local trials. They will, however, be counted as one entry when used as criteria for achieving the four-dog total to constitute a USA sanctioned trial; such as, two OBEDIENCE 2's, one B, and one Schutzhund 1.

The TRACKING 1, 2, and 3 and the OBEDIENCE 1, 2, and 3 will be judged by the same rules and regulations that apply to these phases in the Schutzhund 1, 2, and 3 degrees. Dogs may compete at any level of these titles regardless of their current, if any, schutzhund degree.

The sports medal point total for these titles will be 1 point for the TRACKING and OBEDIENCE 1 level, 2 points for the TRACKING and OBEDIENCE 2 level, and 3 points for the TRACKING and OBEDIENCE 3 level. These titles require a "G" or better rating for the purpose of the Sports Medal Program. These points may only be counted once per title per dog.

\*Note: Until new scoresheets (Bewertungsliste) are printed, please use an FH scoresheet, XXXing out FH and inserting the appropriate "title." Please use a separate sheet for each "title" and each level.

Acceptable abbreviations for these titles are TR1, TR2, TR3 and OB1, OB2, and OB3.

## USA SPORTS MEDAL PROGRAM

### Guidelines for Awarding USA Sports Medals

(Drafted by USA Director of Judges George Shumaker, Ph.D. and accepted by USA General Board)

1. Any USA member in good standing is eligible to earn USA Sports Medals.
2. Only USA sanctioned trials or trials in which the participant is an official USA team representative are valid for the awarding of points toward a USA Sports Medal.
3. The SchH1 and IPO 1 and the SchH2 and IPO2 scores placed on an individual dog can only be counted once, while the SchH3 and IPO3 and FH can be repeated so long as there are two weeks between trials. Exceptions to this rule are the USA National SchH3 Championship, the USA FH Championship, the WUSV World Championship, and the USA North American Championship, which can be counted even though the two-week rest period has not been met.
4. Dogs that possess the SchH3 or IPO3 and are older than six years can be shown in the lower categories for points as long as there are two weeks between trials. The SchH1 and IPO 1 and SchH2 and IPO2 scores can be repeated for dogs in this category.
5. A handler may show several dogs in the same trial and receive points for each one, but a handler may not show the same dog more than once in the same trial even when the trial continues over more than one day.
6. In order to earn points the dog and handler team must pass with a rating of at least Good (G).
7. Handlers less than sixteen years of age can earn points if they pass the examination with a trained dog even if they did not train the dog themselves.
8. The dog must have been trained and handled for the title by the applicant in order for the points to be awarded. However, if the dog changes handlers the new handler may receive points by repeating the SchH3 or IPO3 or FH examinations only if the last SchH3 or IPO3 or FH under the previous handler is more than one year old. The same rule applies for the SchH1 or IPO1 and the SchH2 or IPO2 for dogs more than six years of age. The borrowing of SchH3 or IPO3 or FH dogs to repeat the SchH3 or IPO3 or FH in order to earn points is not allowed.
9. Handlers may receive points for successfully handling dogs in other actual working dog evaluations including Search and Rescue Dog and Police Dog certification events when participation is confirmed in writing by the authorities responsible for the event. If more than one level of evaluation is used (such as PD1 and PD2), the lower level is treated as a SchH2 and the higher level is treated as a SchH3. Where ratings are given, they will be translated into the appropriate SchH rating for the awarding of points. If no ratings are given, five and seven points will be awarded for level one and two, respectively. If there is only one level of performance eight points will be awarded.
10. An applicant must notify the USA Office to be considered for a Sports Medal. A photocopy of the identification page and performance pages from the scorebooks of each dog used in the accumulation of points and a fee of \$20 per Sports Medal claimed must accompany the letter of notification. The applicant must clearly indicate those scores to be used in the accumulation of points.
11. The official records of trial results as maintained by USA will be used to verify an applicant's claim. In the case of dispute, the official USA records will prevail.
12. The following describes the Sports Medals to be awarded, the point requirements, and the basis upon which the points will be awarded:

### Sports Medal Point Requirements

Sports Medal in Bronze	20 points within two years
Sports Medal in Silver	35 points within three years
Sports Medal in Gold	50 points within six years
Master Sports Medal	150 points plus Sports Medal in Gold

### Sports Medal Point Schedule

<b>Title</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Points</b>
SchH1	Good (G)	3 Points
SchH1	Very Good (SG)	4 Points
SchH1	Excellent (V)	5 Points
SchH2	Good (G)	5 Points
SchH2	Very Good (SG)	6 Points
SchH2	Excellent (V)	7 Points
SchH3	Good (G)	7 Points
SchH3	Very Good (SG)	8 Points
SchH3	Excellent (V)	9 Points
FH1	Good (G)	7 Points
FH1	Very Good (SG)	8 Points
FH1	Excellent (V)	9 Points
FH2	Good (G)	7 Points
FH2	Very Good (SG)	8 Points
FH2	Excellent (V)	9 Points
IPO1	Good (G)	3 Points
IPO1	Very Good (SG)	4 Points
IPO1	Excellent (V)	5 Points
IPO2	Good (G)	5 Points
IPO2	Very Good (SG)	6 Points
IPO2	Excellent (V)	7 Points
IPO3	Good (G)	7 Points
IPO3	Very Good (SG)	8 Points
IPO3	Excellent (V)	9 Points
B	Pass	1 Point
Obedience 1*	Good (G) or above	1 Point
Obedience 2*	Good (G) or above	2 Points
Obedience 3*	Good (G) or above	3 Points
Tracking 1*	Good (G) or above	1 Point
Tracking 2*	Good (G) or above	2 Points
Tracking 3*	Good (G) or above	3 Points
WH	Pass	1 Point
AD	Pass	2 Points
10 km Hike	—	1 Point

\*These titles require a "G" or better rating for the purpose of the Sports Medal Program. These points may only be counted once per title per dog.

13. The USA Sports Medal Program is effective January 1, 1980. All scores after this date apply toward the USA Sports Medal.
14. The actual award will consist of the medal (pin) itself, a certificate, and recognition in the pages of *Schutzhund USA*.
15. Members are listed under the year that the membership application was received and processed. The year of accomplishment may differ from the year of application.

## TREASURER

STATEMENT: The Executive Board annually approves a budget for the coming fiscal year. Budgeted items and amounts are based on availability of funds and the priority of programs. Funding of any program in a fiscal year does not assure or imply that the program will be funded in future fiscal years.

### **2005 EBM–San Jose (Reimbursement of Travel Expenses)**

Motion to reimburse Willie Pope for travel expenses incurred for judging at 2005 WUSV Championship.

### **E-Ballot #23-05 (Royal Canin Sponsorship Funds Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to approve the following budget for the Royal Canin sponsorship funds for a one-year period beginning April 1, 2005:

- Taxes – \$2,100
- Magazine Ads – \$3,000
- National Events – \$11,000 (\$3,000 each for the GSD National Championship, North American & FH Championship, and H.O.T. Championship and \$2,000 for the Sieger Show)
- Regional Events – \$4,400 (\$200 for each regional championship and conformation show)
- Judges Program – \$1,000
- USA World Team – \$1,000
- Education Events – \$6,500
- Helper Program – \$1,000
- TOTAL – \$30,000

### **E-Ballot #21-05 (IRS Audit Expense Approval)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to approve payment of up to \$1,500 to our audit firm for work required to comply with an IRS audit related to fiscal year 2004 and our tax-exempt status.

### **E-Ballot #20-05 (Approval for Helper Book Printing)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to approve \$1,943.98 for printing the new helper books.

### **E-Ballot #19-05 (WUSV Judges School Seminar Attendance by USA Judges)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to approve spending up to \$5,000 to send two USA Judges to the WUSV Judges School Seminar in Germany in July 2005.

### **E-Ballot #15-05 (Amend Fiscal Year 2006 Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the fiscal year 2006 budget to accommodate the USA Office rent increase of \$205 per month/\$2,460 per year to a total of \$19,460 per year.

### **E-Ballot #14-05 (Fiscal Year 2006 Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to approve the fiscal year 2006 budget of total income \$499,700, total expenses \$496,600, and net income \$3,100.

### **E-Ballot #9-05 (Amend 2005 Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the 2005 fiscal year budget to increase Sieger Show income by \$30,000 and increase Sieger Show expenses by \$26,150. This amendment to the budget is needed to accommodate the 2005 Sieger Show.

### **E-Ballot #3-05 (Payment of WUSV Invoice)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to pay the WUSV invoice for 2006 membership deposit in the amount of Euro 511. We will be required to pay the membership fee when due, and the deposit will roll over to the next year. This payment is required in order to continue to obtain SV judges for our events.

### **E-Ballot #29-04 (Amend Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the budget to include \$2,000 for the Judges Committee.

### **E-Ballot #22-04 (Amend Budget)**

Motion by Vicki Keller to amend the budget to include \$3,000 to go to the host club of the 2005 North

American Championship. This money will be used for judge and helper expenses and stadium and tracking field expenses.

**E-Ballot #16-04 (Amend Budget)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the budget to increase expenses to include up to \$5,000 to finish the development of a breed registry system. The minimum will be \$4,000, with \$2,000 advance to start work, \$2,000 upon completion, and \$500 per week for changes and additions beyond the current scope.

**E-Ballot #5-04 (2004–2005 Budget)**

From the 2004 EBM, motion by Bill Plumb to accept the budget as amended: Total Revenue \$536,750, Total Expenses \$524,520, Net Income \$12,230.

**E-Ballot #3-04 (Membership Recognition Program)**

Motion by Bill Plumb that USA begin a membership recognition program by awarding pins for years of continuous membership beginning at five years and progressing in five-year increments. We would need about \$5,000 to purchase an initial supply of pins and the ongoing expense would be about \$1,000 per year. The design of the pins would be a GSD head with Schutzhund USA in a banner below the head and the number of years below that.

**2003 EBM–Bakersfield (Budget Approval)**

Motion to approve the budget as presented: Total Income \$500,150, Total Expenses \$499,200, Net Cash Flow \$950.

**E-Ballot #4-03 (Amend Fiscal 2003 Budget for AWDF Dues Increase)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the fiscal 2003 budget to increase the AWDF dues to \$3,800 from \$500.

**E-Ballot #2-03 (Office Travel)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the budget to increase the office travel expense by \$1,200.

**2002 EBM–St. Louis (Amended FY-2002/2003 Budget)**

Budget FY-2002/2003: Total Income \$518,665, Total Expenses \$517,916, Net Income \$749. Motion by Kay Koerner to accept the proposed FY-2003 budget as amended.

**E-Ballot #9-01 (AWDF Sieger Show Travel)**

Motion by Bill Plumb to approve \$1,750 to send Johannes Grewe, Roanna Banducci, Mark Przybylski and a helper to the AWDF Sieger Show.

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

**E-Ballot #3-01 (Fiscal 2002 Budget)**

Motion by William Plumb to approve the proposed fiscal 2002 budget.

**E-Ballot #17-00 (Aged Account Payable)**

Motion by William Plumb to satisfy aged accounts owing John Mulligan in the amount of \$1,751.21 by applying the entire sum toward a lifetime membership.

