

# UNITED SCHUTZHUND CLUBS OF AMERICA GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2008

Hutto, Texas

## CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The General Board meeting was called to order by President Lyle Roetemeyer at 8:30 A.M. Roll call was conducted with 16 Executive Board members and 64 club delegates present for a total of 80 voting delegates. A quorum was present.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the General Board meeting on November 8, 2007 were inadvertently not presented for approval.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### PRESIDENT – LYLE ROETEMEYER

Congratulations to our USA teams that represented us at the 2008 WUSV Championship by finishing in second place! The teams were Bordermere Aran and James Honda, Buddy von Burg Kurzwallen and Eric Eisenberg, Jai von Olgameister and Debbie Zappia, Aceofnike van het Bleekhof and Charley Mezaros, Karlo von Floydhaus and T. Floyd. Alternates were Wallace Payne and Dean Calderon, and USA Team Captain Terry Macias was assisted by Thomas Vollrath and Howie Rodriguez.

Our hosting of the 2008 WUSV Championship was a grand success! I wish to express my sincere thanks to Johannes Grewe, Craig Groh, members of the USA Judges College, Mid-Eastern Regional Director Mark Scarberry, the many members of the Mid-Eastern Region, and *all* of the USA members that dedicated so much of their time to make sure this event was well organized. The financial support from our Primary Sponsor Royal Canina other business sponsors, and member donations give us the finances necessary to make the 2008 WUSV Championship a real success! It was great to see so many of our members there! The great weather and big turnout helped make this a World Championship for all to remember.

As an organization, we should be very proud of our accomplishments over the past thirty-two years. We are truly the leader in the United States as the steward to the German shepherd dog as recognized by the FCI and SV standards. I ask Johannes Grewe and Craig Groh to please accept the President's Award for outstanding service to the United Schutzhund Clubs of America.

WUSV and SV President Wolfgang Henke stated to everyone his appreciation of the event organization and told me that USA set a new standard for hosting the event. I had several discussions with President Henke during his visit and am pleased to say we have excellent relations with the SV and as a full member of the WUSV. As a full member, USA draws upon the strength and support of the SV and all member clubs. I look forward to the implementation of new programs and a continued working relationship between the SV and USA in the months to come. The opportunity for our judges to be recognized as SV judges within the borders of the United States is an extremely important development that has been discussed with very positive overtones.

I would like to thank Johannes Grewe, who assisted me during these discussions, and ask him to fill you in on some of the items that were discussed and their importance.

*Johannes Grewe: We had an opportunity during the World Championship to talk in length with SV President Henke and WUSV General Secretary Lux and we reviewed the present situation of the dog organizations in the United States. During the meeting we took the opportunity to address the USA judges situation and asked them directly about the opportunity for*

*USA judges being recognized by the SV. The SV President was very receptive and promised he would get with the SV Head Judge Günther Diegel to schedule a weekend seminar for our judges in the U.S. to achieve SV recognition.*

I attended the WUSV meeting in Aachen, Germany in September and USA National Breed Warden Tim Burke joined me. The meeting had 54 of the 74 member clubs present. Because the WUSV continues to grow, the decision was made to offer different levels of membership. Member clubs with no more than 20 members will be considered Junior Members. Because of the vast difference in membership size of member clubs, a motion was made to change the voting and dues structure of the organization. Both motions passed. The dues structure will now be based upon a charge of 30 Euro cents per individual member for each member club. The increase for our membership will be minimal. The new voting structure will give each member club one vote per 1,000 members.

There was a scientific presentation made on a study sponsored by the SV using DNA profiles in the analysis of hip dysplasia. The SV currently uses a 32-marker DNA profile for registration purposes and has offered that service to all WUSV member clubs. They have improved the system to where it only needs few droplets versus vials of blood for testing. There was also discussion of the use of the stick in the protection phase. The Swiss Kennel Club has banned the use of the stick and now it appears Austria is facing the same issue. There was a motion to continue use of the padded stick in the protection phase and to support our members in their current dilemma with their own country's kennel clubs. The motion passed unanimously.

The WUSV meeting after the championship was very short, with approximately 24 clubs present. Many thanks were given to USA, Johannes Grewe, and me for the excellent organization and choice of venue. Everyone was brought up to date on the motions passed at the September meeting. The SV is hosting next year's WUSV Championship and the venue will be announced soon. The WUSV is consulting with experts on the next step on the issue of proper use of the stick during the protection phase. Serbian Delegate Nenad Milosevic made a presentation and thanked me as USA president for the excellent organization/hosting of the WUSV Championship.

I worked hard behind the scenes to establish stronger relations for USA on national and world levels and helped lead support for the inclusion of DVG America as a member of the AWDF. In the words of the DVG America leadership, the open discussions and desire to work together for the common good of all working dog enthusiasts marked the first time the USA president and DVG actually spoke with each other in an effort to work together. I am especially proud that our Executive Board supported me in this undertaking, which began in 2006. The inclusion of DVG America in the AWDF helped strengthen and protect all member clubs of the AWDF, not only here in the U.S. but also in the world. It gave all members of the Federation the opportunity to work with and establish friendships with some of the most powerful leaders in Europe and the world in addition to the SV. All of this has helped to establish USA as a strong leader and protector of the GSD and all working dogs in the U.S. and in the world scene.

I have been fortunate to build strong working relationships with many of our members and sponsors that have added to our success as an organization over the past three and a half years. I was a driving force in establishing the Helper Program and those members that have served and continue to serve as members have done USA proud! Our Helper Program is world renown

and several other organizations in the world, with our permission, have used all or most of our program to develop their own. Our National Events Committee completed our National Events Manual and the FCI Working Commission asked for a copy and used some of our committee's material for development of its own events manual. Our Youth Committee continues to move forward and my promise to develop a youth scholarship fund with 501(c)(3) status is a reality thanks to a handful of hardworking USA members. Our Magazine Committee continues to improve the product while reducing the bottom line. Our Website Committee has done an outstanding job getting information on the website in a timely fashion, while continuing progress in reorganization so new resources for our membership can become a reality. Our Judges College continues to gain international respect and knowledge through our participation in the FCI and WUSV judges meetings. Our General Education Committee, Secretary Sara Wallick, Lisa Camuso, Mike Gardner, myself, and countless others have spent an enormous amount of time trying to help stave off repeated attempts in several states and locales to pass legislation that is not in the best interest of dog owners. We won several battles; and I thank each and everyone one of you that took the time to fight in what seems to be a never-ending war. There have been many other members who stepped forward to help USA during my time as president and I am deeply appreciative of their efforts, as should our entire membership. Until my re-election as vice president in 2004, USA had not had a major sponsor since the mid 1990's. I brought Royal Canin on board as our USA Primary Sponsor and signed them to a three-year extension as well as secured their major sponsorship for the 2008 WUSV Championship. I was also responsible for signing a three-year contract with Tri-Tronics as our Silver Sponsor. These two sponsorships have brought USA a total of \$142,500 over the past three years. I have started discussions for extension of these contracts and also started negotiations with other companies to become USA sponsors. As we enter the recent economic downturn, we must continue to plan ahead. In addition to the current sponsorship negotiations, I have had discussions with a handful of members and will establish a Ways and Means Committee to encourage the growth of new sponsorships for our organization.

In the last two fiscal years we have had a combined profit of \$63,011. Our membership has shown positive growth since fiscal 2006. We experienced growth in membership revenue again this past fiscal year. We currently have a cash position of \$333,000, up from \$280,000 at the same time last year. Our cash position increase is largely due to the outstanding job done by the 2008 WUSV Committee. I feel very proud to have been responsible for asking Johannes Grewe to lead the organization of this prestigious event. Not only was it a great event, it was a very profitable one as well!

Craig Groh and I have been working on the development of an educational program for local club training directors. Through seminars in each region and putting the internet to use, we can plant the seeds of new growth and share information that will provide education for the entire membership.

Pam Niccum has done an excellent job as interim USA Office Manager since August 15. She, With the help of the rest of our staff, she has done an excellent job of reorganizing the office and looking for viable ways to cut office expenses while making our office more efficient. I named Pam as USA Office Manager effective November 1. We budgeted for and are in the process of upgrading our computer hardware and software systems at the USA Office. We have discussed ways to use the website and email for a number of member services that should dramatically cut the cost of office expenses and postage.

The Executive Board has taken its job seriously when dealing with disputes, especially when court cases between individuals

have pulled USA into the midst of their issues. I have involved our USA attorney for proper guidance in handling these matters and he has made himself available to our entire Executive Board for many discussions over the past year. There are some bylaw changes to be voted upon that will make our process for dealing with discipline issues more efficient.

