

## **Charges and Investigation**

Charges were filed by David Greene against Aztec Schutzhund Club and its Executive Board alleging that they intentionally and unreasonably excluded him from competing in the 2019 Southwest Regional Championships in violation of USCA's Trial Procedure.

David Greene states on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, he received a call from ARD Kris Taylor instructing him not to attend the Southwest Regional Championship because the landowner of the tracking fields would not permit him, David, on his land due to an altercation that occurred in 2017 when the landowner caught people tracking on his property without permission. David Greene alleged that he proved to Aztec Schutzhund Club he was not involved in the altercation, but the club still refused to allow him to compete.

David Greene requests that USCA initiate a Board of Inquiry investigation and impose appropriate disciplinary action upon Aztec Schutzhund Club and any officer of the club involved in the misconduct alleged above.

The BOI considered the evidence presented and then further investigated the events as far as possible. The evidence included statements from the complainant, from witnesses present at the 2017 incident, from the Executive Board of Aztec Schutzhund Club, and from three USCA Judges that were involved with the resolution of this incident. The BOI also interviewed many people, including everyone we received a written statement from, the landowner Mr. Andy Domenigoni, and members of Aztec Schutzhund Club.

## **Findings and Conclusion**

Based on the USCA Board of Inquiry's lengthy investigation, we have determined the following findings of fact:

1. The landowner Mr. Andy Domenigoni believed that David Greene was present during the 2017 altercation on his property.
2. Mr. Andy Domenigoni communicated to Aztec Schutzhund Club that David Greene was not to be permitted on his property during the 2019 Southwest Regional Championship.
3. David Greene met with Mr. Andy Domenigoni after he was told he would not be allowed on the property to track and why. This meeting further angered the landowner and did not change his mind.
4. David Greene was not in fact on Mr. Domenigoni's property during the 2017 altercation. We did not investigate whether he was on his property without permission at any other time.
5. No one at Aztec Schutzhund Club lied to David Greene regarding this matter.
6. It is extremely difficult to obtain tracking grounds large enough for a Regional Championship in this area of the country.
7. USCA offered David Greene a waiver on the Regional Championship participation requirement in order to go to The National Championship and David Greene accepted.

8. The BOI received a large amount of credible testimony that when USCA Judge Don Yelle was discussing what to do next with David Greene at Draw Night for the Championship, David Greene's wife and his friend Ms. White yelled and used strong language toward Don Yelle.

The Board of Inquiry has concluded that Aztec Schutzhund Club had no choice but to exclude David Greene from competing at the 2019 Southwest Regional Championship. Whether or not David Greene was involved in the 2017 altercation, the landowner specifically directed that David Greene could not track on his land and refused to change his mind when David Greene appealed directly to him. Therefore, if David Greene had been allowed to track, the Aztec Schutzhund Club would have lost these tracking grounds for this Regional Championship and any future event. There was no misconduct on Aztec Schutzhund Club's part or on the part of any of its officers. Further, David Greene has accepted a resolution of the issue offered by USCA in the form of a waiver on Regional Championship participation as a requirement of eligibility for the National Championship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trish Sansbury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Trish Sansbury  
Chair, USCA Board of Inquiry