**E-Ballot #16-00 (Aged Account Payable)**

Motion by William Plumb to establish a payment program to pay off aged payables from 1996, 1997, and 1998 aggregating \$8,851.19 owed to Gordon Esselmann. The payments will begin at \$500 per month and will increase next year to have the amount fully paid by the end of fiscal 2002.

**E-Ballot #6-00 (Fiscal Year 2000 Budgeted Amount Increases to Allow Proper Conduct of USA Affairs)**

Motion by Paul DiNenna to approve the increase of budgeted amounts for fiscal year 2000:

President's Travel from \$1,500 to \$3,500

Treasurer's Travel from \$500 to \$2,500

President's Telephone Expense from \$500 to \$2,500

Treasurer's Telephone Expense from \$250 to \$1,000

Attorney Fees from \$1,000 to \$25,000



**2000 EBM–Austin (Approval of Amended 2001 Budget)**

Motion to approve the 2001 budget as amended.

**1999 EBM–Gatlinburg (Authorization for Credit Cards)**

Motion that Treasurer Paul DiNenna be authorized to obtain a Nations Bank Visa credit card for SV charges and a credit card from Lufthansa for SV judges travel.

**1999 EBM–Gatlinburg (Rejection of Offer)**

Motion that the offer contained in Mr. Paul Grann’s letter of March 1999 be rejected.

**Mail Ballot #9-99 (2000 Budget)**

Motion by Paul DiNenna that the FY-2000 Budget, with Budgeted Total Revenue in the amount of \$569,692.01, Budgeted Total Expenses in the amount of \$543,130.00, and an expected Net Income of \$26,562.01 be approved.

**1999 EBM–St. Louis (Approval of Promissory Note to Triple Crown)**

Motion to approve, adopt and ratify the Promissory Note to Triple Crown Dog Academy, Inc., in the amount of \$20,000.

**1999 EBM–St. Louis (Proposal)**

Motion that J. Mugaseth be contacted and given direction as to what type proposal we want and that proposal be presented in person at the next Executive Board Meeting.

**1999 EBM–St. Louis (Delta Airlines Contract)**

Motion that the contract with Delta Airlines be reviewed and accepted by the Executive Board before Delta’s check is deposited.

**Mail Ballot #6-99 (Pay Off USA Line of Credit)**

Motion by Paul DiNenna to disburse \$30,014.40 of our \$30,936.16 savings account to pay off USA’s line of credit, thereby saving 7.75% interest on \$30,014.40. The encumbrance of \$28,307.49 will be lifted from the \$32,988.19 CD, allowing us use of that money which will earn 4.8% instead of the 2.95% currently earned on the CD.

**Mail Ballot #3-99 (Reimbursement of Unpaid Boston Expenses)**

Motion by Paul DiNenna to approve the following unpaid Boston expenses:

- \$998.57 to Michele Scarberry
- \$562.55 to Pam Smith
- \$1,852.46 to John Oliver
- \$605.28 to Donna Rednour

**1998 EBM–Bangor (Elimination of Trophy Fund)**

Motion to eliminate USA’s Trophy Fund donation to Regional Events.

**1998 EBM–Bangor (Approval of Amended Budget)**

Motion to pass the budget as amended.

**Mail Ballot 1997 (Emergency Approval of Revised Budget)**

Proposal from Michael Caputo and the Budget Committee to approve the revised 1997/1998 budget in the amount of \$667,000.

**Mail Ballot #30-96 (Budget Increase for Software Development)**

Shall USA’s approved budget be increased by \$15,000 for additional software development.

**1996 GBM–Charlottesville (Income and Expense Statements)**

Motion that Executive Board members be sent quarterly income and expense statements by category. Also, one month before the Executive Board meeting when the budget is voted on, the Executive Board will be sent one year of actual expenses plus the proposed budget..

**Mail Ballot #24-95 (Travel Expense Reimbursement for Tim Cruser)**

Shall reimbursement be approved for Tim Cruser's travel expenses to the 1995 North American trial, totaling \$931.43, he having fulfilled dual duties as both Executive Board member and trial helper. Additionally, that all reoccurrences be handled in the same manner for everyone.

**1995 EBM–Albuquerque (Approval of Amended Budget)**

Motion to approve the budget as amended.

**1994 EBM–Portland (Executive Board/National Event Helper Expenses)**

We will pay transportation and lodging or \$500, whichever is less, for Executive Board travel. The National Event Helpers are reimbursed at the same rate.

**1993 EBM–Norton (Approval of 1993–94 Budget)**

Budget for the year of 1993–94 ending June 30<sup>th</sup> be approved.

**1992 EBM–Manchester (Approval of 1992–93 Budget)**

Motion to approve the 1992–93 budget.

**1991 GBM–Washington (Executive Board Expense Reimbursement Increase)**

Increase the reimbursement for Executive Board member expenses for travel expense to each Board Meeting from a maximum of \$300 to a maximum of \$500. Only actual travel expenses up to the maximum amount would be reimbursed.

**1991 EBM–Rome (Tattoo Tools)**

Motion to approve the purchase of 12 additional tattoo tools at \$130 each to get the cheaper rate available when 20 are purchased.

**1991 EBM–Rome (Approval of Amended Budget)**

Approve the amended budget.

**1990 EBM–Plymouth (Approval of Amended Budget)**

Motion to approve the Budget, as amended.

**1990 EBM–Plymouth (Reimbursement of Helpers)**

Motion to retroactively reimburse two helpers for the 1990 World Championship Qualifying Trial in St. Louis and two helpers for the 1990 Sieger Show by up to \$300 each for travel expenses.

**1988 EBM–Bowling Green (Approval of 1988–89 Budget)**

Motion to approve the 1988–89 budget.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Centralization Software)**

Allocate \$10,000 of the \$15,000 set aside for the PC Educators contract for use for centralization software.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Centralize Treasurer Office Functions)**

Authorize the Information Systems Committee to pursue preparing software based on centralizing the function of the Treasurer's office, with the Treasurer responsible for the distribution of all funds and responsible for supervision of the accounting function in accordance with the program set up by the Computer Committee.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Investment of Funds)**

The Treasurer should invest more of our funds during the year.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Coordination of Judges Travel)**

Coordination of travel for USA and SV judges. Motion that the concept be worked on by a committee of the Scheduler of Judges and the President to develop a proposal for the General Board, and that the findings be distributed to the Treasurer for input before the General Board.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Membership Numbers in Treasurer's Report)**

Since the Treasurer is charged with keeping the records of the members and the clubs, future Treasurer's reports include the number of individual members we have and the number of member clubs.

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (Approval of Funds for Trip to SV)**

Approve funds to send Jerry and Paul to the SV for four or five days. The SV is the most important visit, the others if there is time.

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (Proceed with Computers)**

Motion that the General Board follow the recommendation of the Executive Board to proceed with both computers to implement the system for the Treasurer and the Administrator of Records.

**1983 EBM–Peoria (Acquisition of Hardware/Software)**

Motion to authorize Paul Meloy and Kay Koerner to acquire the necessary hardware and software to implement the system for the Treasurer and the Administrator of Records. **Rescinded at 1983 GBM–Peoria.**

**1982 GBM–Washington (Reimbursement of Jerry Slavens for WUSV Meeting Expenses)**

Motion that the General Board vote to agree with the Executive Board to reimburse Jerry Slavens for expenses incurred in attending the WUSV meeting as the representative of the USA.

**1982 GBM–Washington (Return of Deposits)**

Paul said he would send a note to Kay Koerner (Treasurer) when he gets the scoresheets from the trials so she can send back the deposits.

**1979 EBM–Peoria (European Committee)**

A committee be formed whose responsibility would be to address itself to financing the European Championship and that the Treasurer be a member of the committee.

## TRIAL PROCEDURES

### **E-Ballot #26-05 (Entry in AWDF Affiliated Breed Club Trials)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA will recognize titles awarded by AWDF-affiliated breed clubs. The recognition of these clubs and their judges will be considered on a club-by-club basis. The clubs to be considered will be required to have viable and comprehensive judges programs of their own, with judges who have gone through their respective programs in their entirety; and they will be required to provide a list of judges who are recognized through their respective programs. AWDF clubs must petition USA for recognition.

These AWDF-affiliated breed club judges may award titles that will be recognized exclusively for progression pertaining to performance titles (AD, B, WH, OB, TR, FH, IPO, SchH/VPG).

These titles will not be recognized for entry in the USA-GSD National Championship, which will still require a qualifying score of 270 points at a USA-sanctioned event awarded under a USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judge. These titles will not be recognized for the USA SchH3 Club or the USA Sports Medals Program.

These titles will not be recognized for German Shepherd Dogs in any context that applies to breeding, breed surveys, breed shows, or registration with USA. Titles for such recognition for GSDs must be awarded under USA, SV, Canadian, or WUSV-affiliated judges.

### **E-Ballot #18-05 (Amend Event Notification Guidelines)**

Motion by Randall Hoadley to amend the notification guidelines for USA-sanctioned events to include written event notice consisting of any form of U.S. mail, electronic mail, and/or digital communication. Notification is to be provided to all clubs in the respective region at least three weeks in advance of the event. Event notices must contain the specific date, location, and time of the event; the judge for the event; and a contact for information. Any changes must be provided to all clubs in the region by the same means as the original notice. Electronic mail and/or digital communication must contain a copy of the notice, the date the notice was sent, and the identities (e.g., email addresses) of all recipient clubs. If a club is found to have hosted an improperly publicized USA-sanctioned event, it shall be reduced to affiliated status for one year; and shall be required to meet all the requirements once again to become a full member club. **Supersedes 1987 EBM-St. Louis (Prohibition of Unpublicized Events).**

### **E-Ballot #10-05 (Rescind Tattoo Variance for German Shepherd Dogs)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that tattoos or microchips will be required for German Shepherd Dogs entered in all USA performance events effective January 1, 2006, and the identification information is to be recorded in the scorebook. Dogs of breeds other than the German Shepherd Dog will be required to have a tattoo or microchip for entry in USA national and regional events, but not for entry in USA local events. Owners of dogs with microchips are responsible for providing the identification equipment. The only change resulting from this motion will be requiring identification for German Shepherd Dogs entered in local performance events. **Supersedes E-Ballot #25-04 (Tattoo Variance).**

### **E-Ballot #2-05 (Three-Day Event Authorizations [Rulebook/USA Variances Addition])**

Motion by Mike Hamilton to allow USA full member clubs to host three-day events in lieu of two-day events. Clubs may use Friday or Monday to host events offering all performance titles and degrees awarded by USA. Performance titles such BH, SchH/VPG1-2-3, FH1-2, IPO1-2-3, and DPO (any) must be offered on Saturday and Sunday in addition to Friday or Monday. If clubs anticipate more trial entries than can be accommodated in two days, a three-day event should be authorized with performance titles offered on both days of the weekend and the extra day intended for overflow. Clubs are allowed to offer performance titles on Friday or Monday and just one day of a weekend if also hosting a breed survey or conformation show on the other day of the weekend. Breed surveys and conformation shows must be held on Saturday or Sunday.