It has been a pleasure to serve and lead USA for the past three and a half years as president. It has been a time of prosperity! I thank Royal Canin and Tri-Tronics for their sponsorships and thank all of our members, as we have maintained positive membership growth since early 2006. We have come together to join the fight against anti-dog legislation and understand the necessity to educate those whose bias is based upon ignorance. Building strength within the AWDF for the common good of all member clubs has brought us closer to our goals of protecting the working GSD, as well as all working dogs, in our country. Our strength as an organization and as a member of the AWDF has given us greater opportunities and strengthened our relationships throughout the world. We cannot stand alone in the face of a constant onslaught of BSL and anti-dog legislation. As the AWDF has become a beacon of strength for member clubs of the Federation, we must also consider the positives of creating an alliance of North American GSD organizations that recognize the FCI and SV breed standard. This should continue to be one of our priorities in the weeks and months ahead.

Take time to be thankful for what we have accomplished the past few years as an organization. If all of us put forth some the positive and selfless effort exhibited by many of our members during the organization and hosting of the WUSV Championship, many of the opportunities we have before us could be come successes. As members, we should pledge to understand we are part of the same group and constant chat list bashing of other members is disgraceful and unsportsmanlike. Let's be thankful for our members as friends of the breed and sport!

As always, I wish to express my sincere thanks to each and every member for their continued support and spirit of camaraderie in furthering the goals of USA. For more than thirty years, the efforts of our membership to protect and preserve the GSD through the use of our breed evaluations have continued to ensure future generations will be able to experience the joy of owning a GSD with true working temperament.

I wish each of you happiness and success with your dogs in all walks of your life!

#### **VICE PRESIDENT – RANDALL HOADLEY**

The 2008 WUSV Championship was a very successful event. Two years in the making for one event and countless hours dedicated by members of the United Schutzhund Clubs of America. I would like to thank the leadership of Johannes Grewe and Craig Groh for putting the event together.

What an event it was!!! There were teams from all over the world. There were the best dogs in the world here in the United States to compete at this year's WUSV Championship. The weather was absolutely the best. Congratulations to the USA membership for stepping up to the task and making the event an international success. Thanks to Charlie Snyder for putting photographs on the USA website.

Congratulations to the USA team for their overall second-place finish. Congratulations to the team: Karoly Meszaros for his second place finish, T. Floyd for his sixth place finish, James Honda, Eric Eisenberg, and Debra Zappia.

I would also like to thank our sponsors, Royal Canin and Elite K-9. We thank you for your dedication and support to our organization.

Thank you also to Lone Star Schutzhund Club and Austin Schutzhund Club for hosting this GSD National Championship. The Triple Crown Dog Academy is an outstanding facility. We wish all the competitors success.

**SECRETARY – SARA WALLICK**

One of the biggest challenges facing our organization is the never-ending onslaught on anti-dog and breed-specific legislation. I have spent a great deal of my time trying to help in this battle, and deeply appreciate the efforts of all the members who stepped in to help. We won in California (at least temporarily) and were able to sidetrack similar legislation in Massachusetts. I would like to encourage all of you to make the effort to contact your political representatives when such legislation crops up in your area, as it undoubtedly will. Politicians are somewhat influenced by opposition letters from organizations, but they are far more influenced by input from their constituents.

The individual documents in the big Rules and Regulations document will be posted separately on the USA website because some members have trouble downloading such a large file. We plan to still have the complete Rules and Regulations document available for those who want it.

Since the 2007 General Board meeting, we have acquired ten new clubs but have lost three. These numbers are probably incomplete, however.

**New Clubs(10)**

3 Rivers Working Dog Assoc. (ME)  
 El Cajon Schutzhund Club (SW)  
 Fox Valley Police & Schutzhund Club (NC) (Being reinstated)  
 German Shepherd Schutzhund Club of SW Florida (SE)  
 Green Country German Shepherd Dog Club (MC)  
 Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club (SW) (Reinstated)  
 Long Island Hard Dog Schutzhund Club (NE) (Reinstated)  
 Niagara Frontier Working Dog Club (NEW)  
 Tucson Working K9 Club (SW)  
 Volunteer Schutzhund Club (ME)

**Club Dissolutions (3)**

Clackamas Schutzhund Club (PNW)  
 Fox Valley Police & Schutzhund Club (NC) (Being reinstated)  
 Lake Matthews Schutzhund Club (SW) (Reinstated)

**TREASURER – BILL PLUMB** (Given by Sara Wallick)

USA currently has a cash position of \$333,000, up from \$280,000 the same time last year. This increase is largely due to the outstanding job done by the WUSV2008 Committee in putting on not only a great event, but also a very profitable one.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 we had revenue of \$517,809, down about \$17,000 from last fiscal year. Expenses totaled \$515,826, an increase of about \$49,000 over last fiscal year. This gave us a loss of \$144 after taxes and interest compared to a profit of \$63,155 last fiscal year.

On the revenue side, membership dues revenue increased a little over \$5,000 (1.7%) compared to the prior year. Magazine revenue increased about \$16,000, which was mostly due to increased ad revenue. Breed registry revenue was down about \$18,000 compared to the prior fiscal year, and Sieger Show revenue was down about \$16,000 from the prior year.

Primary items that accounted for the increased expenses are:

- Office expenses increased about \$20,000.
- Travel expenses increased about \$12,000.
- Sponsorship expenses increased about \$7,000.
- Magazine expenses increased about \$6,000.
- Advertising expenses of \$4,000 that had not been incurred in the past.

So far this fiscal year we are not showing any real signs of the downturn in the economy. The most recent financial numbers available are through the close of business October 30<sup>th</sup>; therefore, I will not compare them directly to last fiscal year. The major indicators of growth in the organization continue to be positive. Membership dues revenue continues to show modest growth. Scorebook sales and rulebook sales are both showing

good growth. The only negative growth indicator at this time is trial recording fee income, which is down fairly significantly.

We may see a slowing in our organization as the economic conditions in the country weaken. It is comforting to have the strong cash position we have in these difficult economic times.

**DIRECTOR OF JUDGES – MARK PRZYBYLSKI**

(Given under Judges Committee report)

**NATIONAL BREED WARDEN – TIM BURKE**

The 2008 Sieger Show was co-hosted by the San Jose German Shepherd Dog Club in San Jose, California, and we had 288 entries. The USA Sieger was Teejay von Wilhendorf, an American-bred dog, and the USA Siegerin was Vegas vom Mittlewest, also an American-bred dog. This is the fourth time Teejay has been USA Sieger. The 2009 Sieger Show will be co-hosted by Hauptstadt Schutzhund Verein in Arlington Heights, Illinois (Chicago area). The host hotel is the Sheraton Chicago Northwest.

There are three performance test changes:

- Rewriting of the judge's guidelines.
- Special recognition given for the top dogs prior to the gaing phase.
- Working class judges will be asked to watch this phase and consider the performance work in their placings.

The BAC will be accepting bids for the 2010 Sieger Show much earlier than in previous years. Bids will be accepted January 1, 2009 and close March 15, 2009. The BAC will announce the show location during the 2009 show.

Effective January 1, 2008, the SV implemented the requirement that all dogs must have an SV-approved elbow certification for the SV breed survey. OFA elbow certifications are not approved by the SV. USA will implement a similar regulation, but we will accept OFA elbow certifications for USA breed surveys. The SV has expressed that it might be possible for us to use a university and create a program that mirrors the SV elbow program.

It is very important for us to recognize how important it is in terms of breed surveys that our judges will be recognized by the SV.

In September Lyle Roetmeyer and I attended the SUSV meeting in Aachen, Germany. Two important items came out of that meeting:

- The WUSV voted to give each member country a percentage of votes based on that country's membership. The SV, with the largest membership, will have about 27% of the votes.
- A presentation was given on genetic markers found in DNA related to hip dysplasia. It has been found that six markers are directly linked to the possibility of hip dysplasia in the GSD. A primary goal of the SV is to gather enough genetic data so good decisions can be made regarding breeding, especially regarding health issues. USA will be participating with the SV when they move forward with their DNA program.

Spay and neuter legislation was recently defeated in California, but individual city and county governments are trying to move forward with this type of legislation. We will continue to see state and local governments push for this legislation driven by special interest groups. Get involved with your local politicians and educate them about our sport and our respective breeds.

**AWDF PRESIDENT – AL GOVEDNIK** (Given by Sara Wallick)

We accomplished a lot over the last two years and are in a better position in America and abroad. As an organization we need to be aware of other major clubs with like ideals. The AWDF provided the vehicle for me to help develop better working relationships with many of these clubs. The largest single addition to our federation is DVG America. Some work with the AWDF Constitution and Bylaws was needed to make it

possible to include the DVG. The latest addition is the Cane Corso club. By working particularly with the DVG, we are sharing resources. These include international contacts as well as here. For our membership that means more chances for competition, better training, and more groups to help ensure our sport grows in the same direction.

