Regional Director, Teresa Cowart started the meeting by giving a welcome speech.

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Regional Director Teresa Cowart on January 20, 2018 at 5:00 pm in Gilbert, AZ.

**Roll Call**

Regional Secretary, Curt Holstein conducted roll call. The following Regional Officers, Clubs and their delegates were present.

1.1. **Officers**

- Regional Director – Teresa Cowart
- Assistant Regional Director – Stephen Romeo
- Regional Training Director – Rich Rosen
- Regional Breed Warden – Roanna Banducci
- Regional Treasurer – Robert Johantgen
- Regional Secretary – Curt Holstein

1.2. **Clubs and Delegates by State**

- **Arizona**
  - Arizona Schutzhund Club
  - East Valley Working Schutzhund Club
  - Scottsdale Schutzhund Club
  - Southwest Diamondback Schutzhund Club

- **California**
  - Aztec Schutzhund Club
  - Danubius Schutzhund Club
  - North County Schutzhund Club
  - Southwest Working Dog

*8 of the 20 Full Member clubs were present; a quorum was established.*

2. **Approval of the 2017 Meeting Minutes**

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Motion to accept minutes as sent out

Made by Scottsdale Schutzhund Club: *Erin Easter*

Second by East Valley Schutzhund Club: *Shawn Thompson*

*No Opposition, vote unanimous*
3. **Reports**
   3.1. Regional Director’s Report – Report Given (No Report Submitted)
   3.2. Assistant Regional Director’s Report – Report Given (No Report Submitted)
   3.3. Regional Training Director’s Report – Report Given (No Report Submitted)
   3.4. Regional Breed Warden’s Report – Appended below (Exhibit A)
   3.5. Treasurer’s Report – Report Given (No Report Submitted)
   3.6. Secretary / Web Master’s Report – No Report Given

4. **Old / Unfinished Business**
   No Old/Unfinished Business was discussed

5. **New Business**
   5.1. **Approval of expenses for Regional Director**
       $500 for the expenses of the Regional Director to travel to attend the 2018 UScA Meeting held in conjunction with the GSD Nationals
       Move to approved by Arizona Schutzhund Club
       Seconded by Aztec Schutzhund Club
       Approved by Majority Vote

   5.2. **Approval of expenses for Assistant Regional Director**
       No Expenses Submitted

   5.3. **Approval of expenses for Regional Breed Warden**
       $500 for the expenses of the Regional Breed Warden to travel to attend the 2018 UScA Sieger Show
       Move to approve by Aztec Schutzhund Club
       Seconded by North County Schutzhund Club
       Approved by Majority Vote

   5.4. **Approval of expenses for Regional Treasurer**
       No Expenses Submitted

   5.5. **Approval of expenses for Regional Secretary**
       No Expenses Submitted

   5.6. **Approval of expenses for Regional Webmaster**
       Move to approved by Aztec Schutzhund Club
       Seconded by Arizona Schutzhund Club
       Approved by Majority Vote

   5.7. **Bid for 2019 Regional IPO Championship**
       Bid offer period Extended by 90 days

   5.8. **Bid for 2018 & 2019 Regional IPO Conformation Show**
       Bid offer period Extended by 90 days
5.9. Motion for National Trophy Sponsorships

- SW Region will increase our support for the National events by sponsoring trophies in an amount to not exceed $400 annual for two national events

Discussion ensued, and the motion was withdrawn

5.10. Motion to Amend IPO Regional Policy - #10 Helper Policy

Regional Training Director Rich Rosen spoke his case as to why amending was necessary and good for the SW Region.

5.10.1. Current Policy wording

“10. As this is Championship Event, from the close of entry until the start of the event, no competitors may practice on the trial field except during scheduled practice times made available to all competitors. Selected Trial Helpers may not work any dogs entered in the event from close of entry until the event.”