A three-day event will not be allowed unless the club has three days of activities. It is not intended to allow a club to host a SchH/VPG trial on Friday or Monday and a one-day event on the weekend. The three-day event is intended for larger events with multiple venues. The regional director must receive a request from the club for a three-day event, and will authorize three-day events only in the cases listed above. All other USA trial regulations are applicable.

### **E-Ballot #26-04 (Scheduling Regional Championships)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer that, beginning in 2005, USA Regional Championships for SchH/VPG

competition shall not be scheduled the weekend before or the weekend of the FCI IPO Championship and WUSV World (SchH/VPG) Championship. **Rescinded at 2004 GBM–Nashville.**

**E-Ballot #25-04 (Tattoo Variance)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that the VDH requirement for having a tattoo or microchip on your dog is not required at local events only. Effective January 1, 2005, all entries to our championships (regional and national) are required to be tattooed or microchipped. Owners of dogs that are microchipped are responsible for providing the necessary equipment for the identity check. **Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville. Superseded by E-Ballot #10-05 (Rescind Tattoo Variance for German Shepherd Dogs).**

**E-Ballot #21-04 (Regional Director Waivers for Regional Participation)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to allow the regional director to consider the circumstances and either issue or deny a waiver for the required regional participation for entry to the 2004 National Championship. The Office will verify the waiver with the regional director.

**E-Ballot #15-04 (Sportsmanship Statement)**

Motion by John Oliver to add following statement:

USA encourages and supports sportsmanship and camaraderie among all USA members; however, local clubs reserve their right to refuse entries at their events. In the interest of good sportsmanship, entries should not be unreasonably denied.

The exception to this rule will apply to the host club for national and regional events where the right of refusal rests with the sponsoring organization. National Events are: USA National Championship, North American and FH Championship, *H.O.T. Championship*, *Sieger Show*, and regional championships. **Amended at 2004 GBM–Nashville to include H.O.T. Championship and Sieger Show as shown in semibold italic.**

**E-Ballot #10-04 (National Event Trial Processing Fees)**

Motion by Vicki Keller, as recommended by the NEC, to increase trial processing fees for national events from \$6 to \$10.

**E-Ballot #9-04 (Event Authorizations)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque that the Regional Director has the authority to automatically suspend a club for one year if it is found to have hosted another organization's event on the same day as that given on a USA Event Authorization. This will also incur if a club is found to have hosted an event that is not authorized on a particular day, i.e., Friday afternoon, without an event authorization. All suspensions will be printed in the magazine. Suspended clubs will need to be re-affiliated and that club's trial will not count toward the club's annual trial requirement.

**E-Ballot #28-03 (VDH SchH/VPG Rule Changes)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to accept the changes made by the WUSV in regard to VDH rules for SchH/VPG effective March 1, 2004.

**E-Ballot #17-03 (Two-Dog Rule Variance)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that USA make a variance from SV rules to allow handlers to show three dogs per handler per trial in all USA trials, excepting any and all championship trials where the two-dog limit will still apply. **Ratified at 2004 GBM–Nashville.**

**2003 GBM–Reno (WDA Scorebooks Not Recognized)**

Motion to no longer recognize WDA scorebooks effective January 1, 2004.

**E-Ballot #16-03 (WDA)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer that USA will no longer recognize the existence of the WDA. USA will not recognize any of their activities, judges, or scorebooks; and will not recognize awards or titles issued by any judges, including SV judges, at WDA events.

**2003 EBM–Bakersfield (DPO Entry Requirements)**

The Executive Board interprets entry requirements for its DPO Program to be:

- Dog handlers must be full time law enforcement officers.
- The dog must be a full time service dog.
- Only full time police officers handling full time service dogs may enter WPO events.

Motion that a full time police officer may participate in a DPO event with a dog that is not a full time service dog, provided it has achieved the BH. The police officer's and dog's status must be provided by the officer's department and verified by the trial secretaries.

**E-Ballot #15-02 (Entry to Both the SchH3 and WPO Championships)**

Motion to change the existing USA rules and regulations to allow USA K-9 officers (that qualify) to compete at the USA annual International Police Dog Competition and also at the annual Schutzhund Championship that is held in conjunction with that event, should they so desire, as long as they have met all qualifications for entering both of the championships. This motion applies to annual championships only and does not apply to local or regional events. **Rescinded at 2003 GBM-Reno.**

**2002 GBM-Gadsden (Performance Judge Limit at Same Club)**

USA Performance Judges Program:

4.J. A Judge can judge at any club *only once in a 12 (twelve) month period* and there must be another trial held with a different judge *before they can return*. Furthermore, a Judge may not judge *consecutive trials* at any club except in an emergency, which may *only be decided by the Regional Director*. This restriction will also be lifted if the local club is the sponsor of a Championship event from Regional level on up.

**2002 GBM-Gadsden (USA-GSD Championship Entry Requirements)**

Proposed USA-GSD Championship entry requirements:

- Restricted to SchH3 German Shepherd Dogs registered with the SV/USA Breed Registry.
- Limited to members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.
- Scorebooks must be registered with the USA Office. Individuals whose permanent residence is outside the U.S. are exempt from these requirements.

**2002 GBM-Gadsden (Annual Trial Requirement)**

Each full member club shall hold at least one (1) sanctioned USA schutzhund trial or HGH herding dog trial per calendar year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year after the year in which the club is granted full member status. The Regional Director shall approve any waiver of this requirement, provided the club's dues and membership list are current. The Regional Director will advise all the clubs in the region of the proposed waiver and the reasons thereof. Failure to comply with this provision will reduce the club to affiliated status for at least one (1) year. The affiliated club shall meet all the requirements once again to become a full member club.

**2002 GBM-Gadsden (USA SchH3 National Championship Scheduling Window)**

Motion by Kay Koerner that no USA club shall schedule a trial or breed event on the same date as the USA SchH3 National Championship. In addition, no trial authorizations will be issued for trials which occur on the same date as a national event in that region.

**2002 GBM-Gadsden (Definition of H.O.T. for National Events))**

Motion by Donna Rednour to revise the definition of a H.O.T. dog for our National Events to the same criteria as for the H.O.T. Tournament. "Dogs must have been titled from 'B' to current degree with listed owner/handler (any age). Verification will be done through evidence the owner/handler provides and also copies of the scorebook pages showing the titles and the date the event was held including the judge's name."

**2002 EBM-St. Louis (North American/National SchH3 Championship Entry Requirements)**

Entry into the North American and the National SchH3 Championship is limited to members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America. Individuals whose permanent residence is outside the United States are exempt from this requirement.

**2002 EBM-St. Louis (USA SchH3 Championship Qualifying Score)**

To participate at the USA SchH3 Championship, a qualifying score of 270 or better *at a USA sanctioned event* is needed. **Statement.**

**2002 EBM-St. Louis (VDH/SV Rule Variances)**

We will continue with the variances from VDH/SV rules:

- Waiting period between USA trials reduced from four weeks to two weeks.

- Limit on the number of dogs to be judged by one judge in one day in a schutzhund trial increased from 10 dogs to 12 dogs.

#### **2001 GBM–Taunton (National Championship Qualification Process)**

Motion to modify the existing National Championship qualification rule to read:

Any SchH3 dog imported into the U.S. whose scorebook is registered with the USA Administrator of Records Office after January 1 of any calendar year must attain a qualifying score by August 1 of the same calendar year for entrance into that year's Nationals. This rule does not pertain to imported SchH1 or SchH2 dogs or their equivalent.

#### **2001 GBM–Taunton (Accept GSDCA-WDA Scorebooks)**

Motion by Diane Madigan to ratify the Executive Board's decision to accept GSDCA-WDA scorebooks, provided they are certified by the USA Office and nonmember fees are paid where applicable.

#### **2001 GBM–Taunton (Compliance with SV Rules)**

Motion by Floyd Wilson to conduct all future trials in compliance with SV rules.

#### **2001 GBM–Taunton (Requirement to Follow SV Rules)**

Limit the number of dogs per handler to two per trial. Trial secretaries are not eligible to compete in the trial. These are SV rules and according to our previously stated policy all SV rules will be followed.

#### **E-Ballot #7-01 (Six New Training Titles)**

Motion by Jim Elder to accept the Judges Committee's program for Six New Training Titles. *This program will be for USA trials conducted by USA-recognized judges. USA-recognized judges are welcome to judge these titles. The results will be posted on a separate Bewertungsliste. These titles require a "G" or better rating for the purpose of the Sports Medal Program. These points may only be counted once per title per dog. Ratified at 2001 GBM–Taunton after amending to add text as shown in semibold italic.*

#### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (New Training Degrees)**

Motion by Jim Elder to recommend the Judges Committee develop a new training degrees program: BH1, BH2, BH3 and also Tracking 1, 2, 3. **Titles changed to OB1–3 and TR1–3 in final program.**

#### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Accept GSDCA-WDA Scorebooks)**

Motion by Kay Koerner to accept GSDCA-WDA scorebooks. **Amended at 2002 GBM–Gadsden.**

#### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Certifying Trial Scores)**

Motion by Donna Rednour that clubs do not need to send flyers and event authorization forms to the USA Office to certify trial scores.

#### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Working/Breed Show Trial Processing Fee Increase)**

Motion by Kay Koerner that effective June 1, 2001 the trial processing fee for working and breed shows will be \$4 per dog per entry.

#### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (National Event Trial Processing Fee Increase)**

Motion by Tim Crusier that effective June 1, 2001 the trial processing fee for all USA national events will be \$6 per dog per entry.

#### **E-Ballot #21-00 (Canadian Reciprocity With Regard to USA Breed Program)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to accept reciprocity with the judges from the GSSCC (German Shepherd Schutzhund Club of Canada) with respect to USA breed titles. This rule will not supersede our overall USA policies, including adhering to the 80-point minimum protection score. **Ratified at 2001 GBM–Taunton with exclusion of 80-point rule.**

#### **2000 GBM–Madison (Certifying Non-USA Member Scorebooks)**

Motion by Diane Madigan that any non-USA member who wishes to have their eligible non-USA scorebooks certified by USA must pay a nonmember fee of \$15 plus the cost of certification, which is \$5 at this time.

#### **2000 GBM–Madison (70-Point Protection Score)**

Motion that the United Schutzhund Clubs of America not adopt the 70-point minimum score in protection

for any and all Schutzhund titles and continue to adhere to the current stand of 80-points minimum as a passing score for any and all titles in Schutzhund trials.

Furthermore, any dogs that are imported with a 70-point minimum score in Protection in regard to Schutzhund shall be required to achieve a passing score in all phases of a Schutzhund trial including a minimum of 80 points in protection in order to be awarded a recognized Schutzhund title in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America. The 80-point minimum in Protection is also required for any and all Schutzhund titles and is a prerequisite for any and all Breed Surveys, shows, and the USA Sieger Show. Foreign judges must adhere to our 80-point protection passing score when judging at USA Sanctioned events. **Rescinded at 2001 GBM–Taunton.**

#### **E-Ballot #12-00 (70-Point Protection Score)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that the United Schutzhund Clubs of America not adopt the 70-point minimum score in protection for any and all Schutzhund titles and continue to adhere to the current standard of 80-points minimum as a passing score for any and all titles in Schutzhund trials.