I have been working with USA President Lyle Roetemeyer on the standardization of all scorebooks in America.

In September I was the 2008 AWDF FCI team captain. We didn't finish as high as we wanted, but accomplished a lot in terms of our organization. FCI Executive Director Yves De Clercq, Lyle Roetemeyer, Tim Burke, and I had a meeting during the championship, which provided an opportunity to explain our position regarding our breed and get a feel for how the FCI views us. It was a very positive meeting.

Even though the AWDF team did not all have GSDs, they were all USA members. USA members by far have been the predominate group representing the AWDF at all FCI events.

During the 2007 FCI Championship in Italy I gave an interview for an Italian television network. I described how hard our organization works toward the preservation of the working dog in America and explained that we are the largest member club in the largest working dog organization in America. I also explained how some of our USA programs work, the number of people involved, etc. While the interview didn't seem like a big thing at the time, the Italians are stronger backers than before regarding our involvement with the FCI.

Over the last two years I have attended six FCI Working Commission meetings and voiced opinions on numerous topics, including IPOV, FH2 start, Mondioring, removal of the stick hits from SchH, new running with dog program (tonier), and promotion of all working dog sport programs in Europe as well as those of our fellow AWDF member clubs. We have developed a good relationship with the FCI Working Commission. The commission was looking for ideas to create an international championship event manual. With USA's permission, I provided a copy of our National Events Manual and several parts of it were adopted in their program. We have also shared judges and helper programs. As an organization we are in a good position regarding rule changes, updates, etc., which was not always the case. I recently was asked to give my suggestion regarding the potential changing of the long catch.

During the last two years we were able to get five USA judges FCI recognized through the working commission. We also received an invitation to send more judges to the FCI judges meetings in the future. America now has two internationally recognized Mondioring judges. I believe both are USA members.

Quality helper work was a topic during one of our FCI meetings. I was allowed to present a list of some of our best helpers in America and they were added to an international helper pool. This helper pool allows countries to have access to helpers. The list consisted of ten AWDF member club helpers, and eight of them are USA members.

At the September working commission meeting in Belgium, talks centered on the impact anti working dog groups are having in Europe. The Swiss and Austrians are greatly concerned because it is now illegal to use a stick on a dog in their countries. In France a person must have earned at least a BH and working title to enter any championship event. In Luxemburg a dog must have earned a BH to walk in public without a muzzle. Things we view as good training tools, such as prong and e-collars, are illegal in Italy. While our GSDs are not affected by all of the changes taking place in Europe, other breeds are. Docked and cropped dogs are no longer allowed in several countries. These changes are starting to impact our sport, and potentially our breed. It is prudent to make sure we are aware of what our international friends are dealing with.

New rule changes will take place in 2010. The committee will present their suggestions at the FCI judges meeting in December in Nova Gorica, Slovenia. The FCI Working Commission has recommended that we all have attendees at this meeting to give input and take the proposed changes back to their respective countries.

I am involved with the FCI Rescue Commission and have made contact with the IRO as well as the SV regarding Search and Rescue. The RH Program (S&R) is the same one SV Judge Walter Hoffmann worked on with USA judges twice. Several USA members have expressed interest in working with these organizations, so again we are opening doors for USA members.

A highlight of this last term was developing our own working dog program, particularly in light of recent events concerning our sport rules. Gary Patterson, Lyle Roetemeyer, Mark Przybylski, Ann Marie Chaffin, Bill Webber, and I worked to make it a reality. Our committee worked hard to create a program we would be proud of, and again gives new opportunities for our membership. The FCI Working Commission was quite impressed with our work.

A big concern is the anti working dog legislation that is popping up all over our country. Our AWDF Legislative Committee has been active in doing everything in our power to make sure our working dogs are safe from poorly drafted legislation. As with other committees, our USA members are very active in this area. As part of my commitment to this, I am an executive director of the American Dog Owners Association (ADOA)

The new FCI Working Commission President, Franz Janssen (also a GSD man), has assured me our participation in the FCI Working Commission is essential to the working dog. Mr. Janssen plans to continue to help us the same way former FCI Working Commission President Eberhard Strasser was able to.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **AUDITING COMMITTEE – KAY KOERNER (No report)**

### **BOARD OF INQUIRY – MICHELE SCARBERRY**

In the last year ten cases were referred to the Board of Inquiry. In two separate cases, the BOI sustained charges against a regional director for disregarding/violating established USA rules and policies, and falsely claiming HOT status on a dog which another member had previously trained and trialed twice.

Charges of unsportsmanlike conduct were sustained and censures or reprimands issued with respect to the following cases:

- A competitor who violated a USA rule by using an e-collar on his dog at a USA-sanctioned event in view of the public (USA v. Burgos).
- A competitor who drove a vehicle over tracks at a USA-sanctioned trial (Eisenberg v. Hanrahan/Central Alabama Schutzhund Club of Birmingham v. Hanrahan).
- A competitor who kicked another competitor's dog in the head, in view of the public, as the dog was being led off the trial field after failing protection (Der Michigan Schutzhund Verein v. Tim Wild).

The BOI dismissed three cases which it determined were matters not violating USA rules or policies, nor prejudicial to the interests of USA, due to being intra-club disputes and/or interpersonal disputes. Additionally, the BOI dismissed two cases alleging that members misled others with respect to USA Regional Policy and/or bylaws as spurious, because the evidence demonstrated that the individuals accurately stated rules and/or policy while urging individuals to personally review the written documents.

Still pending with the Executive Board is the case of Eisenberg v. Hanrahan. The BOI made its initial recommendation to the EB on 4/23/08. Because of pending

criminal prosecution that was related to the charge, the EB held its consideration of the matter in abeyance pending the results of the court case. After the court's determination, which dismissed the criminal charges, the case was referred back to the BOI for reconsideration. Taking into consideration the evidence contained in the court transcripts, the BOI has made its recommendation to the EB.

Finally, the BOI refused an attempt to file a charge by a non-member against another non-member of USA, due to the lack of standing to file and failure to submit the required filing fees.

As a result of these investigations, the BOI has proposed bylaw amendments in order to establish a more effective committee through defining and clarifying charges, discipline, procedures, and appeals.

**BREED ADVISORY COMMITTEE – TIM BURKE** (Given under National Breed Warden report)

#### **JUDGES COMMITTEE – MARK PRZYBYLSKI**

We currently have:

- Fourteen fully licensed USA performance judges, and will be voting on the permanent licenses for three new USA performance judges: Dieter Dust (SV), Craig Groh, and Karen MacIntyre.
- Three USA breed judges: Johannes Grewe, Karen MacIntyre, and Ricardo Carbajal.
- Two USA probationary performance judges able to officiate at USA events: Frank Phillips and Randall Hoadley (off suspension).
- Four USA apprentice performance judges: Warren Jones, Alvin Clemmons, Arthur Collins, and Andrea Duggan (Canada).
- Two USA apprentice breed judges (2): Richard Greba and Carla Griffith.
- One judge on personal leave of absence: Jim Elder.
- Three apprentice judge applicants: Bill Bimrose, Jeff Lawless, and Jim Hall.
- Israel Cruz has re-entered the USA Performance Judges Program after failing to complete an earlier apprenticeship.
- Three judges emeritus: George Shumaker, Floyd Wilson, and Willi Ortner.

I would like to thank the current members of the USA Judges Committee for their past service and continued work into the future: Mike Gardner, Debbie Zappia, Floyd Wilson, and Lyle Roetemeyer. (There have been two investigations.)

The USA Judges Committee will be submitting a policy regarding dog aggression at USA events for approval by the Executive Board. It was intended to submit it to the GBM, but was inadvertently left at home.

Many members have asked what may or may not be used in training (such as what devices may be used humanely) at USA events, which will be discussed under new business.

Al Govednik, Ann Marie Caffin, and I attended the FCI judges meeting last December in Dortmund, Germany and Bill Szentmiklosi attended the WUSV judges meeting in July in Germany.

#### **NATIONAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – MARTIN VOLLRATH**

The NEC would like to thank Merrimack Valley Working Dog Club for hosting the 2008 North American Championship, O.G. Buckeye Schutzhund Club for hosting the 2008 H.O.T. Tournament, and Lone Star Schutzhund Club and Austin Schutzhund Club for hosting this GSD National Championship.

The 2009 Working Dog Championships will be hosted by Twin Beech Schutzhund Club and Cumberland Valley Schutzhund & Police Club on April 16–19.

Please feel free to email anyone on the NEC with questions or suggestions. We are always looking for ways to improve.

