

**NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2020
POMFRET CENTER, CT**

MINUTES

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

Call of Members:

- Berkshire Working Dog Club
- Inner City Working Dog Club
- Liberty Working Dog Club
- Maine Schutzhund Club
- Monadnock Working Dog IPO Club
- Quinebaug Schutzhund Club
- Southern New Hampshire Working Dog Club

2019 Minutes were approved.

There were no matters arising from the 2019 Minutes

Regional Director's Report – Don informed the members that Ivana and Maggie had made bibs for the Region but due to covid were not able to complete due to not being able to locate some materials required. We are to proceed with the bibs.

Don reported on the judgement where the VDH must allow SV judges to judge in WUSV members trials, nationally and internationally. It was also reported that the acceptance of pedigrees of the WUSV Stud Book.

Don informed the meeting that the 2020 Nationals had been cancelled and that the EB had 3 options with regards to the Annual General Meeting. The USCA Bye-laws state that there must be an Annual Meeting but due to the covid pandemic that might prove to be difficult. Vadim advised the there should be a decision within the next few weeks.

Don advised that due to covid some of the regional events had to be cancelled such as the Training Weekend and that the 2020 New England Region Conformation Show will be hosted by Monadnock Working Dog IPO Club. Don asked all to assist Monadnock by showing support in helping, competing and sponsoring trophies.

Assistant Regional Director Report – Scott advised that he did not have a report but on a personal note wanted to thank everyone from the bottom of his heart for their support during his daughter’s illness earlier in the year.

Training Director Report - no report

Breed Warden’s Report – Ivana informed the meeting that Karen MacIntyre with Jaecar won the 2019 Universal Sieger with an amazing performance. Ivana congratulated Karen on an amazing breeding.

Names put forward for 2020 Universal Sieger are:

- Karen MacIntyre and Jaecar vom Mack-Zwinger
- Daniela Bedenice and Apollo von Perlen-haus
- Gary D’Hue and Koopa Starkes Herz
- Ashley Foersch and Basha von Fallamhain

Ivana asked that Maggie email all clubs with information regarding the 2020 New England Region Conformation show.

Treasury Report – A cash report for the year September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 was presented and was approved by all members. Maggie did report that the Region had received a check that week from USCA in the amount of \$800.00.

Any Other Business –

Don advised that 4 different groups were interested in having affiliation trials to become full members of USCA and the New England Region.

- Regional Events –
 - 2021 IGP Championship – Quinebaug Schutzhund Club/Inner City Working Dog Club
 - Conformation Show – 2020 – Inner City Working Dog Club club
 - Helpers Seminar - 2020 – Liberty Working Dog
 - Training Weekend 2020 – Inner City Working Dog Club
- Don congratulated Scott Carlson on becoming an USCA Teaching Helper.
- Judging the 2020 NE Region IFH/IGP Championship – Don discussed that due to covid Nathaniel Roque was not able to judge and that Vadim accepted to judge tracking. Don

mentioned that New England is very fortunate to have 4 USCA judges and that Frank has been invited to judge the World Championship in Finland next year.

- Training Weekend – Don advised that this was a great opportunity for young helpers to get experience to work dogs and also to work with more experienced helpers and suggested that more should be invited.
- Track Layers Program – it was asked if in order to lay tracks at different levels of competition did one have to be certified by the USCA Track Layers Program. Don advised the is was not mandatory at this time. Vadim suggested that the online program was a great start for information. It was suggested that we should start a track layers program as part of our regional events.
- Don mentioned that some clubs has concerns that some judges were overcharging. Don suggested that if anyone had any concerns to please contact him and that you should always ask in advance what their charges would be.

With no further business to discuss it was agreed by QSC and 2nd by ICWDC that the meeting end at 3:38pm, all agreed.

The meeting then ended.