Furthermore, any dogs that are imported with the 70-point minimum score in protection in regard to Schutzhund shall be required to achieve a passing score in all phases of a Schutzhund trial, including a minimum of 80 points in protection, in order to be awarded a recognized Schutzhund title in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

The 80-point minimum in protection is also required for any and all Schutzhund titles and is a prerequisite for any and all breed surveys, shows, and the USA Sieger Show. *Foreign judges must adhere to our 80-point protection passing score when judging at USA-sanctioned events.*

**Ratified at 2000 GBM–Madison with addition shown in semibold italic. Rescinded at 2001 GBM–Taunton.**

#### **2000 EBM–Austin (Scheduling Regional Championships)**

Motion by John Oliver that a club that is hosting a regional championship event, working or breed, may host a trial on the day preceding the event. **Ratified at 2000 GBM–Madison.**

#### **2000 EBM–Austin (Use USA Conformation Judges)**

Motion by Jim Elder, amended by Kay Koerner, that starting with 2001, we strongly recommend the usage of USA Conformation judges.

#### **1999 GBM–Reno (Purchase of USA Scorebooks)**

You must be a USA member to purchase a USA scorebook.

#### **1999 GBM–Reno (Accept Emailed/Faxed Trial Authorizations)**

Accept trial authorizations sent by email or fax.

#### **1999 GBM–Reno (Tracklayers/Helpers from Same Household)**

Delete rule from Judge's Program that states that people living in the same household cannot lay tracks or do helper work. This will only include club trials and not championships.

#### **1998 EBM–Bangor (Scorebook Price Increase)**

Motion to increase the price of scorebooks from \$5 to \$10.

#### **Mail Ballot #12-98 (Nonmember Surcharge for USA Event Entry/National Event Entry Requirements)**

Effective January 1, 1999, any individual who is not a member in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America must pay a surcharge of \$35 in order to enter any USA sanctioned event. This money is payable to USA and must be submitted to the office in St. Louis along with the event's other paperwork.

Collection of this fee is the responsibility of the hosting club. In the event the club fails to submit the required fees for nonmembers of USA, all paperwork for that event will be held in abeyance until the required fees for nonmembers are received in the USA Office. Also effective January 1, 1999, entry into any USA National Event is limited to members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, who must also be a full member of a full member club of USA. Individuals whose permanent residence is outside the North American continent are excepted from these requirements. **Nonmember entry surcharge rescinded by 1998 GBM–Denver (Nonmember Surcharge for USA Event Entry). National event entry requirements superseded by 1999 EBM–St. Louis (National Event Entry Requirements).**



**1997 GBM–St. Joseph (Scheduling of Executive Board Meeting)**

Motion to have the Executive Board meeting held the day before the North American/FH Championships, usually on Wednesday. **Rescinded at 2000 GBM–Madison with bylaw amendment.**

**1995 EBM–Albuquerque (Minimum Number of Trial Entries)**

A trial must have no fewer than three dogs shown; at least one must be SchH or IPO.

**1994 GBM–Madison (80 Points for Progression)**

Regarding the new IPO rule to accept 70 points in protection for IPO1, the Judges Committee recommends requiring 80 points to progress to the next higher level and for breed purposes. **Rescinded at 2001 GBM–Taunton.**

**1994 GBM–Madison (Decisions on Performance Regulations)**

The performance regulations for all USA working evaluations shall be decided by the Board of Directors, yet shall be based upon international standards. Any change from the currently accepted trial regulations requires approval by the Board of Directors.

**1994 GBM–Madison (Judges Approved for USA Events)**

Only judges licensed by USA, the SV, and/or other WUSV member organizations that have been approved by the Board shall preside over events sanctioned by USA.

**1994 EBM–Portland (Effective Date for Rule Changes)**

DOJ George Shumaker made statement regarding trial rules that “Our policy is that the rule changes become effective upon publication in the magazine.” **Statement.**

**Mail Ballot #2-94 (Use of WUSV-Licensed Judges)**

Shall USA authorize the use of judges licensed by WUSV organizations located in the United States, Germany, Canada, Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, Luxemburg, Belgium, Netherlands, Austria, Republic of Ireland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland?

**1993 EBM–Norton (Affiliation Trials)**

The only people eligible to officiate at USA affiliation trials are USA licensed judges, USA apprentice judges, and USA regional directors, and the trial must be conducted at an appropriate facility for the club in question in close proximity to the home of record of the club.

**1992 EBM–Manchester (Electric Training Collars/Devices)**

There shall be no public display of electric training devices at any authorized USA event. Any individual displaying such a device shall be dismissed from this event.

**1989 EBM–Albuquerque (Trial Recording Fee)**

Motion to establish a \$2 fee for each dog that is processed by USA as part of a USA-sanctioned event.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Zone Trial Judges)**

Zone trials will be judged by one USA judge starting in 1989. **Rescinded at 1994 GBM–Madison**

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Judges for Major Events)**

Proposal to have no mandates over judges for major events. Judges could be all SV, all USA, or a combination of both. The club selects and the board approves.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Adoption of SchHA)**

Motion that we adopt the SchHA.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Free Event Entry for USA Judges)**

Motion that USA judges receive free entry to USA events. They pay to enter a trial, but may attend other functions free.

**Mail Ballot 1987 (Exclusion of Spectators from USA Events)**

No spectator(s) may be excluded from or ejected from any USA events: trials, show, koerung, youth evaluation, etc., whether admission is charged or not, unless disruptive in overtly, openly hostile manner. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (Prohibition of Unpublicized Events)**

Clubs may not hold unpublicized USA-sanctioned events. To be properly publicized, all full member clubs in the host club's region must be notified in writing a reasonable time before the USA-sanctioned event: at least three weeks. *There is to be direct communication between the club having the trial and the other clubs in the region by means of a flyer or letter and reliance is not to be placed in an advertisement in the magazine.* All scores and ratings awarded at unpublicized USA-sanctioned events shall be null and void. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis with addition shown in semibold italic. Superseded by E-Ballot #18-05 (Amend Event Notification Guidelines).**

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (VDH Rule Variance for Handicapped Handlers)**

USA does not adhere to VDH rules prohibiting entry into USA-sanctioned working examinations by handicapped handlers. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (USA Judges Per Diem Reimbursement)**

Motion to increase the per diem reimbursement for USA judges to \$50 per day.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Adoption of SchHA)**

Motion that we recommend to the General Board that we adopt SchHA.

**1986 EBM–Sacramento (Club's Right to Refuse Trial Entries)**

A club can refuse any entry except for the host club for national events where the right of refusal rests with the sponsoring organization. National Events are: National Championship, SchHIII Tournament/North American, FH Championship, Regional Championship, and Zone Trials.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Temperament Test Requirement)**

Motion that all dogs entered in USA-sanctioned trials to be subjected to a temperament test.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Deposit for Forgotten Scorebooks)**

Motion to require a \$50 deposit for forgotten scorebooks.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (VB as Prerequisite for FH)**

Accept the VB as a prerequisite for the FH.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Nonmember Scorebook Certification Charge)**

Motion to require a \$15 charge to certify nonmember scorebooks from other organizations.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (VB, WH, IPO Judges Books)**

Authorization to print judges books for VB, WH, IPO.

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (Deposit for Forgotten Scorebooks)**

Any entry that the scorebook is not available, that the handler put forth a \$50 deposit (check payable to USA) that is sent in with the paperwork (Bewertungsliste) to the Administrator, and upon receipt of the scorebook the check is refunded. Scorebook to be received within ten days. It is up to the judge and he can refuse to judge the dog without a scorebook.

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (VB, WH, IPO Judges Books)**

Authorization to print judges books for VB, WH, and IPO similar to the ones we already have for the other titles. **Ratified at 1985 GBM–Bowling Green.**

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (Rulebooks)**

Motion that we print the new rulebooks with the approval of the Judges Committee. **Ratified at 1985 GBM–Bowling Green.**

**1984 GBM–Oxford (Clubs with Unacceptable Trial Paperwork)**

Motion that we publish which trials in which scores have been held up.

**1984 GBM–Oxford (Clubs with Unacceptable Trial Paperwork)**

Motion that clubs with unacceptable trial paperwork not be allowed to have another trial until the paperwork is correct.

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (Recognition of Titles Awarded Under VDH Rules)**

Motion that the United Schutzhund Clubs of America recognize titles awarded by judges authorized by the parent club of a breed of the country of origin under VDH rules.

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (Procedures for Scheduling SV Judges)**

The President appoints a special committee to handle the scheduling of judges and the committee develops a written procedure.

**1981 GBM–St. Louis (Judges Expenses)**

Motion that a club will pay a judge a \$25/day per diem, will pick up travel expenses including U.S. Government mileage for actual miles driven, and will pay for reasonable expenses incurred by the judge only.

**1981 EBM–St. Louis (Requirement to Show Scorebooks/Membership Cards)**

Motion that individuals must show a registered scorebook and membership card before showing at a trial and that a checklist must be attached to the judge's book before the trial.

**1980 GBM–Denver (Judging USA-Sanctioned Trials)**

Motion to allow only USA judges and SV-approved judges to judge USA-sanctioned schutzhund trials.

**1980 GBM–Denver (Judges Prohibited Accepting Reimbursement for Showing Dogs)**

A USA judge may not show someone else's dog in a schutzhund trial for money.

**1979 GBM–San Jose (Elimination of Courage Points)**

Motion to refer the matter of the elimination of courage points to the Judges Committee to find out if the change is a VDH rule and thus a change that we must comply with because of the requirement in our bylaws to adhere to all VDH rules and regulations.

**1979 GBM–San Jose (Scorebook Program)**

Motion to have the scorebook program (Appendix I) accepted as presented, i.e., only contestants can enter a trial who have pre-registered scorebooks, with non-USA members paying a \$15 surcharge, effective March 1, 1980. **Superseded at 1985 GBM–Bowling Green.**

**1978 GBM–Edwardsville (Trial Rules and Regulations)**

Motion that the report regarding Trial Rules and Regulations be adopted as official trial rules and regulations.

## USA OFFICE

### **2005 EBM–San Jose (Mailing List Distribution Restrictions)**

Motion by Sara Wallick to allow the USA Office to provide regional USA membership lists to the regional directors on a monthly basis for the purpose of monitoring regional membership problems.

### **E-Ballot #10-04 (National Event Trial Processing Fees)**

Motion by Vicki Keller, as recommended by the NEC, to increase trial processing fees for national events from \$6 to \$10.

### **E-Ballot #9-04 (Event Authorizations)**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque that the Regional Director has the authority to automatically suspend a club for one year if it is found to have hosted another organization's event on the same day as that given on a USA Event Authorization. This will also incur if a club is found to have hosted an event that is not authorized on a particular day, i.e., Friday afternoon, without an event authorization. All suspensions will be printed in the magazine. Suspended clubs will need to be re-affiliated and that club's trial will not count toward the club's annual trial requirement.