Proposal Change
Delete Section 10 of the Policy

- Approved by Majority Vote

5.11. Motion to Amend the SW Region IPO Championship Policy section 9

This motion was called from the floor by Regional Treasurer Robert Johantgen in an attempt to support clubs within our region. Aztec furthered the discussion and proposed that the funds be paid to the clubs as ‘Seed Money’ vs paying the club after the event has come to a close

5.11.1. Current Policy wording – SW IPO Championship Policy

“9. The SW Region will support this event with a $500.00 donation. This money may be used by the Host Club as they see fit, i.e. stadium rental, Helper reimbursement, judges’ fees etc.”

Proposal Change
“9. The SW Region will support this event with a $1,000.00 donation. This money may be used by the Host Club as they see fit, i.e. stadium rental, Helper reimbursement, judges’ fees etc. These monies will be paid to the club as ‘seed money’ to assist with upfront costs. This will be for 2018 & 2019 Only and will need to be re-addressed at the 2019 Regional Meeting”

- Approved by Majority Vote

5.11.2. Current Policy wording – SW Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey

“8. If the Regional Conformation Show is held in a stadium or a venue approved by the Regional Executive Board, the SW region will support this event with a $500.00 donation. This money may be used by the Host Club as they see fit, i.e. stadium rental, helper reimbursement, judge’s fees etc. (Revised 2/2014 at the regional meeting).”
Proposed Change
“8. If the Regional Conformation Show is held in a stadium or a venue approved by the Regional Executive Board, the SW region will support this event with a $1000.00 donation. This money may be used by the Host Club as they see fit, i.e. stadium rental, helper reimbursement, judge’s fees etc. (Revised 2/2014 at the regional meeting) These monies will be paid to the club as ‘seed money’ to assist with upfront costs. This will be for 2018 & 2019 Only and will need to be re-addressed at the 2019 Regional Meeting”

• Approved by Majority Vote

5.12. Motion to amend the SW Regional Universal Sieger and Siegerin Program

5.12.1. Current Policy wording – Section 1, Part D
“The dog must receive at least an “SG” rating at the Southwestern Regional Conformation Show.

Proposed Change
“The dog must receive at least an “G” rating at the Southwestern Regional Conformation Show.”

• Approved by Majority Vote

5.12.2. Current Policy wording – Section 2, Part A
“a. Starting in 2017, registration of participating dogs is required 25 days before the first regional event.

Proposed Change
“Starting in 2018, all entries must be received by the Regional Breed Warden 30 days before the start date of the Southwest Regional Conformation show”

• Approved by Majority Vote

5.12.3. Motion to assess clubs in the region a ‘Event Entrée’ fee to support Regional IPO Championship. This fee would be levied on all clubs regardless if the club is sending a member to compete at the event. The fee amount would be equivalent to the Entry Fee.

• Discussion ensued and after debate the motion was withdrawn

5.12.4. Motion that proceeds from the SW Regional Training Seminars go to the club hosting the Regional IPO Championships

6. Meeting adjourned
2018 SW Regional Breed Warden Report

1. The first club show was hosted by West Coast Schutzhund Club last year was on January 14th through 15th, 2017. The Judge was Germany’s National Breed Warden, SV Judge and Koermeister, Lothar Quoll. This was quite a successful show with 80 entries, 20 breed surveys, and 6 AD’s. It was the first show that our region had since April of 2016 and as always, Ted Hartman put on a nice show with a judge that is well respected by our region.

2. The 2017 trophy for our region’s Highest Scoring Breed Surveyed Dog at the Regional IPO Championship’s was awarded to Teresa Cowart and her HOT dog, Chaos vom Haus Courtland for the second year in a row. Chaos was also awarded our 2016 SW Regional Universal Sieger Trophy.

3. The 2017 USCA Sieger Show was held in Macon, Georgia with 228 entries. We had no dogs shown from our region at this past Sieger Show and entries were down by about 100 dogs. I was told that is was an excellent Sieger Show but, the airfare for the dogs was way too expensive for many in our region so they did not show their dogs

4. Our 2018 USCA National Show and Breed Survey will be held in Ione, CA on April 12th through 15th hosted by Way Out West SchH Club. The Judge for the Males will be SV Judge Margit Van Dorssen and for the Females, SV Judge Rainer Mast. The Performance Judge will be our own USCA/SV Judge Nathaniel Rogue. Since this show will be in Northern California, I am expecting that our region will have many entries to support this National Show. Early registration entries are now being accepted with a $25.00 discount until March 10th. Also, if you enter 4 or more dogs at the same time, you will receive a $10.00 discount. The website for this National Show is now up for further details.