On behalf of USA, the NEC would like to present Awards of Appreciation to:

- Fayetteville Schutzhund Club for hosting the 2007 North American & FH Championships.
- German Shepherd Schutzhund Club for hosting the 2007 H.O.T. Championship.
- Chattahoochee Schutzhund Club and South Metro Atlanta Schutzhund Club for hosting the 2007 GSD National Championship.
- Merrimack Valley Working Dog Club for hosting the 2008 North American & FH Championships.
- O.G. Buckeye Schutzhund Club for hosting the 2008 H.O.T. Championship.
- Lone Star Schutzhund Club and Austin Schutzhund Club for hosting the 2008 GSD National Championship.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE – RIFKY MACKEEN** (Given by Marie Weller under Elections)

#### **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE – HOWIE RODRIGUEZ**

(No report)

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS – SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

##### **BUDGET COMMITTEE – BILL PLUMB**

(No report)

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE – NIA COTTRELL** (Deferred to New Business)

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – RANDALL HOADLEY** (No report)

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE – RIFKY MACKEEN** (No report)

##### **HELPER COMMITTEE – NATHANIEL ROQUE**

The USA Helper Program is entering its fifth year as an approved program of this organization. The program goals and accomplishments continue to be outstanding; we are continuing to lead the way for other organizations by establishing a program to promote knowledge, safety, consistency, and performance in trial helper work.

Over the past year we have held 23 seminars and evaluations, including a seminar at the 2008 North American Championship. There are currently 71 entry level, 322 basic level, 147 club level, 65 regional level, 38 national level, and 34 teaching helpers in the program, totaling 667 USA members participating in the USA Helper Program.

As reported last year, the WDA implemented a helper program and the GSSCC has now implemented a program very similar to ours.

The Helper Committee will be presenting a revised version of the Helper Program to the GBM for approval. The revisions were unanimously approved by the committee and include cleaning up the wording and adding a "fast track" route for talented helpers to progress from basic to club level. This changes the requirements from 15 dogs worked to either 15 dogs worked or two trials under two different judges for a total of six dogs with a rating from the judge of SG or V.

I want to congratulate the helpers that were selected to work our 2008 national events: H.O.T. - Clark Niemitalo, Lionel Madden, and John Bochenek; North American - Jeff Caulder, Steve Romard, Don Yelle, and Charles Ottesen; Sieger Show - Scott Boedecker, Jose Lopez, Gary Park, and Patrick Davis; WUSV - Lotus Perkins, Shane Garrehy, Clark Niemitalo, and Jim Laubmeier; GSD National Championship - John Bochenek, Jim Laubmeier, Charles Ottesen, and Lionel Madden.

The Helper Committee is committed to getting information to the membership on the USA website and in the magazine

and will do our best to have articles or updates regarding the program available to the membership in a timely manner. We would like to hear from the membership in the form of questions or articles that they want to see.

The 2008 National Helper College was held yesterday with a turnout of 29 helpers, with nine of them teaching or apprentice teaching helpers. The college went well given the time available and I thank Julia Grayson and Marie Weller for helping with the paperwork at the college and thank all of the members that attended and supported the program.

We had three apprentices complete their requirements to become teaching helpers at this year's college: USA Judge Willie Pope, Scott Boedecker, and Joel Monroe. Please join me in welcoming these members into the helper program as teachers and I hope the membership will take advantage of their skills and schedule seminars with them.

Helper tryouts were held after the Helper College and this year's helpers for the GSD National Championship are Jim Laubmeier (front), John Bochenek (back), and Lionel Madden and Charles Ottesen as alternates. These are four of USA's best national level helpers and they all deserve our appreciation for their efforts. Congratulations!

In closing I want to thank the USA membership for supporting the current program. I need to also thank my fellow committee members Danny Grayson, James Laney, Mark Przybylski, Lyle Roetemeyer, Dennis Vander Linde, and our newest committee member Mark Scarberry for their commitment, support, and hard work for our USA Helper Program.

#### **K-9 COMMITTEE – MIKE DIEHL (No report)**

Lyle Roetemeyer announced that Scott Hedger will be the new K-9 Committee Chair.

#### **MAGAZINE COMMITTEE – KATHY MOACANIN**

The Magazine Committee set out to raise the bar on the quality of our publication, and I believe we are getting there. We have an outstanding team of writers, although we could always use more help. I'd like to take a moment to thank some of my team. Our most prolific writer is Yvette Woodward, who has written an astonishing *six* articles for the November/December issue alone. Her in-depth articles are both educational and entertaining. Jeff Govednik covers new SchH3 Club members, member profiles, some events, and conducts interviews. Claudia Romard has brought us some fascinating articles featuring top trainers from around the world. Jennifer Acevedo has been invaluable with her expertise and editing skills. In addition, there are others who submit occasional articles and they are all appreciated by the membership. I owe a debt of gratitude to them all.

We need help to continue our work. We need a couple of writers and at least one person to help sell ads. We could also use some help crunching numbers to continue to make our magazine more financially viable. Please remember this is your magazine and we love to get your articles and club reports. We would also appreciate feedback and article ideas.

Only articles are to be sent to me. Please contact the USA Office regarding missed issues, address changes, trial results, typos, etc. Ads should be sent to Cheryl Morris, the USA Art Director.

#### **YOUTH COMMITTEE – MICHELE SCARBERRY**

We had another very productive year beginning with our Youth Championship hosted by the Mid-Eastern Region. The winners of our academic award were Sydney Wagner and Dominic Scarberry, both members of O.G. Buckeye.

In May the Schutzhund USA Youth Scholarship Fund was awarded 501(c)(3) status. Assisting in the organization of this program were James Honda, Lyle Roetemeyer, Joey Bratt, and

Craig Groh. Funding for the scholarship program are donations, which are accepted from corporate and individual sponsors.

Competitor contributions from the H.O.T. Championship were first to be deposited. A fundraiser was established during the WUSV. Closing this year, I have established a final fundraiser through Malley's Candy. Members may go to the web site to order holiday candy: <http://www.malleys.com>. Our organization ID# is 411115.

For further information regarding the scholarship criteria, please refer to the website: [www.schutzhundyouth.com](http://www.schutzhundyouth.com). Keep in mind that most scholarships have the same basic outline based on GPA and extracurricular activities. The recipient of the Schutzhund USA Youth Scholarship will be expected to be a resident attending a high school within the U.S., demonstrate involvement in our sport, and show a positive interest toward college.

The objective of the sport program is to provide various opportunities to our youth members and encourage their participation in all USA events. Youth will obtain points based on participation in trials and shows and assisting at club, regional, and national events. I encourage all clubs to obtain youth certificates for acknowledgement of any participants. I also have t-shirts or sweatshirts available with the youth logo. Orders must be placed through me.

We are looking for a youth liaison to the Magazine Committee. This person will seek out and interview youth members. Please have interested parties contact me ASAP.

#### **WEBSITE COMMITTEE – SUE DICERO (Given by Randall Hoadley)**

Current year:

- Front page, content, and events updated on a consistent and timely basis. Charlie has done an incredible job of keeping the site current to enable the membership to stay informed. The website is a main tool of communication.
- Kennel listing now current and database built to support it. Reports run each month to ensure current membership.
- Database for tattooers, breed wardens, club contacts being built. This will enable regional directors/regional breed wardens to update contact lists and run reports on membership expiration for various positions and clubs. This will also identify clubs without club contacts, tattooers, breed wardens.
- Helper database is current. Will be modifying it to include additional data in the background.

Focus for coming year:

- Update/revise content for registration, conformation shows, trials. Will include SV information as to hip scores, show ratings, and titles acceptable for breed survey; requirements for holding a first trial and show; contacts; and forms/process.
- Look at what issues came up the previous year regarding not being able to find information, and working to revise and update content based on the ballots and GBM, etc.
- Rework all forms so the USA Office is the owner of all USA forms and they are housed at the USA Office.
- Create a litter posting page on the USA website.

#### **2008 WUSV REPORT – JOHANNES GREWE**

It has been two long years of preparation. There have been disappointments and sometimes the situation was pretty rough.

At the GBM last year when we talked about the event budget we made it clear that our main priority was to provide the WUSV with a classic event before and above making any profit. Breaking even was good enough.

Not everything turned out as planned; and, of course, we had negative aspects in the event. I apologize for any inconvenience and failure and certainly take responsibility for any problem.

But at the end (and I am saying this with a lot of pride) we provided a world-class championship. On Monday morning after the event WUSCV President Wolfgang Henke started the

WUSV meeting with the following words: The United Schutzhund Clubs have provided us with a super World Championship that should be the role model for all future World Championships.

Representatives of several countries congratulated me for the successful event. Arie Veltman, the team captain and representative of the Netherlands, wanted me to know that in his mind this was the best World Championship ever.

All this was only possible because of two factors. One was the contribution of our sponsors and generosity of our membership went way above our expectations. The other was the super team of voluntary helpers gave everything and at no time was there any disappointment about their commitment and performance. It would be too extensive to name them all. Some members, however, need to be named here:

The USA Judges College was extremely instrumental and all personnel were assigned to responsible trial positions.