### **E-Ballot #21-03 (Deletion of Forming Club Status)**

Motion by Diane Madigan to no longer offer a forming club status.

### **2003 GBM–Reno (WDA Scorebooks Not Recognized)**

Motion to no longer recognize WDA scorebooks effective January 1, 2004.

### **2003 GBM–Reno (Regional Dues)**

Motion by Carl Johnson that the regional dues be set at \$50.

### **2003 GBM–Reno (Approval of Regional Policy)**

Motion by Johannes Grewe to approve the Regional Policy as amended.

### **2003 GBM–Reno (Youth Dues Reduction)**

The Executive Board recommends that youth dues be reduced to \$12 per year from the current \$39.

### **E-Ballot #16-03 (WDA)**

Motion by Lyle Roetemeyer that USA will no longer recognize the existence of the WDA. USA will not recognize any of their activities, judges, or scorebooks; and will not recognize awards or titles issued by any judges, including SV judges, at WDA events. **Ratified at 2003 GBM–Reno.**

### **2003 EBM–Bakersfield (Youth Dues Reduction)**

Motion by Kay Koerner to accept proposal by Bill Plumb that the Executive Board recommend to the General Board that youth dues be reduced to \$12 per year from the current \$39.

### **2003 EBM–Bakersfield (USA Membership Required for Registered Kennel Name)**

Motion by Peggy Park to accept the criteria that you must maintain USA membership to have a registered kennel name.

### **2003 EBM–Bakersfield (Individual/Family Dues Increase)**

The Executive Board recommends to the General Board a dues increase of \$5 for individual and family memberships. Motion to accept by Mike Hamilton.

### **2003 EBM–Bakersfield (Approval of Regional Policy)**

Motion by Mike Hamilton to approve the Regional Policy, with the exception of the proposed regional boundaries, as amended. Policies will go into effect upon publication of the finished policy. Increase in regional dues will go into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>. **Ratified at 2003 GBM–Reno.**

**E-Ballot #2-03 (Office Travel)** Motion by Bill Plumb to amend the budget to increase the office travel expense by \$1,200.

**2002 GBM–Gadsden (Definition of H.O.T. for National Events)**

Motion by Donna Rednour to revise the definition of a H.O.T. dog for our national events to the same criteria as for the H.O.T. Tournament: “Dogs must have been titled from ‘B’ to current degree with listed owner/handler (any age). Verification will be done through evidence the owner/handler provides and also copies of the scorebook pages showing the titles and the date the event was held including the judge’s name.”

**2002 GBM–Gadsden (Annual Trial Requirement)**

Each full member club shall hold at least one (1) sanctioned USA schutzhund trial or HGH herding dog trial per calendar year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year after the year in which the club is granted full member status. The Regional Director shall approve any waiver of this requirement, provided the club’s dues and membership list are current. The Regional Director will advise all the clubs in the region of the proposed waiver and the reasons thereof. Failure to comply with this provision will reduce the club to affiliated status for at least one (1) year. The affiliated club shall meet all the requirements once again to become a full member club. **Bylaw amendment.**

**2002 GBM–Gadsden (Club Membership List Requirement)**

A complete and current membership list including full addresses must be included with the club’s annual dues. This information will be sent to the USA Office for verification. Clubs that fail to submit both annual dues and membership lists will not be granted trial authorizations by the Regional Director. Should club lists and dues not be submitted by the due date, any previously approved trial authorizations will be recalled. Trial authorizations will be restored when dues and membership lists are submitted and approved. **Bylaw amendment.**

**2002 EBM–St. Louis (National Championship H.O.T. Trophy)**

The hosting club shall provide a trophy for the highest scoring owner trained and handled dog in the National Championship. To qualify for the trophy, the dog/handler team must meet the following criteria:

- The dog must have been acquired before the age of six months, and shall not have changed ownership at any point subsequent to this acquisition.
- The owner shall have handled the dog to all schutzhund titles.
- At no time shall the dog have been sent or turned over to another individual for training. This does not preclude the owner from seeking expert help in the training of the dog.

On the entry form, owner shall declare his or her eligibility for this award to enable the host club to track it.

**2001 GBM–Taunton (Accept GSDCA-WDA Scorebooks)**

Motion by Diane Madigan to ratify the Executive Board’s decision to accept GSDCA-WDA scorebooks, provided they are certified by the USA Office and nonmember fees are paid where applicable.

**E-Ballot #10-01 (Member Services)**

Motion by Jim Elder that you must be a member of USA to obtain USA registration services.

**E-Ballot #6-01 (SV Judges Travel Program)**

Motion by William Plumb to amend the current SV Judges Travel Program by encouraging clubs to pay for the judges’ airfare directly and not have it billed through the USA Office. The SV Judges Request Form will be modified to include a place for credit card information. We will continue to provide the current program for member clubs that do not have a credit card available; however, the deposit will be increased to the average cost of an overseas ticket. This amount will be adjusted annually by the Treasurer. **Rescinded at 2002 EBM–St. Louis.**

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Withhold Event Authorizations for Outstanding Debts)**

Regional Directors may withhold or cancel event authorizations requested or issued to any clubs who have not resolved any outstanding debts to the organization 30 days after a second notice of this debt. The organization’s office staff will notify the concerned Regional Director of this outstanding debt and the dates of the notices.

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Accept GSDCA-WDA Scorebooks)**

Motion by Kay Koerner to accept GSDCA-WDA scorebooks. **Ratified after amending at 2001 GBM–Taunton (2001 GBM–Taunton (Accept GSDCA-WDA Scorebooks)).**

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Certifying Trial Scores)**

Motion by Donna Rednour that clubs do not need to send flyers and event authorization forms to the USA Office to certify trial scores.

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (Working/Breed Show Trial Processing Fee Increase)**

Motion by Kay Koerner that effective June 1, 2001 the trial processing fee for working and breed shows will be \$4 per dog per entry.

**2001 EBM–St. Louis (National Event Trial Processing Fee Increase)**

Motion by Tim Crusier that effective June 1, 2001 the trial processing fee for all USA national events will be \$6 per dog per entry.

**E-Ballot #20-00 (USA SchH3 Club)**

Motion by Mark Przybylski to approve all applicants that meet these criteria regardless of the date of their accomplishments:

## SchH3 Club Application

Applicant must comply with all of the following:

1. All titles must be earned as a USA member.
2. Titles must be obtained under a USA, SV, or Canadian judge.
3. Trials must be hosted by a USA club or a USA-recognized AWDF breed club (German Shepherd Dog Club of America [WDA] events are not recognized for the purpose of attaining membership in the USA SchH3 Club).
4. The titles of BH, SchH1, SchH2, and SchH3 must be earned by the same handler on a previously untitled dog. All protection scores must adhere to USA standards.
5. All titles must be acquired at a USA-recognized event. An officer of the USA-recognized AWDF organization must confirm the earned title in writing. A note from the presiding USA, SV, or Canadian judge may also be used for confirmation. The USA Office will not be responsible for acquiring this information.
6. A copy of the USA scorebook or USA-certified scorebook.

Please fill out the attached form and send to the USA Office along with the \$10 filing fee. After your accomplishments are verified, you will become part of the permanent list that is published in the March/April issue of *Schutzhund USA* and be eligible to purchase special SchH3 Club T-shirts and jackets from USA. For more information regarding the USA SchH3 Club, please contact the USA Office.

**Revised January 2001 and revision ratified at 2001 GBM–Taunton.**

**2000 GBM–Madison (Certifying Non-USA Member Scorebooks)**

Motion by Diane Madigan that any non-USA member who wishes to have their eligible non-USA scorebooks certified by USA must pay a nonmember fee of \$15 plus the cost of certification, which is \$5 at this time.

**1999 GBM–Reno (Purchase of USA Scorebooks)**

You must be a USA member to purchase a USA scorebook.

**1998 GBM–Denver (Nonmember Surcharge for USA Event Entry)**

Motion by George Shumaker to rescind the \$35 surcharge.

**1998 EBM–Bangor (Scorebook Price Increase)**

Motion to increase the price of scorebooks from \$5 to \$10.

**Mail Ballot #12-98 (Nonmember Surcharge for USA Event Entry/National Event Entry Requirements)**

Effective January 1, 1999, any individual who is not a member in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America must pay a surcharge of \$35 in order to enter any USA sanctioned event. This money is payable to USA and must be submitted to the office in St. Louis along with the event's other paperwork. Collection of this fee is the responsibility of the hosting club. In the event the club fails to submit the required fees for nonmembers of USA, all paperwork for that event will be held in abeyance until the required fees for nonmembers are received in the USA Office. Also effective January 1, 1999, entry into any USA National Event is limited to members in good standing with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America, who must also be a full member of a full member club of USA. Individuals whose permanent residence is outside the North American continent are excepted from these requirements. **Nonmember entry surcharge rescinded by 1998 GBM–**

**Denver (Nonmember Surcharge for USA Event Entry).** National event entry requirements superseded by 1999 EBM–St. Louis (National Event Entry Requirements).

**1997 GBM–St. Joseph (Scheduling of Executive Board Meeting)**

Motion to have the Executive Board meeting held the day before the North American/FH Championships, usually on Wednesday. **Rescinded at 2000 GBM–Madison with bylaw amendment.**

**1996 GBM–Charlottesville (Individual/Family/Foreign Membership Dues Increase)**

Motion to approve a dues increase effective December 1<sup>st</sup> of \$60 for single membership, \$90 for family membership, and a like amount for foreign membership.

**1995 GBM–West Lafayette (Additional Expenditure for USA Office Database)**

Motion to approve an additional expenditure not included in the approved budget: \$15,000 for programming for networking and related database for the USA Office in St. Louis.

**1995 EBM–Albuquerque (Additional Signer on USA Checks)**

Motion that Karen McKay be authorized to sign checks (this is in addition to Paul Meloy and Patricia Cloar).

**1994 GBM–Madison (Recommendation to Move Corporate Seat)**

USA's attorneys and accountants have recommended we move our corporate seat from California to Missouri.

**1994 GBM–Madison (USA Breed Registry Requirements)**

Beginning January 1, 1996, in order for a litter to be eligible for registration in the USA Breed Registry, both parents must have a hip certification (either OFA or "a" stamp), one parent must have at least SchH1, IPO1, or DPO1, and the other parent must have at least a B. No registration will be issued if the parents do not meet these minimum requirements.

**1993 EBM–Norton (Approval of Articles of Incorporation)**

Approve the Articles of Incorporation (Appendix #1). This is to complete the application to improve our non-profit tax status.

**1993 EBM–Norton (Recording OFA Elbow Certifications)**

Motion to record OFA elbow certifications on the USA/SV pedigrees, if the SV approves. Lower case "e" stamp similar to SV "a" stamp and OFA elbow certification number to be applied to the pedigree by the USA Office, and OFA elbow certification to be recorded along with the "a" or OFA hip certification for the ancestors when pedigrees are issued.

