

Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee Minutes for 11 September 2022

Commenced 7:31pm

1. **Roll:** Arend van den Bos (Chair), Shiree Brockie, Karen Magorian, Lyn Clearwater, Jo Searle.
2. **Apologies:** Nil
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** Minutes of the previous meeting (7 August 2022) were recorded as being received and accepted. **Moved: Lyn** **Seconded: Jo**

4. **Matters Arising from previous Minutes:**

- o Permanent Numbers. Lyn suggested we examine the Agility system for allocating permanent numbers. Committee agreed that input from Fiona Hodgson could also be helpful with this.
- o Rationalizing of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations – It was unclear if Jill Brooker had completed a review by Debbie Wilson. It was suggested therefore that the Committee review the work and provide feedback.
A.P. Lyn to send to out rationalised Regulations to the Committee of the work Debbie has completed so far.

5. **Report from EC meetings**

Arend advised committee that Jill Brooker had been assigned a different E/C portfolio and would no longer be in attendance. EC replacement representative will be Fiona Hodgson

Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee were also advised that that following a decision by EC to place Sonya Needs (Australian liaison) outside the committee, a vacancy permitted Amerillis Farmer to be appointed

6. **Email votes**

There were no urgent Scent Work matters that required a vote.

General Business

a) **Qualifying Scent Work Trials.**

Southern Scent Work Club 21/22 January 2023. Endorsed.

Canterbury Kennel Association 11/12 March 2023 / Dates conflict with South Canterbury Obedience show – Arend to check with CKA this date can be changed. Endorsed subject to date change.

Gisborne Dog Training Club 14/15 July 2023. Endorsed.

Canterbury Kennel Association 19/20 August 2023. Endorsed.

North Shore Dog Training Club 6 November. Endorsed.

b) **Judges Promotion Endorsements.**

- o Matilda van Rijnberg. First Appointment - Novice Containers. Endorsed.
- o Amerillis Farmer. Advanced Vehicle (pending examination pass). Endorsed.

Lyn sought clarification regarding information that has been said to a Probationary Judge, that they could not do Time Stewarding and compete at the same Scent Work Trial.

Following general discussion, it was agreed to a recently adopted protocol for such situations would better address any repeats of this from occurring.

A.P. Arend will send the recently adopted protocols regards probationary appointments to the appropriate parties.

A.P. Arend to urgently confirm that EC had endorsed Yvette Coutts & Karen Magorian onto Advanced Vehicle Panel following their meeting scheduled for 17th/18th September.

c) **Scent Work Regulations.**

No amendments or additions to the current Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations were presented.

d) **Dog Training Committee Discussion Paper.**

Arend confirmed Dog NZ EC has confirmed it supports the current structure /positioning of the Scent Work as a standalone code.

e) **DNZ Scent Work Facebook Page.**

Karen advised that she had spoken with Maree Boreham regarding Admin for the DNZ Scent Work Facebook page/group. She is happy for Lyn to be Co-Admin.

A.P. Lyn to message Maree to set this up.

f) **International/External Training Forums**

Lyn queried if the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee could endorse training programmes provided by Individual Trainers

Arend pointed out that it had always been accepted that Individuals or Organisations other than Australian /Fenzi could apply to the SW Committee for Endorsement as Approved External SW Trainers.

A request was therefore made to allow the 3-day Scent Work Seminar hosted by Natalie Duberow (Certified Chief Search Designer for USCSS) to be endorsed as an accepted External Training pre-requisite (for Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges promotions onto the Advanced Panel). This was unanimously accepted by the committee.

Lyn also advised that the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee that she has been invited to Judge while in America, under USCSS but not AKC, pending the passing of appropriate examination.

A.P. As a courtesy, Lyn is to write to Steven Thompson (DNZ) advising of her venture.

g) **Excellent Searches – Sub Trials**

Shiree raised a concern regarding Sub Trials at Excellent Level – As the trials progress the level of complexity increases, it also becomes harder to find places to secure a 2nd set of Hides in Search settings. A majority of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee agreed with this thought and it was agreed that the topic be tabled and discussed further at the 2023 Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Meeting.

h) Karen queried dates for the Judges Meeting – Confirmed as 18/19th March 2023 in Christchurch

7. Next meeting:

Wednesday 5th October 2022 – 7.30 pm

Finished 8.28pm