

**NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2019
SPENCER, MA**

MINUTES

Don called the meeting to order. Don welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending

Call of Members:

- Berkshire Working Dog Club
- Central Mass Working Dog Club
- Cape Cod Schutzhund Club
- Empire Working Dog Club
- Inner City Working Dog Club
- Liberty Working Dog Club
- Maine Schutzhund Club
- Monadnock Working IPO Club
- Northeast K9
- Quinebaug Schutzhund Club
- Southern New Hampshire Working Dog Club
- Uber Schutzhund Association

2018 Minutes were approved by Scott Carlson of Inner City Working Dog Club and seconded Kandi Jacopino of Berkshire Working Dog Club.

There were no matters arising from the 2018 Minutes

Regional Director's Report – Don reiterated that there are region funds available. Don mentioned that he appreciated the clubs being represented as they are needed to get things done within the region as various items will be discussed and voted on later in the meeting.

Assistant Regional Director Report - no report

Training Director Report - no report

Breed Warden's Report – Ivana informed the meeting that John Donnelly and his dog won the 2018 New England Sieger.

This year 5 dogs have been declared for the 2019 New England Region Sieger 4 males and 1 female. There are two BHOT in this year's regional – Karen McIntyre with Jaecar vom Mack-Zwinger and Gary D'Hue with Kira du Chenil Victoire.

Quinebaug Schutzhund Club will be hosting the 2019 New England Regional Conformation Show and Breed Survey – trophy sponsorship is needed and would certainly be appreciated.

Treasury Report – a cash report was available and was approved by all members.

Election – all positions were not challenged. The Assistant Regional Director position is available as Vadim has decided not to return due to other commitments. His time and commitment was great appreciated.

Two names were put forward for the position of Assistant Regional Director –

- Kandi Jacopino – motion put forward by Liberty Working Dog Club and seconded by Northeast K{
- Scott Carlson – motion put forward by Quinebaug Schutzhund Club and seconded by Maine Schutzhund Club

A voted was taken – 7/6 to Scott.

Any Other Business –

- Approval of the separation of the NE Region policies and the IGP/IGH Championship –
 - Maine Schutzhund Club proposed the approval and Inner City Working Dog Club seconded the motion. All approved
- Auslander – It was approved that competitors from outside the region can only be awarded the Auslander Trophy.
- Bibs – it was approved that the Region may spend up to \$1,500 on new bibs. It was agreed that the Region would also purchase numbers to be used as well. The hosting club may make the decision to use either the bibs or the numbers for the competition. Should the host club wish to use the bibs, the numbers will be given to each competitor as a keepsake. Maggie will get quotes of bibs and forward to the clubs for approval. Hoyt has offered to do the numbers and Andi Thurber offered to embroider the bibs.
- Regional Events –
 - IGP Championship – Quinebaug Schutzhund Club
 - Conformation Show – 2020 – Inner City Working Dog Club
 - Helpers Seminar - 2020 – Uber Schutzhund Association

- Training Weekend 2020 – Inner City Working Dog Club/Cape Cod Schuzhund Club
- Regional Championships being held on club fields – A motion was put forward for regional IGP championships to be held on neutral fields. After much discussion where it was stated that the difficulty in finding fields/stadiums available for clubs host the Regionals where all requirements would be met was getting harder. The current policy is as follows: *The Championship need not be held in a stadium, although a neutral venue other than the hosting club's training field is preferred.* A motion to vote on the decision was put forward.
 - Neutral field – 3 in favor and 9 against

It was agreed that six months before the event, the Board will be advised of the choice of fields and that it will be decided by the Board.

- Central Mass asked if it was possible for the Region to increase the amount of money to the hosting club as hosting the event is very expensive. Don advised that the hosting clubs did receive \$500 from the Region and \$1,000 from USCA. He also advised that the Region portion had recently been increased from \$250 to \$500 and that the Region could not afford any more at this time. Don also mentioned that hosting these events was to have a break-even situation and not for profit.

A motion was put forward by Inner City Working Dog Club to end the meeting at 4:28pm and seconded by Monadnock Working IPO Club.

The meeting then ended at pm.