The key coordinators went the extra mile. They worked day after day for almost two years, lived with all the setbacks, and still had the enthusiasm to go above and beyond every expectation.

- Ernest Hintz – Website Master

On top of all the hard work he also quietly donated the money that was needed for setting up the website.

- Mark Przybylski – Sport Coordinator

From stadium practice to all aspects of the trial, Mark was in charge and took care of it.

- Jennifer Acevedo – Press Secretary

Worked with our USA magazine and the local press in the Greater Cincinnati area. She is a real pro in her field of expertise.

- Karen Groh – Event Treasurer

Took care of all financial areas and also set up and maintained our online shop.

- Patty Bartley – Communication

Obtained sponsors and advertisers as needed, set up and executed a plan of advertisement in the larger local area. During the event stepped in wherever needed.

- Tom Huelsman – Hospitality

Made sure everybody had a great time from competitor to VIP, managed our stadium shop, and took care of last minute cover-ups.

- Dave Robinson – Logistics

Responsible for all logistics aspects from tracking fields to stadium. Also acted as local man for everything we needed.

- Michele and Mark Scarberry

These Mid-Eastern Region officials provided and managed a workforce from members of the Mid-Eastern Region. They were trouble shooters in a lot of different ways before and during the event.

- Loni Grewe – Auxiliary Events

All auxiliary events such as draw night, banquet night, VIP room, final ceremony, and WUSV meeting and very instrumental to the website and event catalog.

- Ann Marie Chaffin – Administration

Set up all the programs for the computer, stayed in touch with all the countries, and was instrumental with the website and event catalog. During the event was 24/7 on duty.

Once again thank you all so very much. You indeed made a difference. You were the guarantee to the success of the event.

During these two years I had to make a lot of decisions. Some could have been better and some were good. The best one was my choice of running mate, Craig Groh. He was the perfect man for the job. His love for the sport and loyalty to USA became more and more clear to me the longer we worked together. We talked several times on the phone every day for two years and visited each other many times. Craig took everything very personal and his fingerprints were all over the 2008 World Championship.

When we had our last beer together at our hotel bar and toasted each other for a job done, he told me it was very emotional for him to leave the stadium for good. This was his World Championship. Craig, thank you very, very much for everything and especially for still being my friend.

Working for this World Championship and experiencing firsthand the passion that all helpers involved in this event have for our organization has made it very clear to me...it is worth fighting for the United Schutzhund Clubs of America. Thank you very much and may God bless USA.

#### Financial Report by Craig Groh:

There is a long-standing tradition during the WUSV closing ceremonies of passing the WUSV flag to the country hosting next year's event. I was bestowed the honor of accepting the WUSV flag on behalf of USA during the ceremonies at WUSV 2007. As I stood there on the field in Slovakia, and the band played the Star Spangled Banner while the WUSV flag was lowered and then presented to me, it was an emotional moment.

From that moment the world was watching USA and the WUSV 2008 event. As you just heard from your WUSV 2008 Event Coordinator, Johannes Grewe, it was nothing like Boston. This year's event was an outstanding success on every level.

This was not possible without the hard work of everyone involved. Over 180 volunteers stepped up to ensure the success of the event

Over 600 members made donations that ranged from \$5 to \$5,000, which totaled more than \$51,000. This was more than double what we had budgeted. Your generosity was inspiring.

We heard a rumor that the last time USA hosted this event we lost over \$40,000. We decided to double that—in the other direction:

Total Budgeted Expenses	\$161,980	
Actual Total Expenses	<u>\$147,364</u>	
Expense Difference		\$14,616
Total Budgeted Revenue	\$175,250	
Actual Total Revenue	<u>\$226,869</u>	
Revenue Difference		\$51,619
Total Revenue	\$226,869	
Total Expenses	<u>\$147,364</u>	
Event Profit		\$79,505
Repayment of \$7,500 USA funding for site inspection and helper tryouts		(7,500)
USA profit from WUSV 2008 event		\$72,005
\$10,000 WUSV expense line item in the USA 2008-09 budget not used		\$10,000
Total		\$82,005

The USA accountant, Debbie Sweeney, will verify financial accounting. There are still some minor outstanding expense items to be posted.

As with any large undertaking there were a few things that could have been done better; but overall, as one seasoned WUSV spectator said, "You guys have set a new standard for this event." *Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, or attended the event!*

*Break from 10:30–10:55 A.M. Roll call with 15 Executive Board members and 64 club delegates for a total of 79 voting delegates. A quorum was present.*

## ELECTIONS

### President

Lyle Roetemeyer and Randall Hoadley selected by NC. Jim Alloway nominated by Diane Madigan.

**Vote:** Lyle Roetemeyer—42 (*elected*), Randall Hoadley—20, Jim Alloway—18.

### Vice President

Craig Groh selected by NC.

**Vote:** Elected by acclamation.

## Secretary

Sara Wallick selected by NC.

*Vote:* Elected by acclamation.

## Treasurer

Bill Plumb selected by NC. Sean O'Kane nominated by Michele Scarberry.

*Vote:* Sean O'Kane—49 (*elected*), Bill Plumb—24.

## Director of Judges

Mark Przybylski selected by NC.

*Vote:* Elected by acclamation.

## National Breed Warden

Tim Burke selected by NC.

*Vote:* Elected by acclamation.

## Directors at Large (5 positions)

Al Govednik, Terry Macias, Frank Phillips, Howie Rodriguez, and Nathaniel Roque selected by NC. Johannes Grewe nominated by Gordon Esselmann.

*Vote:* Nathaniel Roque—62 (*elected*), Terry Macias—60 (*elected*), Johannes Grewe—58 (*elected*), Al Govednik—55 (*elected*), Frank Phillips—43 (*elected*), Howie Rodriguez—17.

## Auditing Committee (3 positions)

Gordon Esselmann, Kay Koerner, and Kris Taves selected by NC.

*Vote:* All three candidates elected by acclamation.

## Board of Inquiry (5 positions/2 alternates)

Thomas Shaftoe, Jim Alloway, Chris Bettin, Terry Fisk, Gail Kendall, Jan Mountjoy, and Thomas Payne selected by NC. Scott Boedecker nominated by Carla Griffith, John Bochenek nominated by Michele Scarberry, Pam Hanrahan nominated by Debbie Roetemeyer, Jeff Govednik nominated by Nia Cottrell, Laurie Coppola nominated by Ron Fox.

*Vote:* Scott Boedecker—50 (*elected*), Jeff Govednik—45 (*elected*), John Bochenek—45 (*elected*), Jim Alloway—44 (*elected*), Laurie Coppola—43 (*elected*), Chris Bettin—33 (*elected alternate*), Pam Hanrahan—32 (*elected alternate*), Thomas Payne—30 (*elected alternate*), Thomas Shaftoe—23 (*elected alternate*), Gail Kendall—16 (*elected alternate*), Terry Fisk—13, Jan Mountjoy—2.

## Judges Committee/USA Judge (1 position)

Floyd Wilson selected by NC. Carla Griffith nominated by Char Tarleton.

*Vote:* Carla Griffith—54 (*elected*), Floyd Wilson—18.

## World Championship Committee (4 positions)

Gary Hanrahan, Lisa Jacquin, Howie Rodriguez, and Thomas Vollrath selected by NC. Debbie Zappia nominated by Anita Gard.

*Vote:* Thomas Vollrath—71 (*elected*), Debbie Zappia—66 (*elected*), Lisa Jacquin—43 (*elected*), Gary Hanrahan—40 (*elected*), Howie Rodriguez—33.

*Break from 1:30 P.M.—2:45 P.M. Roll call with 14 Executive Board members and 49 club delegates for a total of 63 voting delegates. A quorum was present.*

## NEW BUSINESS

### BYLAWS AMENDMENTS (Attached)

### NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS

#### 1. Permanent Judge Licenses – Mark Przybylski

Craig Groh  
Karen MacIntyre  
Dieter Dust

*Vote:* All approved unanimously.

#### 2. USA Helper Program Revisions (Attachment 2)

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to approve the USA Helper Program, Issue 7.0.

