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Re: Cascade's Appeal

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To: Nia <MsNia4@aol.com>

Wed, May 30, 2018 at 5:12 PM

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Nia,

<https://www.germanshepherddog.com/ballot/club-regional-affiliation-status/>

I looked over EB #7-16. I see section 6.4 is written to avoid conflicting events. Was 6.3 done? If so can you please forward.

Best...V

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On May 30, 2018, at 7:44 PM, Nia <MsNia4@aol.com> wrote:

I was off by a year in my last paragraph. The issue I was referencing is in EB #7-16.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nia <msnia4@aol.com>

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Sent: Wed, May 30, 2018 2:47 pm

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 8 of the USCA bylaws, Cascade Schutzhund Verein hereby appeals the actions of the Pacific Northwest Regional Director, Hal Lymus. Specifically, Cascade appeals his authorization of a trial by Summit Working Dog Club on the same weekend as Cascade's long-scheduled trial. Cascade's trial was scheduled over a year ago. This unsportsmanlike conduct is simply part of the continuing efforts of Lymus and Summit to undermine Cascade.

Background:

. Cascade is a multi-affiliated club that typically conducts four trials a year sanctioned, respectively, by USCA, DVG, AWMA and WDSAA. The areas of British Columbia, Western Washington and Northern Oregon essentially share the same entry pool, due to the relatively small number of clubs and participants in a geographically large Pacific Northwest area. The Pacific Northwest region includes Montana and Alaska. It literally takes five hours to *fly* over the region from east to west (Montana to Alaska) and about twelve hours to drive north to south, from the Oregon/California boarder to the Canadian border. Most of the sportsmembers and clubs are along the I-5 corridor from Snohomish, Washington to just south of Portland Oregon.

Entries at Washington events have historically included entries from Portland, Eugene, Salem and Medford, Oregon (30 miles from the California border). Canadians from British Colombia also enter these US events, as well.

Cascade has *always* scheduled trials and other events, in the interest of sportsmanship, with a view to avoid conflicts with events by other clubs in the area, including British Columbia. However, for *years*, Cascade has not been accorded the same courtesy and sportsmanlike conduct. In fact, the current PNW regional director and assistant regional director have been open in their *encouragement* of such conflicts with Cascade events by PNW clubs. The most recent one involves Cascade's upcoming October 13, 2018 trial. Despite that trial being scheduled for over a year, the regional director, Hal Lymus has, apparently within the *last week*, or so approved a trial apparently intentionally scheduled to conflict with Cascade's October 13th trial.

Summit is located in Puyallup, Washington, about twenty miles north of Cascade. Summit recently (April 11, 2018) sought access to a pasture for club training (tracking) by two of its members. Cascade has had **exclusive use** of that particular pasture field for over ten years, and uses it **only for trials and seminars**. It is **not ever** used for club training.

There has been a history in the PNW region of clubs sharing, and over-using, tracking fields, and finally coming into conflict over such fields. In each instance, all clubs were ultimately denied permission to use the fields further. Cascade does not intend to have such happen with respect to this field of lush pasture. Because Cascade has been granted **exclusive use** by the farmer/owner, the farmer/owner has always left the use of the field by anyone else to Les Flores's discretion. Mr. Flores declined to allow Summit members to use the field for *club training* by two of its members who travel to Puyallup from Portland to train with Summit. (In the interest of full disclosure, it should be noted that the two members in question are former members of Cascade who left the club under a cloud, and contemporaneously became involved in an ugly, full-blown litigation with a Cascade member regarding a co-owned dog. Flores would not have

given permission to **anyone to** use the field for club training. As stated, even Cascade members are not allowed to use it for club training.) A few weeks later, the USCA events page reflected that Summit had scheduled a trial for October 13, 2018

I would ask that the Executive Board review and **rescind** Hal Lymus's Event Authorization to Summit for an October 13th trial. Cascade makes this request particularly as Lymus has been known to go screaming like a little girl to the MER regional director, Mark Scarberry, entreating him to force Cascade to re-schedule a *non-USCA* sanctioned event. Specifically, Lymus scheduled a Regional Conformation Show in Oregon conflicting with a *long-standing* Cascade seminar on the same weekend. He then sought to have Scarberry force Cascade to reschedule its seminar. (Lymus engaged in this ludicrous behavior, despite being fully aware that Cascade is **overrun** with Dutch Shepherds and Malinois, and, consequently, unable to provide substantial support, i.e. entries, to *any* conformation show for German Shepherds. (At the time, there were two long-coat gsd's, one show line gsd bitch and a working line *monorchid* gsd in the club. Currently, a few more gsd's have, thankfully, been added to the club. However, Cascade remains the only schutzhund/IPO club in the world in which Dobermanns and **Boxers** each outnumber the gsd's. 😊) Notably, Lymus's actions in this incident **confirm that the entry pool for USCA events in this area encompasses all of Western Washington and Northern Oregon.**

Frankly, the continuing attempts to undermine Cascade are unsportsmanlike and tiresome. If the Executive Board cannot, or will, not address and remedy this behavior by Lymus, the only alternative open to Cascade to address this continuing unsportsmanlike conduct and harassment is to file Board of Inquiry charges against Lymus regarding his actions as regional director (which have included violations of USCA bylaws), as well as against the conflicting club. Cascade would like to avoid that alternative, for obvious reasons.

Finally, Cascade has also **always** sent event fliers to clubs in the PNW, as well as the MER regions. A year or so ago, USCA's Executive Board mandated that such was to occur for clubs that were members of regions other than the region in which they were physically located. However, no such **reciprocal** requirement was placed on the clubs in those regions. Cascade has **never** been provided fliers or trial notices from PNW clubs, despite the fact that such clubs have always been provided flyers for Cascade's trials for over five years. Cascade is now *mandated* to do so. Fair is fair; this situation is not. Hopefully, the Executive Board will address this oversight prior to August so that the notice requirement includes **all** physically located in each region. **If not, I ask that this trial notice issue be included on the agenda for the 2018 General Board Meeting.**

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Nia Cottrell
on behalf of Cascade Schutzhund Verein.

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