

Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee Minutes for 6th August 2023

Commenced 7:30pm

1. **Roll:** Arend van den Bos (AvdB) (Chair), Lyn Clearwater (LC), Amerillis Farmer (AF), Shiree Brockie (SB), Fiona Hodgson (FH), Clare Groom (CG), Karen Magorian (KM)
2. **Apologies:** Nil
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of the meeting recorded as accepted **Moved:** Lyn **Seconded:** Shiree
4. **Matters Arising from previous Minutes:**
 - o AF has discussed the need for the Scent Title/ Award Certificates to contain the Level of the Class they are being awarded – Novice/Advanced etc.
 - o Confirmation that NDTA will be holding a Novice SW Trial as per E/C Decision – and will be compliant with regulations for running a Qualifying Trial i.e. No Spectators etc
5. **Report from EC meetings:** – Confirmation that those members nominated/selected for the new SW Committee were approved by E/C.
 - **AP - AvdB** - will contact new member to confirm acceptance to the committee
6. **Email votes:** – Nil There were no urgent Scent Work matters that required a vote.
7. **Regulations:**

SB – **11.14.1.8 – Excellent Vehicle – Scent Receptacle Placement** – Scent Receptacles may only be placed on the vehicle frame (bumper, seams, & number plate), wheel (hubcaps/spokes), or in the wheel wells of the vehicles. NEVER in the interior of a vehicle, or on its roof or bonnet. Neither should it be placed greater than 5cm under a vehicle or higher than **90cm** above ground level. Discussion held - agreed the height should read **120cm**

 - **AP - AvdB** - will make amendment in Regulation
8. **General Business:**
 - a) Qualifying Scent Work Trials approvals – Nil Received
 - b) Judges Appointments/Promotions:

Adele Williams- All Novice Panels – Endorsed by Committee

 - **AP - AvdB** – Will email E/C for approval/endorsement request prior to September E/C Meeting
 - c) Scent Work Judge's Application – Chris Richardson – Application to become SW Judge – Required Assessments and Timings in progress – Endorsed by Committee
9. **Other Matters:**
 - o LC – **Muzzles:** - What can be done if a Judge feels threatened – Lunging etc. Fiona stated that Show Regulation 19.13 applies. Any incidents need to be documented and reported to DNZ via Colleen.
 - o AF – Handler different to Owner – Advanced Level – not been handled by this person before, dog would not work in search. Next search Owner stood as Spectator – made no interaction with dog/handler. Discussion held – Committee agreed this was ok, as long as Spectator requirements were completely adhered to.
 - o AF – Spectators – if search area does not permit/allow for Spectators to be outside the search area – then **no** Spectators allowed.
 - o AF – Regulation 8.2 – Who is responsible for checking the prerequisite for entry is being met – very onerous on the Club Secretary – Club not responsible – owner/handler entirely responsible. Regulation 8.4 – for detail /info.
 - **AP - FH** rewrite to clarify
 - o AF – Regulation 10.2 – Informal Entries
 - 1) Regarding people entering in a Class they have previously qualified in. Committee feel this is OK, providing it doesn't prejudice formal entries. It is already noted that they don't get a qualification certification on these entries. This can & should continue while there are still limited trials however it may be phased out as more Trials are run/available. It is important to keep the interest and "competing" opportunities for those that have qualified out, and where the more "senior" classes have not yet been offered at all Trials. Lyn mentioned that they hold "Training rounds" as part of the trial – helps facilitate this.
 - 2) Discussion also regarding Non DNZ members – this was previously agreed to by E/C that a new competing team could enter up to **2X** Trials before needing to apply for DNZ membership etc. The current Regulations appear to have omitted to include this decision
 - **AP – AvdB** – will include Regulation that covers the above – non DNZ members.
 - o FH – Website not updated – Requested that the Committee details.
 - o AvdB – 2025 Elections for SW Committee will be held – 2 year appointments- only ½ the Committee members will be elected at any one time, to ensure that the other ½ remain for continuity – next year the remaining Committee members then get elected on a rotational basis.
 - o KM – North Shore & Hibiscus Coast are trying a new online entry system designed by Chris Richardson. Simple entry process for competitors and it will cut down several hours of Admin time/activity as well. Work in Progress

10. Next meeting:

*Sunday **3rd September 2023** (7.30 PM via Zoom)*

Finished 9.10 PM