



Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee Minutes for 3rd November 2024

Commenced 7:32 pm

1. **Roll:** Arend Van den Bos (AvdB) - Chairperson, Lyn Clearwater (LC), Jo Searle (JS), Judy Wilson (JW), Rachel Rait (RR), Joanna Upton (JU)
2. **Apologies:** Karen Magorian (KM), Fiona Hodgson (FH),
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Recorded as accepted. **Moved: LC; Seconded: JS**
4. **Matters Arising from previous Minutes:**

Outcome from Chris R for judging. Approved for Advanced Vehicle that was qualified for. Others to be completed.

5. **Report from EC meetings:**

None - Fiona not in attendance.

EC matters:

Finances query – Ian Clearwater

AvdB looked into it. Seems that levies maybe going into the wrong dog sport discipline. Requires the scent work levy form to be filled in. Issue is that the account number is the same as the obedience one. The accounts department checks the levy form and should divert the money based on the levy forms. Likely that things got mixed up with the obedience. AvdB has asked for separate bank account but this hasn't occurred. He will ask again. There is a change in dogs nz people in new year so there may be a delay.

6. **Email votes – Nil**

7. **Regulations**

Alternative Handlers

“What are the rules regarding alternative handlers for trials. Where people have more than one dog trialling in the same class and in the absence of subtrials it is becoming more common for people to get someone else to run their dog in a search”

Yes - to be same as other codes. Agreed by all. **ENDORSED ALL**

- Must not have handled a dog in that class
- Must be DogsNZ member
- Must have name recorded and notify show manager prior to the commencement of the class
- Check if any other requirements to make it consistent with other DogsNZ codes.

8. General Business

a) Qualifying Scent Work Trials approvals:
Selwyn Dog Training Club 17-18th May: **Endorsed ALL**

b) Appointments/promotions

Barbara Nolan-Wickstead - Advanced Exterior. - **Endorsed**

Jill O'Brien - Novice Container. - **Endorsed**

Jill O'Brien - Novice Interior. - **Endorsed**

Jill O'Brien - Novice Exterior - **Endorsed**

Evelyn Williams- Novice Interior - **Endorsed**

Applications for judges panel:

Applications to Scent work panel to go to Scent work committee by the
1st of March, May, June, August, Sep and Dec.

This allows for the inclusion at EC. EC requires a Scent work report one month ahead of the EC meeting.

Judges List

Check judges list that all people are on dogsNZ page.

Jo Miller needs to be updated.

c) **Judges List**

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Jo Miller – Excellent panels- needs to be updated.

d) **Search timing/search area size**

Information came in from Lynnette. Areas are much greater than overseas and times shorter.

Need to look at this at Judges conference in March 2025. Look at the sizes overseas. More realistic. AvdB will write something up to email out to all judges to discuss at the March Judges Conference.

e) Location for Judges Conference – JS

JS - To look at some areas. If we require to hire a venue we will go to DogsNZ.

People 30-40. JS has a few places. DogsNZ may have a place.

Future Judges Conference:

Is it possible to alternate the islands (NI and SI) alternate years to support the travel of all judges.
(LC) - **Motion - Endorsed ALL**

f) **Round table - General business:**

JW – Query about the size and time out. Hard to find venues with correct sizes. AvdB to email all judges to let them know that it will be on the agenda at conference.

JU – none

FH – N/A

LC – what is next steps? Are we open to adding in different awards. Eg. SW2 – novice at all classes for the weekend. To investigate other ways to get awards or adding another layer. To prepare a paper. Discussion after paper presented to committee.

KM – N/A

RR – none

JS – Novice qualifying cert numbers changed for containers only. Query about increasing the number of qualifying certificated in other novice classes. I.E. ALL novice change to 6 certificate requirements. This allows them to get more experience. LC – could there be the option to gain more certificates

before going up. Minimum of 6 and a maximum of XXX? Same for Advanced? To allow handlers not being pushed to move up. Should we change for all classes?

JS – look at min and max for other classes.

Motion - to require 6 certificates to gain all novice and advanced classes. Wording to be written up by AvdB.

AvdB - none

Meeting Closed: 8:36 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday 4th Dec 2024 (7.30 PM via Zoom)