**1992 GBM–Albuquerque (Sieger Show Helpers)**

The helpers for the working classes at the Sieger Show will be picked from the USA membership. They will be picked by the protection judge, the regional director, and the Breed Advisory Committee Chairman. Three helpers would be selected, and in case of warm weather could be rotated every five dogs instead of having one helper for the males and one for the bitches. The USA Office will keep the protection judge and the Breed Advisory Committee Chairman informed of the size of the entry in the working classes in case more helpers would be needed.

**1991 EBM–Rome (National Event Entry Forms)**

For all national events, the USA will prepare and distribute an entry form, which is to be returned to the USA office with a specific cutoff date. From this information the USA office will prepare for the host club score-sheets, judges books, and show cards, effective January 1, 1992.

**1991 GBM–Washington (Sports Medals Points for IPO/SchH)**

Motion that we treat IPO and SchH titles as the same for the purposes of Sports Medals.

**1991 EBM–Rome (Purchase of Tattoo Tools)**

Motion to approve the purchase of 12 additional tattoo tools at \$130 each to get the cheaper rate available when 20 are purchased.

**1990 GBM–Sacramento (Individual Membership Dues Increase)**

Increase individual membership dues by \$12 and family membership dues by \$18 (to \$42 and \$63), effective January 1, 1991.

**1989 EBM–Albuquerque (Purchase of General Accounting Software Program)**

Motion to authorize the USA Office to purchase a general accounting software program to run on their DB4 system, a system that can be implemented and fully usable by January 1, 1990 to assist in the management of USA's financial affairs. The cost not to exceed \$2,000 and that a committee makes the selection with the involvement of the Treasurer.

**1989 EBM–Albuquerque (Expand Hours of Office Staff)**

Motion that the President be authorized to expand the hours of our part-time worker to a maximum of full time for the express purpose of installing the centralized accounting system, to a maximum of up to \$16,000 per year (\$3,000 increase above the budget) upon implementation and that the employee be provided with merit benefits identical to the present full-time employee.

**1989 EBM–Albuquerque (Trial Recording Fee)**

Motion to establish a \$2 fee for each dog that is processed by the USA as part of a USA sanction event.

**1988 GBM–Canton (Adjustment of Office Staff Salaries)**

The office staff salaries may be adjusted on an annual basis by recommendation of the President to the Executive Board of Directors. The increases shall be based on the current CPI (Consumer Price Index) and adjusted for real performance according to the following guidelines:

Performance Rating	Increase (% of base)
Poor	No increase
Fair	CPI%
Good	CPI% + 3–4%
Very Good	CPI% + 5–7%
Excellent	CPI% + 8–10%

**1988 GBM–Canton (Denial of Membership for Joe Dallas, Jr.)**

Motion that USA not allow the membership of Joe Dallas, Jr. in the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

**1988 EBM–Bowling Green (Authorization to Purchase FAX Machine)**

Motion that we allow up to \$2,000 for purchase of a FAX machine, meeting specifications set up by Paul Meloy and the SV, to meet the need of pedigree transmission to and from the SV.

**1988 EBM–Bowling Green (USA/SV Registration Fees)**

Motion that fees for USA/SV pedigrees be \$22 per puppy:

\$13.00	SV (per puppy)
1.00	Labor (typist)
2.00	Fixed cost (to replace machinery)
1.00	Translations (German to English)
3.50	Mark up (20%)
1.50	Postage and supplies
\$22.00	Total

**Mail Ballot 1987 (Conformation Shows Hosted by USA Clubs)**

Motion to allow full member USA clubs to conduct sanctioned conformation shows and for USA to recognize and record the ratings obtained at these shows.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Purchase of Computer Backup System)**

Mail ballot for \$2,645 for computer backup system.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Application for FCI Membership)**

Motion that we proceed with application for membership in the FCI.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Videotapes of USA Events)**

Motion that we require that any club or individual that sells to the USA membership a tape or set of tapes based on a USA sanctioned event donate a copy of that tape or set of tapes to the USA library for the benefit of those members who cannot afford to buy the tapes. The tapes are to be donated immediately, but not be released for loan from the library for a period of six months.



**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Purchase of Copier/Printer and Reimbursement for Upgrade/Monitor)**

Motion to approve the purchase of the copier and the printer and that we also reimburse Lee for the upgrade and the monitor (the original request).

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Relocation to Centralized Office)**

Motion to move the day-to-day operations of all the officers to the centralized office.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Relocation of USA Central Office)**

Motion that we accept the recommendation of the Locations Committee that the location of the USA central office be in St. Louis, and that we move forward to make it happen.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Club Names)**

The same name shall not be identified with a person or kennel and a club. Does not apply to the two existing conflicts (Main, Burgberg).

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (Family Membership Dues Increase)**

Motion to recommend to the General Board to increase the Family Membership fee to \$45. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

**1987 EBM–St. Louis (USA Logo Bronze Cast)**

Motion that USA make available for sale a bronze cast plaque with the USA logo, and make a slight profit. **Ratified at 1987 GBM–St. Louis.**

**1986 GBM–Sacramento (Increase USA Office Staff)**

Motion to increase the permanent staff to take on the operational responsibilities of the Administrator of Records and provide support to the other officers, and establish a permanent location for the office.

**1986 GBM–Sacramento (Publication of USA Breed Wardens/Tattoers)**

Effective with the June 1987 publication and from thereon twice per year in *Schutzhund USA* a list of breed wardens and tattooists by region. Information to be provided by the Administrator of Records in conjunction with the regional directors.

**1986 EBM–Sacramento (Purchase of Typewriter)**

Approve the funds as in the mail ballot for the purchase of the typewriter.

**1986 EBM–Sacramento (Elimination of Administrator of Records Position)**

Eliminate the Administrator of Records job and replace it with a paid full-time staff that could also do some of the office work for the other USA officers. The Executive Board proposes to the General Board the possibility of eliminating the Administrator of Records position and replacing it with a full time staff. **Ratified at 1986 GBM–Sacramento.**

**1986 EBM–Sacramento (Certification of Non-USA Member Scorebooks)**

The Executive Board recommends to the General Board that we charge \$15 for non-USA members for certification of scorebooks and \$15 for non-USA members showing in a USA trial.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (USA Medallion)**

The design is the same but the quality is better.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Deposit for Forgotten Scorebooks)**

Motion to require a \$50 deposit for forgotten scorebooks.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Non-Member Scorebook Certification Charge)**

Motion to require a \$15 charge to certify nonmember scorebooks from other organizations.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Photocopier for Administrator of Records)**

Motion to approve the money for the purchase of an “any paper copier,” made by Minolta, for approximately \$3720.80.

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (Deposit for Forgotten Scorebooks)**

Motion that any entry that the scorebook is not available, the handler put forth a \$50 deposit (check payable to USA) that is sent in with the paperwork (Bewertungsliste) to the Administrator, and upon receipt of the

scorebook the check is refunded. Scorebook to be received within ten days. It is up to the judge and he can refuse to judge the dog without a scorebook.

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (VB, WH, IPO Judges Books)**

Authorization to print judges books for VB, WH, IPO similar to the ones we already have for the other titles.

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (Rulebooks)**

Motion that we print the new rulebooks with the approval of the Judges Committee. **Ratified at 1985 GBM–Bowling Green.**

**1984 GBM–Oxford (Payment of Judge’s Deposit)**

Motion that if the judge’s deposit is not paid, Kay Koerner (Treasurer) has the authority to cancel the judge to the club that did not pay and substitute another club. **Program discontinued 2002.**

**1984 GBM–Oxford (Clubs with Unacceptable Trial Paperwork)**

Motion that we publish which trials in which scores have been held up.

**1984 GBM–Oxford (Clubs with Unacceptable Trial Paperwork)**

Motion that clubs with unacceptable trial paperwork: not be allowed to have another trial until the paperwork is correct.

**1984 EBM–Sacramento (Purchase of String-Tying Machine)**

Motion to recommend the General Board approve the purchase of a string-tying machine.

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (Funds for USA Library)**

Motion that the USA gives the USA library three hundred dollars on an annual basis.

**1982 GBM–Washington (Postage Charge for Trial Materials)**

Motion that a charge of \$3 for postage be added to the trial materials order blanks and that trial materials not be sent unless paid for. (This does not mean that material may not be sent COD collect).

**1982 EBM–Sacramento (Soliciting Hosts for National Events)**

Motion that a letter should be sent to the full member clubs advising them that if they are interested in hosting the event, they should submit the request in writing for consideration at the General Board meeting.

**1980 GBM–Denver (Sports Medals Designs)**

Motion that designs for Sports Medals be submitted to George Shumaker and then published in the February/March issue of *Schutzhund USA* along with a mail-in ballot which would be returned to George by March 30<sup>th</sup>. If no designs were submitted to George Shumaker, then the one suggested by him should automatically be accepted for the Sports Medal.

**1980 EBM–St. Louis (Mailing List Distribution Restrictions)**

Motion by John Koerner, amended by Nancy Shumaker, that the magazine mailing list not to be given to anyone outside of the Editor, Treasurer, and printer.

**1980 EBM–St. Louis (Information Package for Forming Clubs)**

Motion by John Koerner that Kay Koerner, Jack Smith, and Dean Calderon come up with a handout package for regional directors which will include guidelines to be followed by regional directors when a new club comes into the organization.

**1979 GBM–San Jose (Scorebook Program)**

Motion to have the scorebook program (Appendix I) accepted as presented, i.e., only contestants can enter a trial who have pre-registered scorebooks, with non-USA members paying a \$15 surcharge, effective March 1, 1980. **Amended at 1985 GBM–Bowling Green.**

**1979 GBM–San Jose (Awards Program)**

Motion to adopt Awards Program (Appendix G) as of January 1, 1980 with the following changes:

- A pin and a certificate both be used as awards. Print notification of the awards presented in the magazine.
- Strike the AD requirements and to adjust the point totals to correspond to the former requirements if this is necessary.

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

(Formerly International German Shepherd Dog Championship Committee 1999–2000,  
World Championship Committee 1987–1999, and  
European Committee 1979–1987)

### **2005 EBM–San Jose (World Championship Team Selection)**

Motion that the World Championship Team selection process must be a two-score qualification process. The GSD National Championship, the North American Championship, the H.O.T. Championship (if H.O.T.), and the AWDF Championship will be the qualifying events. At least one of the qualifying scores must come from the GSD National Championship or North American Championship. **Ratified at 2005 GBM–San Jose.**

### **E-Ballot #27-03 (2004 World Team Qualification)**

Motion by Diane Vegsund to allow competitors to use either their score from the 2003 National Championship in Reno or the 2004 North American Championship for their qualifying score for the 2004 World Team.

### **E-Ballot #10-02 (World Teams)**

Motion by Jim Elder to permit the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place 2002 World Teams to exchange places.

### **2001 EBM–St. Louis (Records Retention Policy)**

Motion to accept the corrected Records Retention Policy.

