



Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee Minutes for 9th October 2024

Commenced 7:32 pm

1. **Roll:** Arend Van den Bos (AvdB) - Chairperson, Karen Magorian (KM), Lyn Clearwater (LC), Jo Searle (JS), Judy Wilson (JW), Rachel Rait (RR), Fiona Hodgson (FH), Joanna Upton (JU)

2. **Apologies:** Nil

3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Recorded as accepted.

Moved: KM; **Seconded:** JS

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

None

5. **Report from EC meetings:**

List of judges with the exception of Chris R, were approved. Should get an email from EC from Steven.

For Chris R the additional evidence on vehicle is OK. The exemption for the others needs further review. Stephen finishes in November and Colleen finishes in Nov/Dec. There will be a lot of change in the office. Suzy will continue to be there. There will be new staff being trained up. Please be patience.

February timeline for the scent work database. It's on the IT list to do. Fiona will chase it up to ensure that it is followed up.

Important to keep the judges up to date on the scent work page. They are redoing the entire website including the calendar. Maybe have a calendar that can be sorted for each discipline.

A lot for governance and role discussion and review over the next year. Stephen's role will be a one year contract with the potential to extend. This will allow for the updates and changes for the governance model.

6. **Email votes: Endorsed**

Adele Williams (Advanced Interior; Advanced Exterior; Advanced Vehicle)

Barbara Nolan-Wickstead (Advanced Container; Advanced Vehicle)

Jane Morgan (Advanced Interior; Advanced Exterior)

Debra Wilson (Advanced Container)

Trudy Hutchison (Novice Container; Novice interior; Novice Exterior; Novice Vehicle)

Kim Burford (Novice Container; Novice Interior; Novice Exterior; Novice Vehicle)

Alyssa O'Brien (Novice Container)

Susie Londer (Novice Container)

Still under discussion:

Chris Richardson (Advanced Container; Advanced Interior; Advanced Exterior; Advanced Vehicle)

7. **Regulations:**

Went through all the regulations in the associated attached documents.

Endorsement:

Handlers (3.2.1); added a few extra words. **All endorsed.**

Participant's Numbers (3.4); **All endorsed.**

Handler's Running Multiple Dogs (3.6) **All endorsed.**

Criteria (5.6.3.1); added in "ten dogs per probationary" **All endorsed. Check other similar regs to be consistent.**

First Appointment and Promotion Criteria Exemptions (5.6.6); **All endorsed.**

Consistent Hide Location (9.1); **All endorsed.**

Participant's Using Timers (9.6.1); **All endorsed.**

Participant Indication (9.7.3); Changed to use "handlers" **All endorsed.**

Added 9.7.3.1 **All endorsed.**

Target Odour Receptacles (9.8.6); **All endorsed.**

Target Odour Receptacle Placement (9.9.7); **All endorsed.**

(9.9.8); "For the duration of the trial." Stays. **All endorsed.**

Reattachment Of Lead During Offline Search (9.10.4); **All endorsed.**

Entry Limitation (10.3); **All endorsed.**

Collar Or Harness (10.6.1); **All endorsed.**

Contamination Of The Search Area (10.8.1& 10.8.2); **All endorsed.**

Cleaning Contamination In The Search Area (10.9); **All endorsed.**

Interior (11.5.2); **All endorsed.**

Preparation Table (11.1.1.2). (attachment 4) – discussion around this as a penalty if not in closed container at the preparation table. This is different than 10.8.1. **Add Penalty for open containers. Bait bags and pockets are acceptable on a handler.**

Glossary. (attachment 3) **All endorsed.**

Discussion:

Handlers (3.2.2); Remove it **All endorsed.**

Display Of Results (7.9); Discussed. Due to updates for recording system, there may be changes in the future. **Look at next year**

Timing (9.6);

Timing stops when handlers says FINISH or ALERT. Or when Judge agrees. Make sure timers know where hides are. Further discussion is needed. Difficult to explain in words. **Leave to next meeting to discuss**

After this meeting a check of the past changes and these ones will be checked to ensure that there are no conflicts or impacts.

8. General Business:

a) Qualifying Scent Work Trials. - Nil received.

Permanent Trial dates – changed from 2024 to 2025. Do we need these endorsed for 2025.

Agreed if no conflict.

b) Appointments/Promotions –
Jamie Savage (attachment 5).

Mentors are at Novice level. Need to feedback about the requirements to be met. **All endorsed.**

c) Scent work progression from Masters

See the scent work Progression Awards & titles document

Discussion paper to get the ball rolling (KM). Where to from here? The numbers were an example to start the discussion based on agility.

Do we want to start with classes we have or have new classes? (LC)

FH – suggest send out to the scent work members for consultation

Add in discussion on new classes. LC has examples from US such as:

- Detective: 0-5 hides and 2 area and 2 types (exterior and interior, or vehicle and exterior etc).
- Elite: 0-10 hides over two areas and types (exterior and interior, or vehicle and exterior etc).

ACTION: KM to write up as a discussion document and Arend to send out using database.

d) General business:

JW – none

JU – nothing

FH – none

LC – none

KM – none

RR – none

JS – none

AvdB - none

Meeting Closed: 9.10 PM

Next meeting: 3rd November 2024 (7.30 PM via Zoom)