Motion by Chris Bettin to amend 14.2.D to add “solely” for personal or monetary gain. *Amendment carried unanimously.*

*Amended motion:* To approve the USA Helper Program, Issue 7.0, with the revision of 14.2.D to: Shall not advertise their Teaching Helper Classification solely for personal or monetary gain. *Amended motion carried unanimously.*

*(Issue 7.0 of the USA Helper Program was reviewed and approved unanimously by the USA Helper Committee in July 2008. The bulk of the revisions are clerical, removing forms that burdened the content of the program [i.e., copies of the Helper Book], helping reduce the total pages of the program from 34 to 31.*

*Additional changes were approved to implement a faster process (fast track) to allow talented helpers to move from Basic Level to Club Level, thus allowing them the opportunity to work larger events [regional, etc.]. Section 12.1 now has a fast track process that allows Basic Helpers to try for Club Level if they have worked two trials under two different judges and have attained a rating of SG or V in their trial work with a total of at least six dogs for the two trials. Or a Helper may move up with a total of 15 dogs and a satisfactory rating or better as is currently in the program.)*

#### 3. USA Rulebook Revision

Motion by Michele Scarberry to revise the USA Rulebook/Conduct of Trial Participants (pages 5–6) regarding individuals disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct to:

In instances of disqualification for unsportsmanlike conduct, the Director of Judges shall, within two weeks of the completion of the event in which the competitor was disqualified, refer the matter to the President or the Secretary for filing of Board of Inquiry charges against the individual. *Motion carried unanimously.*

*(The USA Rulebook currently states “In the event anyone is expelled from a trial by the judge or trial secretary, the USA Board of Inquiry will review the situation for further possible disciplinary action.” The Board of Inquiry, however, cannot of its own accord investigate anything; charges must be filed in order for the Board of Inquiry to conduct an investigation.*

#### 4. USA Regional Policy Revision

Motion by Michele Scarberry to revise the USA Regional Policy to incorporate the mail ballot election procedure for regional elections.

##### Mail Ballot Election Procedure

1. Mail ballot counting for elections need to be secret.
2. The announcement for a mail ballot election is to be made via the Regional Director by USPS mail, email, and/or fax not less than thirty (30) days prior to the closing date of the election.
3. The announcement must state: The \_\_\_\_\_ Region will conduct the 200– officer elections per USA Bylaws via USPS mail. Offices to be elected are: Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, Regional Secretary, Regional Breed Warden, and Regional Training Director.
4. All ballots must be returned to the Regional Secretary via USPS mail only with certified return receipt/confirmation of delivery and postmarked no more than thirty (30) days after announcement. Faxed or emailed ballots will not be allowed or recognized.
5. Only official club delegates from full-member clubs will be permitted to vote in the election.
6. Club contacts listed on the USA website will be considered the official club delegate unless the Regional Director is notified otherwise.



7. Clubs may change contacts through the Regional Director via USPS mail, fax, or email.
8. Nominations and seconds to the nominations may only be made by the club delegates, and must be received by the Regional Secretary, via USPS mail, fax, or email no later than two weeks after the announcement is made.
9. All nominations must have a second, and write-in balloting is permitted.
10. A ballot listing the office to be elected will be placed in a plain white inner envelope. This plain white envelope is placed inside another envelope addressed to the club delegate. Another envelope will be addressed and stamped (SASE) to the Regional Secretary, and placed with the plain white envelope inside the envelope addressed to the club delegate. The ballots will be mailed to each club delegate in this form.
11. The ballot must be marked and returned to the Regional Secretary only.
12. The delegate will place the marked ballot inside the blank white envelope, seal it, and place this envelope inside the SASE which is addressed to the Regional Secretary.
13. The return address of the delegate must be added to the outside envelope (SASE) by the Regional Secretary so that the delegate's name may be checked against the list of delegates eligible to vote.
14. Ballots for elections need to be sent only by USPS mail, not by fax or by email, and returned via confirmation of delivery and/or certified/return receipt.
15. Ballot committee must be impartial and a committee of three.
16. When the committee meets to count votes, the members will open the outer envelope and check the delegate's name. This outer envelope will be destroyed. The blank white envelopes will be placed in a pile. Only when all of the SASE have been emptied and discarded will the plain white envelopes be counted.
17. The counted ballots must be retained by the Regional Secretary.

*Motion carried (yes—61, no—2).*

#### **5. Future USA Helper Program Revisions**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque that future changes to the USA Helper Program are to be submitted to either the General Board or the Executive Board.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. National Championship Qualification Process**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to rescind 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.

*Motion tabled.*

*(Since this 2001 ruling was made, a qualification process for the GSD National Championship has been instituted in which a competitor is required to have obtained a qualifying score of 270 points and to have participated in a regional championship. 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.)*

##### **2. Effective Date for Trial Rule Changes**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that rule changes will become effective 30 days after they are posted on the USA Website.

Motion by Peter Oja to amend motion to add: "and all regional directors are notified." *Amendment carried.*

*Amended motion:* Rule changes will become effective 30 days after they are posted on the USA Website and all regional directors are notified.

*Amended motion carried.*

*(This motion supersedes a policy in effect since 1994 that trial rule changes became effective upon publication in the magazine.)*

##### **3. Judges College Memorial Award – Mark Przybylski**

None awarded this year.

##### **4. Prohibition of Cash Prizes/Awards at USA Events**

Motion by Nathaniel Roque to prohibit any form of cash prizes or cash awards at USA-sanctioned events, with the sole exception of scholarship awards to youth members.

Motion by Chris Bettin to amend to "cash, prizes, or cash awards exceeding \$100..." *Amendment carried.*

*Amended motion:* Prohibit any form of cash, prizes, or cash awards exceeding \$100 at USA-sanctioned events, with the sole exception of scholarship awards to youth members. *Amended motion carried.*

##### **5. Schutzhund USA Youth Scholarship Fund**

Motion by Craig Groh to donate \$20,000 to the Schutzhund USA Youth Scholarship Fund.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

##### **6. Training Devices at USA Events**

Motion by Mark Przybylski that all training collars (i.e., electronic collars, prong collars, etc.), when used humanely, will be permitted at all USA events during practice sessions.

At USA national events a committee shall be named to monitor practice sessions. At least two individuals from the committee shall be present for all practice sessions. All USA officers (Executive Board) and USA judges will also be part of enforcing the policy when present and witness to an incident.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

##### **7. Dishonesty During BOI Investigations**

Motion by Sandy Purdy that in the event the Board of Inquiry determines that a witness provided knowingly false testimony (including forged or altered documentation), and the Executive Board upholds the determination, the discipline shall be suspension from all USA privileges for a minimum of one year.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Mark Przybylski to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

*Sara Wallick*

Sara Wallick, Secretary

Attachments:

1. USA Bylaws Amendments—2008
2. USA Helper Program Revisions (Version 7.0)
3. General Board Meeting Delegate List—2008

## USA BYLAWS AMENDMENTS 2008

*(This amendment is proposed due to the increased audit requirements and costs that affect all for-profit and non-profit entities.)*

1. **Article VIII, Section 3.c. (Treasurer)** – Submitted by Bill Plumb

**From:**

...The Treasurer shall secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to audit the accounts of USA annually....

**To:**

...The Treasurer shall secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to **review** the accounts of USA annually....

**Amendment accepted.**

*(These amendments increase the number of persons on the Board of Inquiry and allow the Board of Inquiry members to elect the Board of Inquiry Chair.)*

2. **Article X, Section 1.c. (Standing Committees/Board of Inquiry)** – Submitted by Board of Inquiry

**From:**

- (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....

**To:**

- (i) The Board of Inquiry shall consist of **ten (10)** persons. ~~Seven (7)~~ **Five (5)** of these persons shall be full members of the Board of Inquiry. The **remaining three (3) five (5) persons** shall be alternate members. USA Officers, Judges....

*Motion by Laurie Coppola to amend Article X, Section 1.c.(i) to keep the number of full members at five and increase the number of alternates to five.*

**Amendment as revised accepted unanimously.**

**Delete:**

- (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.

**Amendment accepted.**

*(This amendment makes this item consistent with the language in Article XI, Section 1 [Discipline/ Charges] as approved in 2006.)*

3. **Article X, Section 1.c. (Standing Committees/Board of Inquiry)** – Submitted by Board of Inquiry

**From:**

- (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....

**To:**

- (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 **that** are not filed within one (1) year of the date of the alleged misconduct or rule violation **or from the time it was known or reasonably should have been known that a violation or misconduct occurred....**

**Amendment rejected.**

*(This amendment clarifies handling of disciplinary matters involving judges.)*

4. **Article XI, Section 1 (Discipline/Charges)** – Submitted by Board of Inquiry

**Add:**

All matters involving actions by USA judges, *as* judges, shall be referred exclusively to the USA Judges Committee.

**Amendment accepted unanimously.**

*(This amendment increases the required deposit for Board of Inquiry cases and requires the charging party to submit the requisite copies of electronic documentation.)*

5. **Article XI, Section 2 (Discipline/Procedure)** –

Submitted by Board of Inquiry

**From:**

- a. The charge(s) against the accused member and/or accused club must be submitted in writing and must be notarized. The charge(s) shall be forwarded to the Secretary with a deposit of seventy-five dollars (\$75) for each charge. The deposit shall be forfeited for each charge that is not sustained.