### **E-Ballot #10-00 (WUSV World Championship Team Expenses)**

Motion by John Oliver that travel expense given by USA to the WUSV Team, including Team Captain and Alternate, will be \$2,000 each. That money will be used for airfare, hotel, car, food, and any miscellaneous expenses. USA will pay the WUSV Championship entry fee. All team sponsorship from sources other than USA will be used toward the \$16,000 minimum payment. If team sponsorship from other sources exceeds \$16,000 plus the WUSV entry fee cost, the excess will be equally divided between the Team, Team Captain, and Alternate.

### **E-Ballot #2-00 (2000 WUSV World Championship Program Eligibility)**

Motion by John Oliver for addition to rule number 7.b. of the 2000 WUSV World Championship Program Eligibility, as printed on page 76 in the September/October 1999 issue of *Schutzhund USA*:

*Addition:* b. A copy of the dog's registration papers showing ownership, and a letter from the official owner (if different from the handler) declaring permission and naming the handler must be included.

### **E-Ballot #1-00 (2000 WUSV World Championship Program Eligibility)**

Motion by John Oliver to change rule number 3 of the 2000 WUSV World Championship Program Eligibility, as printed on page 76 in the September/October 1999 issue of *Schutzhund USA*:

*From:* The handler must be the sole owner of the dog with which he or she intends to compete.

*To:* The handler of a declared dog for the WUSV World Team must remain the same throughout the qualification process and the WUSV World Championship. The handler need not be the owner of the declared dog.

### **1999 GBM–Reno (World Championship Committee Name Change)**

Change World Championship Committee to USA International German Shepherd Dog Championship Committee. **Rescinded with bylaw amendment at 2000 GBM–Madison.**

### **1999 EBM–St. Louis (World Qualification Trial Name Change)**

Motion effective with the year 2000 to change the name of the World Qualification Trial to the USA-GSD Championship.

### **1998 GBM–Denver (Return World Qualifier to Rotation Schedule)**

Motion to return the World Qualifier to the National Events Rotation Schedule beginning with the year 2000 in the Southwest Region. **Supersedes 1997 EBM–Madison (World Qualification Trial Schedule).**

### **1998 GBM–Denver (Rescind WUSV Championship Score as Qualifier)**

Motion to rescind the motion by the World Championship Committee in 1997: Any USA team achieving

270 points or better at the WUSV Championship may use that score as one of their qualifiers for the next year. **Rescinds 1997 GBM–St. Joseph (WUSV Championship Score as Qualifier).**

**1998 GBM–Denver (Revision of 1997 GBM–St. Joseph Minutes)**

The 1997 General Board minutes be approved with the noting that we remove the bottom of Page 2, that the WUSV Championship trial score of 270 may be used as a qualifying score for the World Team according to the actions taken at this meeting.

**1997 GBM–St. Joseph (WUSV Championship Score as Qualifier)**

Motion that any USA team achieving 270 points or better at the WUSV Championship may use that score as one of their qualifiers for the next year. **Rescinded by 1998 GBM–Denver (Rescind WUSV Championship Score as Qualifier).**

**1997 EBM–Madison (World Qualification Trial Schedule)**

Motion that the World Qualification Trial be returned to the last two weekends in May. **Superseded by 1998 GBM–Denver (Return World Qualifier to Rotation Schedule).**

**1995 GBM–West Lafayette (World Qualification Trial Schedule)**

Motion that the World Qualification Trial be conducted each year in the same window of time, at a permanent location to coincide with the Annual Judges' Meeting. Further, that the judges shall conduct the event and that the proceeds from this World Qualification Trial shall be deposited to defray the cost of the Annual Judges Meeting. This trial must take place no later than Memorial Day weekend.

**1995 GBM–West Lafayette (World Team Expenses)**

Motion that the World Championship Committee look into the expense situation of sending the team to Europe, investigate it, and present a proposal to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee will do what they have to do to present it to the Executive Board in the spring.

**1992 EBM–Manchester (Selection of World/FCI Teams)**

The first seven dogs selected in the qualification process for the World Team are only for the World Team. The 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> dog will be the FCI representative team. In the event of any action causing those dogs to move up to the World Team, their position shall be filled by the next selected dogs in order.

**1989 GBM–Bowling Green (Combine Zone Trials into World Championship Qualification Trial)**

Motion to combine the three zone trials into one major World Championship Team Qualification Trial. This trial, open only to World Championship Team declarees, would be used in combination with the other two major events, the National Championship and the North American, to select the team. The selection procedure would remain the same. With the exception of the coming year, this trial should be scheduled *before* the North American.

**1989 GBM–Bowling Green (World Championship Registry Requirements)**

Motion that all dogs declaring for the World Championship shall be registered with the USA Registry.

**1988 GBM–Canton (World Championship Team Expenses)**

Allotment for World Championship Team members be provided as a package to include economy air fare, seven days hotel, and \$40 per diem, or a fixed amount of \$1,500, whichever is less.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Name Change for European Committee)**

Motion that the name of the committee be changed to the World Championship Committee.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (World Championship Team Declaration Deadline)**

Motion that the deadline for the declaration of candidacy for the World Championship Team shall be changed from June 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. **Supersedes 1986 EBM–Ontario (European Team Declaration Deadline).**

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Removal of World Team Members)**

Motion that the Team Captain shall have the power to remove a team member for disciplinary reasons. A team not competing for this reason will not be compensated.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (USA Judge for Zone Trial)**

Motion that the zone trials will be judged by one USA judge starting in 1989. The committee will select the judge.

**1987 GBM–St. Louis (Helper Tryouts at Zone Trials)**

Motion that tryouts will be mandatory at zone trials, with the selection to be made by the judge.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (European Team Budget Request)**

Motion that the European Committee develop a budget request for the European Team to present to the General Board.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (European Team Funding Increase)**

Motion to increase the money for the European Team for 1986 by \$1,500.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (European Team Declaration Deadline)**

The mandatory date for receipt of declaration as a candidate for the European Team be no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> of that calendar year. **Superseded by 1987 GBM–St. Louis (World Championship Team Declaration Deadline).**

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Display American Flag)**

The United Schutzhund Clubs of America adopt the policy of walking behind the American Flag with any other Americans who are so privileged to be invited to participate in an international event.

**1983 EBM–West Lafayette (European Championship Trophy/Funds Donation)**

On an annual basis, the USA donates one trophy and one hundred American dollars to the European Championship.

**1983 GBM–Peoria (European Team Championship Program)**

Motion to accept the amended European Team Championship Program. **This program as amended appears as Appendix #3 in 1983 Minutes.**

**1981 EBM–Columbia (European Team Championship Program)**

Motion to accept the European Program as published in the magazine to be adhered to with no changes or modifications. **Rescinded by 1983 GBM–Peoria (European Team Championship Program).**

**1980 EBM–St. Louis (Acceptable European Team Dogs)**

Any dog whelped, trained, and titled in the U.S. would be acceptable for the European team.

**1980 EBM–St. Louis (European Team Captain Qualifications/Selection)**

Motion to establish qualification for the Team Captain and to have future Team Captains selected by the European Committee.

**1980 GBM–Denver (European Committee Selection)**

The European Committee be selected by the General Board rather than appointed by the President.

**1980 GBM–Denver (Funding for European Team)**

Motion to provide \$1,000 to each of the six team members and the team captain.

**1980 GBM–Denver (Support for American Trained/Titled Dogs on European Team)**

Provide financial support for three American trained and titled dogs on the USA team for the European Championship.

**1979 EBM–Peoria (Committee for European Championship Financing)**

A committee be formed whose responsibility would be to address itself to financing the European Championship and the Treasurer be a member of the committee.

**1979 EBM–Peoria (Committee for European Championship Guidelines)**

Motion to have a committee established to set up new guidelines for the European championship.

**1979 EBM–Peoria (Committee for European Championship Qualifications)**

A committee deal with questions related to qualifications for the European Championship and that this committee makes its recommendations to the General Board. Further, that the committee specifically addresses the situation of promoting American bred and/or trained dogs and incorporates them in our European teams.

## **WUSV WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. The handler must be a member in good standing of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America and a member of a full member USA club.
2. The handler does not have to be a citizen of the United States provided that he or she is a permanent resident of the United States.
3. The handler of a declared dog for the WUSV World Team must remain the same throughout the qualification process and the WUSV World Championship. The handler need not be the owner of the declared dog.
4. All dogs must have their scorebook recorded by the USA Office by January 1, 20--.
5. Competition is restricted to one dog per handler.
6. The WUSV World Championship competition is restricted to German Shepherd Dogs only.
7. Anyone aspiring to the USA World Championship Team must submit the following to the USA Office no later than April 1, 20--:
  - a. A letter of declaration that must include the name of the dog being declared and the name of person declaring.
  - b. A copy of the dog's registration papers showing ownership, and a letter from the official owner (if different from the handler) declaring permission and naming the handler must be included.
  - c. USA scorebook number.
  - d. A letter signed by two club officers attesting that the declaree is a full member of their full member club.
  - e. Completed Candidate Information Form.
8. All declared dogs must be registered with the USA's Breed Registry Program no later than April 1, 20--.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Candidates who qualify to represent the United States in the 20-- WUSV World Championship must demonstrate the following:

1. The best consistent performance in USA sanctioned trials.
2. Conduct that exemplifies good sportsmanship and self-discipline.
3. A strong desire to attend the WUSV World Championship and represent the United Schutzhund Clubs of America in international competition.

### **ELIGIBILITY REVIEW**

The World Championship Committee shall be responsible to review all declarations of candidacy. Anyone who, in the judgment of the Committee, does not meet the necessary requirements shall be notified by certified letter within 30 days of the candidate's declaration, such letter containing the reasons for the Committee's decision. This notification may be appealed to the Committee by the candidate.

### **QUALIFICATION PROCESS**

In any and all schutzhund events all candidates must adhere to the following:

1. To qualify for the USA's Team to the WUSV World Championship the dog and handler team must show in at least two (2) trials. The World Championship Committee will then select the team from those that have qualified.
  - a. Scores from the 20-- GSD National Championship, the 20-- North American Championship, the 20-- H.O.T. Championship (if H.O.T.), and the 20-- AWDF Championship (the four eligible qualifying trials) will be used to determine the team's membership. At least one of the qualifying scores must come from the GSD National Championship or North American Championship.
  - b. One of the two qualifying trials must be hosted by a club of which the candidate is not a member.
  - c. The two qualifying trials must have been judged by two different judges.
2. Though eligibility will be reviewed upon receipt of the declaration of candidacy, a final review will be conducted to determine who will represent the USA Team based on the qualification requirements listed previously. This final review will be conducted by the USA World Championship Committee.
3. Financial support for the team is limited to contributions received.

4. The team will be selected by the scores compiled after the qualifying trials. Announcement of the team members will be made as soon as practical.
5. The 20-- GSD National Champion, if he or she aspires to be on the team, must obtain a qualifying score at one of the other qualification trials to have a guaranteed spot on the team.
6. Any dog that has ever been disqualified due to temperament cannot be nominated for the USA Team.
7. Only dogs with a SchH3 title can be nominated for the USA Team.
8. Along with their declarations, all candidates must submit a completed "World Championship Team Candidate Information Form." This form is necessary for timely scheduling of details, including advance travel arrangements and team uniforms. Failure to submit this form could result in a candidate being declared ineligible.

