

Minutes:

- I. Meeting called to order at 3:00p.m. by Cherie Flores
- II. Quorum was present. All clubs were represented. All officers were present!
- III. Motion to approve June 2023 minutes by Cheryl Custer. Lynn seconds. Motion passes.
- IV. Board member reports:
 - a. Regional Director gives update on biannual accomplishments in region.
 - b. There were board reports submitted ahead of time and included with the agenda for several other officers. Those were not read into the record but were previously distributed, so will be added at the end of these minutes for edification only. They are not actually a part of the meetings discussions.
- V. Club updates were given:
 - a. Aloha – Trial Veterans Day with Doug Deacon
 - b. Alameda – none
 - c. Bay Area – possibly sharing with Chee; Show – need entries (Deana asked for a list of show handlers – Rossi responded and mentioned a few and will try to get a list. Cherie commented that the owner can handle their own dog. Handling your own dog will get you better to handle and possible handle others
 - d. Gold Country – trial this year. Getting ready for 2 trials this year
 - e. Menlo – 1 trial in April – all passed Several non club supported
 - f. Outlaw – couple club this year – conformation and breed survey will use Heidi so they don't have to start over Another tracking seminar/classification – regional track laying group – her seminar will specify exactly what has to be done and what kind of corners, etc. Next trial will be with Nathaniel and seminar with Nathaniel
 - g. Pacific Coast – small hobby club trial in November poss sharing with Bay Area
 - h. Placer – trial in April and regionals – next year no plans as of right now and dogstock
 - i. San Jose – seminar K9 strength end of September, Oct 13 14 15 Dirk Edler Ob/prot goal Bernard Prim this year or early next year for a trial after regionals and nationals, we are just on the back burner Cherie pumped the seminar for dogs health
 - j. South County June helper classification – trial December
 - k. Utah – very active 1 trial this year try to plan another in October and show will be next year will have helper from Germany offering a little workshop – invited all to attend
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Previous years minutes were lost due to computer crash; Notes are available.
 - i. Regional bylaws that were tabled from 2021 meeting had been voted on; due to lack of minutes, vote is retaken at this meeting:
 1. MOTION by Cheryl; Seconded by Kay: Add to subsection 3 Regional Director (RD) the following:
 - a. The Regional Director shall not also hold office on the USCA Executive Board.
 - b. Approved with no opposition
 2. MOTION by Lynn; Seconded by Kay: Add to subsection 4 Assistant Regional Director the following:

- a. Prohibiting the Assistant Regional Director from holding an Executive Board Office.
 - b. Approved with no opposition
- ii. Motion to ratify the actions from last year: Lynn moves Kay seconds (after logo committee discussion below); voted unanimously
 - a. NW region training weekend to be held by GCWDC
 - b. Show and Regionals; proposals made but no firm commitments
 - c. Logo changed and

b. Logo Committee

- i. Discussion had regarding the processes of the logo committee. This has been an ongoing project discussed at prior meetings at which all clubs had the opportunity to attend and give input. Clubs need to keep themselves aware of what happens at meetings.
- ii. Terry moved to expand the logo committee; Kay seconded it; Lynn has the names (Deana and Sara Walters).
- iii. The current/old logo can stay for social media. The logo committee is directed to focus on coming up with something that can go to print for shirts, etc...
- iv. Motion by Terry seconded by Rossi to create a shirt in the interim with the usca logo on the front and the names of all the clubs on the back. Motion approved. Motion carried with Ron opposing.

VII. New Business

- a. Motion to change the guidelines as follows: Require that the regionals be held earlier in the year (Jan-Mar) to take advantage of typically more favorable weather in California. Motion made by Charity; Seconded by Colleen:
 - i. Discussion had. Motion amended include both Q1&Q2. Motion tabled per Charity's request (she had originally submitted the request) until after Deana's motion is heard.
- b. Motion to change the guidelines as follows: Move Northwester Regionals to a more central site that is located in an area of more favorable weather (e.g. the grounds where 2022 Nationals was held) rather than club fields.
 - i. Discussion had. Motion pulled by Deana (who had originally submitted the motion).
- c. Revisit the Motion outlined in a. Charity makes the Motion to Require that the regionals be held earlier in the year, either Q1 or Q2. No second is made. Motion dies for lack of a second.
- d. Change the NW Region guidelines to redefine quorum as 35% of full member clubs. Our current Regional Guidelines state that a quorum is 20% of full member clubs. Discussion ensues. Cheryl motions to amend proposal to more than 50%. Diane seconds. More discussion ensues. Motion carries unanimously.
- e. Kay is requesting to ensure that each club sends the \$25 donation previously voted on. Kay informs us of the history of this and how important it is to ensure that we have money to fund the Regional events. Please ensure that we pay.

- f. Motion to amend the amount of \$\$ that the Region will use to support a club is pulled due to additional circumstances that came up.
 - g. Events:
 - i. IGP Champion; Utah is willing; Cheryl makes motion, Theresa Cowart seconds for Utah to hold 2024 IGP championship. Unanimous approval.
 - ii. Show: San Jose is willing; Cheryl makes motion for San Jose; Jen (I think) seconds; Unanimous approval.
- VIII. Elections:
- a. Regional Director: Cherie Flores and Deana Delvechio both ran for Regional Director; Each candidate spoke; Cherie Flores prevails in the vote.
 - b. Assistant Regional Director: Deana was nominated but declined. Charity withdrew her intention to run. Diane Vegsund was nominated and ran unopposed.
 - c. Secretary: Cheryl withdrew her intention to run. Seet Thang was nominated and ran unopposed.
 - d. Treasurer: Kay ran unopposed.
 - e. Training Director: Keith Bendixen was nominated. Chris Campbell was nominated in absentia (he was at work). Keith spoke. Keith Bendixen prevails in the vote.