5. Our 2017 SW Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey was hosted by Scottsdale Schutzhund Club on December 1st through 3rd. The Judge was SV Judge and Koermeister Bernd Weber. There were 80 entries, 7 Breed Surveys, and 2 AD’s.

What a spectacular event this turned out to be!!! Starting with the Regional Handler Seminar put on by Rachelle Salerno and Jessica Vampola over 20 people in attendance for their very informative and hands on seminar at Pinkerton’s Ranch.

Saturday was the show at South Pointe High School where a very well organized show took place under the direction of Erin Easter, Angelica Clark, Tino Reinke, Luann Hawkins, and Dave Pinkerton among many others from the Scottsdale Schutzhund Club. Everything from the catalogs, the check in procedure, to the venue for the show, the field set up, it was done with the attitude expressed to me “we are doing this event as if it were a Sieger Show”. And, it definitely showed with all the hours of hard work they did to make this show a huge success.

I also want to thank everyone in our SW Region and all the others from Idaho, Colorado, Texas, Washington, and Mexicali, who traveled all the way to Arizona to support our SW Regional Show. It would not be possible for any club to host our yearly regional events without all of us supporting these events by either entering the event, sponsoring a trophy, coming out to work at the event, or even being a spectator. Again a huge Thank You to all!

Working Class Results for the 2017 SW Regional Conformation Show

Working Class Male Long Coat: V1 Lionel vom Messina owned by Steve Whitaker
Under the Performance title the mandatory minimum of 80 points in protection can be achieved under any level in SchH/IPO/VPG 1-3.

A breed survey can be done on a dog pending an AD and/or show rating of at least “good” required for a breed survey is done the next day at the same breed survey event. However, the final decision to allow a dog for the breed survey pending the next day lies with the officiating judge.

USCA recognized hip and elbow certifications can also be pending for a breed survey with the final decision again pending on the officiating judge.

Dogs over 3.5 years of age without a breed survey can be eligible for a breed show rating of “V” provided that they are entered in and pending successful completion of the breed survey the next day at the same conformation show at the same breed event. The “V” rating will be invalid is the dog does not pass the breed survey. Again this is pending the officiating judge’s decision.

There are also a few changes to the protection work you can read about and size limitations on the dogs have been suspended until 12/31/2020.

7. New requirements for those who send their dogs to Germany for training and titling for a breed survey have also been published in the current USCA magazine on page 39. The SV is developing a new character judgement examination referred to as ZAP for dogs born after July 1, 2017 and becomes official in May 2018. This assessment test is designed to rate the mental and physical breeding character of the GSD. The ZAP working part consists of three categories: nose work, obedience, and defense exercises, in which the focus is the rating of the dogs’ skills and interaction with the dog handler. Zuchtanlageprüfung. The SV is requesting our patience as the revisions are being worked out and the English version is not available yet. More details will be provided by the SV and posted to the WUSV website: www.WUSVorg.

8. In the attempt to unify WUSV member countries, the requirement for worldwide management of breeding, identification, and HD/ED examination procedure was proposed. This includes: The introduction of DNA verification at a worldwide level (by Go Cards) when the dog is admitted for breeding, and HD +ED examination at a worldwide level. The hope is that gradually through these measures an international WUSV stud book will be made to ensure that the dogs that take part in this program have been bred according to the highest standard while also guaranteeing their ancestry is accurate.

9. For all future conformation shows a new form was approved in December to enable our organization and it members more easily keep statistics on the all shows. It is the USCA Show/Breed Survey Summary Form which is similar to the trial forms is to be filled out by
the club show secretary and judge and turned in with the official show catalog that is sent into the USCA Office. It basically breaks down the number of entries in each class and for the breed survey. It is on the USCA website and I will also have Curt post it to our Regional Web site. (see attachment)

That concludes my report!

Thanks,

Roanna Banducci

SW Regional Breed Warden