#### **TEAM MEMBERS**

1. All members of the World Championship Team are world representatives of USA, and should strive to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner, both on and off the field.
2. Team members shall wear their team uniforms at all official events, while in competition, and at other times as designated by the Team Captain.
3. Any member of the team who conducts him or herself in an unsportsmanlike manner, or engages in any other actions which are contrary to the best interests of the Team or of USA, shall be subject to disciplinary action, including dismissal from the Team. The decision to dismiss a Team member shall lie solely with the Team Captain.

#### **TEAM CAPTAIN**

The designation "USA Team Captain" for the USA Team to the WUSV World Championship shall apply to an individual whose responsibilities shall include:

1. To assist dog and handler teams in preparation for international competition.
2. To organize and manage a training program in the host country of the WUSV World Championship.
3. To advise all team members in all matters pertaining to their well being and the well being of their dogs while overseas.
4. To act as spokesperson for the USA Team in all matters pertaining to the USA Team's participation in the WUSV World Championship.
5. To make advance preparations for the USA Team's visit to the host country and arrangements for competition in the championship. This shall include: air travel reservations, ground transportation, lodging, uniforms, correspondence, etc. The USA Team members will be required to arrive at their overseas destination only three (3) days prior to competition. Any Team members who want to arrive earlier must make their own arrangements.
6. Any disciplinary action taken and/or detrimental conduct by Team members shall be filed in an "Exception Report" directed to the World Championship Committee no later than 30 days after the World Championship trial. The committee shall decide if further action is to be taken.

#### **ASSISTANT TEAM CAPTAIN**

The team member designated as "alternate," or if the alternate shows, the individual who the alternate replaces, shall be designated as Assistant Team Captain. The Assistant Team Captain's duties are to assist the Team Captain and other members of the team as needed.

#### **2003 World Championship Committee**

Steve Robinson (Chairman), Gordie Esselmann, Howie Rodriguez, Gary Hanrahan, Jim Elder

#### **REVISION HISTORY:**

- 11/03/05 The World Championship Team selection process must be a two-score qualification process. The GSD National Championship, the North American Championship, the H.O.T. Championship (if H.O.T.), and the AWDF Championship will be the qualifying events. At least one of the qualifying scores must come from the GSD National Championship or North American Championship.



## YOUTH COMMITTEE

### **E-Ballot #22-05 (Youth National Championship)**

Motion by Randy Kromer to initiate a Youth National Championship to be held in conjunction with the annual H.O.T. Championship and possibly other national events in the future. The championship will be for two age groups, 12 years and under and 13 through 18 years. Competitors can compete without a H.O.T. dog, but a special award will also be given to the highest scoring H.O.T. competitor.

### **2004 GBM–Nashville (Youth Group Age Expansion)**

Expand the age of the youth group to include members who are 21 and under.

## DISBANDED POSITIONS/COMMITTEES

### DISBANDED POSITIONS

#### ADMINISTRATOR OF RECORDS

##### **1986 EBM–Sacramento (Elimination of Administrator of Records Position)**

Eliminate the Administrator of Records job and replace it with a paid full-time staff that could also do some of the office work for the other USA officers. The Executive Board proposes to the General Board the possibility of eliminating the Administrator of Records position and replacing it with a full time staff. **Ratified at 1986 GBM–Sacramento.**

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

##### **1999 GBM–Reno (Deletion of Executive Director Section from Bylaws)**

Motion by John Koerner to delete the Executive Director section in its entirety from the bylaws.

##### **Mail Ballot #7-99 (Termination of Executive Director Employment)**

Telephone ballot conducted by President Mike Hamilton: Should Paul Meloy's employment with the United Schutzhund Clubs of America as Executive Director be terminated.

##### **1998 GBM–Denver (Monthly Report to President)**

Motion that the Executive Director give a monthly report to the President which outline payables, receivables, aged accounts, office payroll, expenses, all overhead expenses, Executive Director's monthly activities including progress updates on sponsorship efforts and any issues that come up concerning USA directly or indirectly.

##### **1998 GBM–Denver (Semiannual Reports to President)**

Motion that the Executive Director submits detailed, semiannual goals and objectives to the President for review.

##### **1995 EBM–Albuquerque (New Executive Director Position)**

Paul Meloy be hired as USA's Executive Director to be effective 7/1/95 for a contractual term, as approved by the Executive Board, for ten years at an annual compensation rate of \$45,000. To effect a smooth transition, his currently elected role as President shall remain in effect until the next General Board meeting.

##### **1994 GBM–Madison (Business Administrator Position)**

Motion by John Koerner for corrections in the job description of the new position of Business Administrator because of conflicts with USA's bylaws.

##### *Current Wording:*

- #7 To be responsible for production of *Schutzhund USA*.
- #8 To be responsible for signing checks to pay budgeted expenses of organization.
- #9 Oversee and insure integrity of organization records.

##### *Recommend Wording:*

- #7 To assist with the production of *Schutzhund USA* with support from the Editor.
- #8 To sign checks to pay budgeted expenses of the organization under the direction of the Treasurer.
- #9 Oversee and insure integrity of organization records and the USA Office.

##### **1994 GBM–Madison (Business Administrator Position)**

The Business Administrator shall be appointed by the President of USA and confirmed by the Executive Board of Directors. The Business Administrator shall be responsible for the day-to-day functions of the USA Office and the direct supervision of the staff. The Business Administrator will report directly to the President of USA and, with authorization and direction of the President of USA, have the authority to sign letters and documents that carry out the will of the association. **Bylaws amendment.**

##### **1994 EBM–Portland (Administrator)**

Adopt the proposed Job Description and Administrator Profile as modified (Appendix #4 and 5).

**1991 EBM–Rome (Reimbursement for WUSV Hotel Bill)**

Motion to reimburse Paul Meloy for \$331.50 for the hotel bill he paid at the World Championship in Belgium.

**DISBANDED COMMITTEES****COMPUTER COMMITTEE****1987 GBM–St. Louis (Centralize Treasurer Office Functions)**

Authorize the Information Systems Committee to pursue preparing software based on centralizing the function of the Treasurer's office, with the Treasurer responsible for the distribution of all funds and responsible for supervision of the accounting function in accordance with the program set up by the Computer Committee.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Withhold Payment on PC Educator's Invoice)**

Motion to accept the Computer Committee's recommendation to not make payment on the PC Educator's invoice, furthermore to proceed with Dick Kasnick's offer to prepare a prototype package for our Breed Registry and research and new system.

**GSD GUIDANCE COMMITTEE****1999 EBM–St. Louis (GSD Guidance Committee)**

This appointed committee is now disbanded.

**HANDLERS COMMITTEE****1999 GBM–Reno (Handlers Committee)**

President Mike Hamilton recommended that this committee disband due to inactivity.

**INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE****1987 GBM–St. Louis (Centralize Treasurer Office Functions)**

Authorize the Information Systems Committee to pursue preparing software based on centralizing the function of the Treasurer's office, with the Treasurer responsible for the distribution of all funds and responsible for supervision of the accounting function in accordance with the program set up by the Computer Committee.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE****1987 EBM–St. Louis (Insurance Committee Recommendations)**

Motion to accept the recommendations of the Insurance Committee:

1. Recommend USA not offer insurance to local clubs through the national organization as too much liability to USA as there are too many situations we do not have direct control over. Recommend each club purchase its own insurance.
2. Insurance for office related items be purchased locally as is being done.
3. Request information from local clubs through the magazine as to which companies are offering dog club insurance and make the information available to the clubs.
4. Recommend purchase of an insurance policy to cover the national club from the Sportsman's Insurance Plan for Dog Clubs (Harold Herrick, agent) through Hanover Insurance. For \$636.00 per year: \$1 million liability, \$1 million bodily injury, \$1 million property damage, non-owned auto transportation, use of blank gun, additional named insured, tattooing.

**1986 EBM–Ontario (Committee to Investigate National Insurance)**

Motion that a committee be formed to investigate national insurance.

**1986 EBM–Sacramento (Liability Insurance)**

Reappoint the insurance committee to present at the next Executive Board meeting a proposal for liability insurance for the national organization.

**1985 EBM–West Lafayette (Authorization to Obtain Insurance)**

We authorize the Treasurer to obtain the insurance with a limit of \$400. Coverage for an interim period from now until November 30<sup>th</sup>, by which time the General Board can be asked for their approval.

**1985 GBM–Bowling Green (Insurance Coverage for USA Judges)**

Insurance coverage for USA Judges while traveling to and from USA events.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE****1999 EBM–St. Louis (Disband Public Relations Committee)**

President Mike Hamilton recommended that this appointed committee disband.

**1988 GBM–Bowling Green (Public Relations Brochure)**

Motion to approve text for public relations brochure.

**1987 EBM–West Lafayette (Public Relations Booths at National Events)**

The Public Relations Committee study a motion that the USA, at the National Championships and other national events, set up a booth where they can sell the USA patches, pins, T-shirts, and have information packets and magazines, etc. as public relations.

**1986 EBM–Sacramento (Proposal for Public Relations Campaign)**

The current Public Relations Committee be reappointed and be charged with getting bids for a specific proposal for a public relations campaign and associated costs for the next Executive Board meeting, and we allocate \$6,000 in the budget for possible expenditure on the campaign.

**RULES COMMITTEE**

This committee was appointed by the President to formulate some rules by which business could be conducted (Amy Jordheim, Jerry Slavens, John Koerner, John Kelsey).

**1986 GBM–Sacramento (Meeting Protocol)**

1. Layout of the meeting room: To keep the visitors and spectators separate from the voting members of the General Board.
2. Limit debate: No person shall be permitted to debate any issue for more than three minutes. This shall not include persons giving a report or persons making a motion. Once a question is accepted for debate, the matter must be disposed of by the body within two hours.
3. Votes may be taken in only one of three ways: Rising votes, ballot, or unanimous consent, also known by acclamation.
4. Ballots: It is suggested that a quantity of pre-numbered ballots be given to each person who is entitled to vote when he is admitted to the room. The president could then call for a vote to be taken on a numbered ballot. A ballot counting committee made up of willing spectators who are not voting delegates would permit business to continue while voting results are being tabulated.
5. No person who is not a voting member of the General Board or a delegate from an affiliated club be permitted to speak at the meeting. Visitors or others who wish to express themselves to the body can only do so through their club representative or regional director.

**SCHH3 CLUB PIN COMMITTEE****1987 GBM–St. Louis (Adopt SchH3 Club Pin)**

Motion that we adopt the suggested SchH3 pin with the German Shepherd head with the wreath around it for the diamond chips for each dog that is titled to SchH3, and appropriate up to \$2,500 for an initial casting of 250 pins to be purchased by the applicant in the same manner as the Sports Medals for \$10.

**1986 EBM–Ontario, (SchH3 Club Pin Committee)**

Motion that the President appoint a committee.