**To:**

- a. The charge(s) against the accused member and/or accused club must be submitted in writing and must be notarized. The charge(s), **and all substantiating witness statements and/or documentary evidence upon which it is based**, shall be forwarded to the USA Secretary with a deposit of ~~one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)~~ **two hundred dollars (\$200) for the initial charge. A "charge" shall consist of a single, specific, allegation. There shall be an additional fee of twenty five dollars (\$25) fifty dollars (\$50) for each additional allegation filed with the initial charge. The charging party is responsible for providing sufficient copies of all electronic media documentation or evidence (video, audio recordings, photos, etc.) for each Board of Inquiry member and the USA Secretary (8 copies).** The deposit shall be forfeited for each charge or allegation that is not sustained. **All charges filed without notarization and/or electronic copies shall be returned to the member as a defective filing.**

*Motion by Sandy Purdy to amend deposit amount from*

*\$150 to \$200 and amend fee for each additional allegation from \$25 to \$50.  
Amendment as revised accepted unanimously.*

*(This amendment provides a disciplinary process for knowingly filing false Board of Inquiry charges or providing false testimony.)*

**6. Article XI, Section 3 (Discipline/Board of Inquiry Action)** – Submitted by Board of Inquiry

**Add:**

- h. In the event that the Board of Inquiry determines that charges filed against a member or club are knowingly false, the Chair of the Board of Inquiry shall indicate such in its determination letter and the President or Secretary shall file charges against the charging party for abusing the disciplinary process, as such conduct is prejudicial to the interests of USA. In the event that the Board of Inquiry determines that a witness provided knowingly false testimony (including forged or altered documentation), the Chair of the Board of Inquiry shall indicate such in its determination letter and the President or Secretary shall file charges against that member for abusing the disciplinary process, as such conduct is prejudicial to the interests of USA.

*Amendment accepted unanimously.*

*(This amendment adds an appeal process for Board of Inquiry cases.)*

**7. Article XI (Discipline)** – Submitted by Submitted by Board of Inquiry

**Add:**

**Section 4. Appeal Process**

- a. Any appeal from the Board of Inquiry determination shall be made within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Board of Inquiry determination letter by filing a statement of appeal by certified mail with the USA Secretary.
- b. Review of the Board of Inquiry file shall be made by the Directors at Large, who will review the charge(s) (including any witness statements and documentary evidence), the response of the charged party (including any witness statements and documentary evidence), and any independent evidence developed by the Board of Inquiry to determine the reasonableness of the Board of Inquiry determination. An appeal by either party shall constitute a waiver of confidentiality, allowing the Board of Inquiry members to fully disclose to and discuss with Executive Board members all of the evidence presented during the investigation.
- c. The appeal shall not be a hearing de novo, meaning that the matter shall not be reinvestigated by the Directors at Large, but the Directors at Large shall review all the evidence presented and either sustain the appeal or deny the appeal. In the event the appeal is sustained, the charge is referred back to the Board of Inquiry for further specified investigation or consideration. In the event the appeal is denied, the Executive Board, without entertaining further argument from any party, shall vote to accept, modify, or reject the Board of Inquiry determination.

*Amendment accepted unanimously.*

# USA HELPER PROGRAM REVISIONS (Version 7.0)

## **REVISED:**

### **SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS**

National Event      GSD-National Championship,  
~~North American Championship, HOT Tournament,~~  
**USA Working Dog Championship**

## **THIRD PARAGRAPH REVISED:**

### **SECTION 7: ROLE OF REGIONAL TRAINING DIRECTORS**

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; **and**
- B. administer one (1) Regionally-Sponsored Helper Seminar per year
- C. ~~file a detailed report of the outcome of Regionally-Sponsored Helper Seminars to the Helper Program Director.~~

## **SECOND PARAGRAPH REVISED:**

### **SECTION 8: HELPER PROGRAM CURRICULUM**

*To meet the Helper Program objective of "standardized" education, the Helper Program Curriculum does **not** include instruction 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 **and the Helper College**. Deviations from the Curriculum are not permitted.*

## **SECOND/THIRD PARAGRAPHS REVISED:**

### **Section 9.1: Helper Seminars:**

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.~~

## **NEW SUBSECTION ADDED:**

### **Section 9.3: Helper Seminar and College Documentation**

Helper Seminars shall be sanctioned by USA and hosted by a Local Club and/or Region. To host a Helper Seminar, the Local Club and/or Region shall complete an Event Authorization Form. 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. The Presiding Teaching Helper for a Helper Seminar or College shall complete the Helper Seminar and Evaluation Participation Form presented in Appendix C and submit it to the USA Office within seven (7) days of completion of the Seminar.

## **REVISED:**

### **Section 10.2: Helper Evaluation Criteria, Exercises and Form**

In addition to the above, ~~Helpers who are issued a Trial Helper Record Book after May 1, 2005 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 **and the Helper's knowledge of the Helper Program**. The Written Examination is ~~currently under development and will be presented in a later version of this Program as Appendix D.~~

## **NEW SUBSECTION ADDED:**

### **Section 10.4: Helper Evaluation Documentation**

The Trial Helper Record Book is the official record of the owning Helper's Evaluation Participation and Classification History.

The Presiding Teaching Helper for a Helper Evaluation shall complete the Helper Seminar and Evaluation Participation form presented in Appendix C and submit it to the USA Office within seven (7) days of completion of the Seminar.

**REVISED:****Section 12.1: Helper Classification Definitions**

**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.~~
  - *one (1) Club Trial working at least twelve (12) dogs (SchH/VPG 1 to 3, IPO 1 to 3, DPO 1 and 2, or SchH A) with a minimum Rating of Good from the Judge; or*
  - *two (2) Club Trials working at least six (6) dogs (SchH/VPG 1 to 3, IPO 1 to 3, DPO 1 and 2, or SchH A) with minimum Ratings of Very Good or Excellent from two (2) different Judges.*
- ~~Worked at least fifteen (15) dogs (SchH/VPG 1 to 3, IPO 1 to 3, DPO 1 and 2, or SchH A) in Trials.~~

**REVISED:****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 or have parental or legal guardian consent in the form of a signature in the Helper Book and a signed consent form presented at all USA events.
- ~~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 presented in Appendix E.

**REVISED:****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; *and*
- D. ~~Completed Written Entry Level Examination; and~~

- E. Signed Release From.

**REVISED:****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 six (6) Classification Levels for Helpers.
- B. Section II – Record of the Helper Seminars that the Helper has participated in.
- C. Section III – Record of the Helper Evaluations that the Helper has participated in.
- D. Section IV – 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.~~

**REVISED:****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 (*November 4, 2004*), only Trial Helper Record Books, which contain the Classification of the Helper, will be accepted at Events.

**REVISED:****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.

**ADDED PARAGRAPH F:**

**Section 14.2: Maintaining Teaching Helper Classification**

- A. Maintain USA Membership.
- B. Attend and participate in a minimum of one (1) Helper College every four (4) years and / or participate in or on a USA Helper event (i.e., Helper selection for events, member of the Helper Committee).
- 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 *solely* for personal or monetary gain.  
(Amended at GBM to add *solely*.)
- E. Shall not hold office or an official designation in a competing German Shepherd Dog Organization located in the United States of America.
- F. ***Complete the Teaching Helper Responsibilities presented in Section 14.1.***

**DELETED:**

**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. The closure date for appointing Teaching Helpers to the Initial Set will be November 4, 2005.~~

**REVISED:**

**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.

**ADDED NEW SUBSECTION:**

**Section 16.5: Removal from Event**

Helperwork performed during at a National Event must be consistent with the Helper Program. If in the opinion of the Helper Committee a Helper is not performing helperwork at a National Event in accordance with the Helper Program, the Helper Committee may remove the Helper from his/her assignment regardless of the Presiding Protection Judge's wishes.

**REVISED:**

**APPENDIX C: HELPER EVALUATION FORM**

**APPENDIX C: HELPER SEMINAR AND**

**EVALUATION REGISTRATION/RESULT FORM**

*Revised Helper Seminar and Evaluation Registration/Result Form inserted.*

**REVISED:**

**APPENDIX D: HELPER EVALUATION WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

*Revised Helper Evaluation Written Examination form inserted.*

**DELETED:**

**APPENDIX F: TRIAL HELPER RECORD BOOK**

**REVISED:**

**APPENDIX H: HELPER TRYOUT FORM**

**APPENDIX G: HELPER TRYOUT FORM**

*Revised USA Helper Tryout Form inserted.*

# GENERAL BOARD MEETING DELEGATE LIST – 2008

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NUM	EXECUTIVE BOARD	DELEGATE	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	President	Lyle Roetemeyer	X	X	X			
2	Vice President	Randall Hoadley	X	X	X			
3	Secretary	Sara Wallick	X	X	X			
4	Treasurer	Bill Plumb–Absent			X			
5	Director of Judges	Mark Przybylski	X	X	X			
6	National Breed Warden	Tim Burke	X	X	X			
7	Director at Large	Al Govednik–Absent						
8	Director at Large	Terry Macias	X	X	X			
9	Director at Large	Frank Phillips						
10	Director at Large	Howie Rodriguez–Absent						
11	Director at Large	Nathaniel Roque	X	X	X			
12	Regional Director (New England)	Pia Blackwell	X	X	X			
13	Regional Director (South Central)	Steve Cobb	X	X				
14	Regional Director (Southeastern)	Arthur Collins–Absent (ARD Vicki Keller)	X	X				
15	Regional Director (North Central)	Gordon Esselmann	X	X	X			
16	Regional Director (Mid-Central)	Scott Hedger	X	X	X			
17	Regional Director (Northeastern)	Pedro Jimenez	X					
18	Regional Director (Southwestern)	Michelle Kutelis	X	X	X			
19	Regional Director (Pacific Northwest)	Willie Pope	X	X	X			
20	Regional Director (Mid-Eastern)	Mark Scarberry–Absent						
21	Regional Director (Northwestern)	David Witmer	X	X	X			
21	SUBTOTAL		16	15	14	0	0	0
12	MID-CENTRAL REGION							
1	Air Capital Schutzhund Club	Ila Schmidt	X	X	X			
2	Denver Mile High Schutzhund Club	Lori Cruser/Bob Corso/Jen Corso	X	X	X			
3	Green Country German Shepherd Dog Club	Dean Calderon/Mark Saccoccio	X	X				
4	High Plains Schutzhund Club	Mark Chaffin/Ann Marie Chaffin	X	X				
5	Iowa Hundesport Club	John Letcher	X	X	X			
6	Machtig Strom Schutzhund Verein	Ann Marie Chaffin	X	X	X			
7	Mid-Rivers Schutzhund Club	Sandi Purdy	X	X	X			
8	Mo-Kan Schutzhund Association	Char Tarleton/Scott Boedecker	X	X	X			
9	Rocky Mountain Schutzhund Club	Nia Cottrell/Anna Perez	X	X	X			
10	St. Louis Schutzhund Association	Michael Wood						
11	Tornado Alley Schutzhund Club	JoAnn Letcher	X	X	X			
12	Working Dogs of Central Illinois	Jeff Govednik	X	X	X			
10	MID-EASTERN REGION							
1	Belleville Dogsport Association	Diane Madigan/Bill Pivrotto/Vicki Keller	X	X				
2	Columbus Hundesport Club	Thomas Gillies, Jr./Katie Michel/Maria Karas	X	X	X			
3	Cumberland Valley Schutzhund & Police Club	Debbie Roetemeyer/Lyle Roetemeyer	X	X	X			
4	Der Michigan Schutzhund Verein	John Bochenek	X	X	X			
5	Mid-Ohio Schutzhund	Tanya Alloway/Jim Alloway	X	X	X			
6	Middle Tennessee Working Dog Association	Carrie Fohl/Margaret Trudrung/Blake Fohl	X	X	X			
7	O.G. Buckeye Schutzhund Club	Michele Scarberry	X	X	X			
8	O.G. Indianapolis Schutzhund und Polizei	Sean O'Kane/Mike Diehl	X	X				
9	South Michigan Schutzhund & Police Club	Al Johnson						
10	Twin Beech Schutzhund Club	Mildred Muller	X	X	X			
6	NEW ENGLAND REGION							
1	Baystate Police & Schutzhund Club	Donna Rink	X	X	X			
2	Empire Working Dog Club	Debra Zappia/Jody Potter	X	X	X			
3	Liberty Schutzhund Club	Laurie Coppola	X	X	X			
4	Niagara Frontier Working Dog Club	Louis Rossi	X	X	X			
5	Ocean State Schutzhund Club	Ron Fox	X	X	X			
6	Outkast Schutzhund Club	Nandini Rao	X	X	X			
1	NORTH CENTRAL REGION							
1	O.G. Bierstadt Schutzhund Club	Robert Evans						
5	NORTHEASTERN REGION							



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1	Alpha K9 Schutzhund Club	Carlos Rojas/Frank Pinho	X	X					
2	Blitzberg Hundesport Club	Ravi Iyer/Pedro Jimenez							
3	East Coast Schutzhund & Police Club	T. Floyd	X	X					
4	Greater Baltimore Schutzhund Club	Gordon Campbell	X	X	X				
5	Rivanna Schutzhund & Police Club	Ron Harris/Armin Winkler	X	X	X				
5	<b>NORTHWESTERN REGION</b>								
1	Alameda County Schutzhund & Police K-9 Club	Tom Wright	X	X	X				
2	Menlo Park Schutzhund Club	Mike Ruckman/Randy Witmer	X	X	X				
3	Pacific Coast Working Dog Club	Jonathan Butler							
4	San Jose German Shepherd Dog Club	Carol Beasley	X	X	X				
5	South County Schutzhund Club	Martin Vollrath/Thomas Vollrath	X	X					
2	<b>PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION</b>								
1	Snohomish Schutzhund Club	Natalie Gonzales							
2	Willamette Valley Schutzhund Club	Mary Dygert/Andrea Duggan/Natalie Gonzales	X	X	X				
12	<b>SOUTH CENTRAL REGION</b>								
1	Austin Schutzhund Club	Julia Grayson/Richard Atkins/Danny Grayson	X	X	X				
2	Ark-La-Tex Schutzhund Club	Melanie Cobb/Linda Booker							
3	Buena Vista Working Dog Club	Adrian Ledda/Betty Thomas/Rita Ledda	X	X					
4	Central Texas Schutzhund Club	Kat Richard/Rene' Gelsomino/Paul Robertson	X	X	X				
5	DFW Working Dogs	Chris Bettin/Dawn Hoadley	X	X	X				
6	Greater Dallas Working Dog Club	Carla Griffith/Jill Harris/Kathy May	X	X	X				
7	Greater Houston Schutzhund Club	Vickie Bartley/Dr. Dena McGowan/Sunny Moore	X	X	X				
8	Lone Star Schutzhund Club	Keenan Freeman/Donna Bovee/Jessy Gabriel	X	X	X				
9	O.G. North Texas Schutzhund Club	Stan Covington	X	X					
10	O.G. Valencia Schutzhund Verein	Luanne Mitchell	X	X	X				
11	San Gabriel Hund Verein	Dave Kroyer/Mark Natinsky	X	X					
12	Texas Working Dogs	Laurie Tollifson							
12	<b>SOUTHEASTERN REGION</b>								
1	Asheville Schutzhund Club	Gunder England/Gary Hanrahan/Pam Hanrahan	X	X	X				
2	Brushy Mountain Schutzhund & Police Club	Jeff Rentz	X	X					
3	Carolina Hundesport	Julie Irwin/Robin Ayling/Gerald Trayner	X	X	X				
4	Central Alabama Schutzhund Club of Birmingham	Eric Eisenberg/Gary Cooper							
5	Fayetteville Schutzhund Club	Chico Stanford	X	X					
6	Georgia-Lina Schutzhund Club	Ken Heaton/Wallace Payne	X	X	X				
7	Iron Dog Schutzhund Club	Anita Gard/Jason McNew	X	X	X				
8	Jefferson/St. Clair County Schutzhund Association	Leigh Barrier/Lisa Jacquin/Pam Hanrahan	X	X	X				
9	Lake Valley Schutzhund Club	Vicki Keller/Diane Madigan/Tim Keller	X	X					
10	Rising Star Working Dog Club	Beverly Hudgins/Denise Kiah/Bill Hudgins	X	X	X				
11	South Metro Atlanta Schutzhund Club	Richard Wheeler/Wallace Payne	X	X	X				
12	Western Carolina Working Dog Association	Tammy Kowalczyk/John Kowalczyk	X	X					
10	<b>SOUTHWESTERN REGION</b>								
1	Anacapa Working Dog Association	Christine Gilliland	X	X	X				
2	Der Hundesport Performance Klub	Lynne Gifford	X	X	X				
3	Golden State Schutzhund Club	Marie Weller/Lionel Madden	X	X	X				
4	Las Vegas Schutzhund Club	Tim Burke/Dawn Burke							
5	Phoenix Schutzhund Club	Bob Johantgen/Gail Kendall	X	X	X				
6	Scottsdale Schutzhund Club	Peter Oja	X	X	X				
7	So Cal Working Dog Association	Laura Bollschweiler/Kathy Corcoran/Tom Riche							
8	Somis Schutzhund Club	Craig Groh/Kathy Moacanin/Karen Groh	X	X	X				
9	Southwest Working Dog Association	Molly Hessler	X	X	X				
10	Sunland Schutzhund Club	Johannes Grewe	X	X					
75	<b>SUBTOTAL (Club Delegates)</b>	<b>Current Club Total – 183 (197) / Quorum – 37</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
96	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>