



Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee Minutes for 6th December 2023

Commenced 7:35pm

1. **Roll:** Arend van den Bos (AvdB) (Chair), Karen Magorian (KM), Lyn Clearwater (LC), Joanna Upton (JU), Fiona Hodgson (FH), Clare Groom (CG), Amerillis Farmer (AF), Jo Searle (JS)
2. **Apologies:** Nil
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Recorded as accepted – following amended comment under JS Other Matters
Moved: Jo S **Seconded:** Amerillis
4. **Matters Arising from previous Minutes:**
 - FH – noted that minutes from September & October are not on the website – KM apologised, AvdB had asked that they be sent to DNZ by KM after minutes are approved by the committee. KM needs to check corrected minutes before sending.

AP – KM will send September/October/November minutes to DNZ for publication

 - FH - suggested the Guidelines for running a SW Trial should have the DNZ SW logo displayed.

AP – AF will send word version for Karen to include logo & send on to AvdB /Sue C to place on DNZ SW page
5. **Report from EC meetings: Fiona**
 - Regulations - use of “Finish” now fixed in all regs pertaining to the amended use of this requirement for classes only containing an unknown number of hides. Hand signal kept where applicable in the regulations.
 - DNZ Sub Committees will be provided a generic email address with an alias provided to whoever needs access
 - DNZ will provide document storage facility for all committees – possibly Google Drive (yet to be confirmed) Access will be restricted to those persons on that particular committee only.
6. **Email votes: – Nil**
7. **Regulations: - Nil**
8. **General Business:**
 - a) Dogs New Zealand Scent Work Committee Elections:

AvdB document sent to EC tabled by FH

Robust discussion regarding the background of the DNZ decision to open the selection of the Committee to the Election process. There were concerns raised regarding the premature nature (a year too soon – until full SW Class Regulations have been in placed & trialled) and on regarding the intent and what processes are required for the election process to be fair and representative of the interests of the DNZ Scent Work community.

The committee format /election of 3 members (1/2) would be up for election 2024, to commence July 1st 2024. Tenure would be 2 years, alternating between members.

 1. What should the committee look like?

1 X Chairperson to be elected separately & 6 Committee member = Total of 7 members

Committee options considered were:

 - i. 6 Elected representatives from 3 geographical regions – 2 from each region to be elected
 - ii. 6 Elected representatives – 3 from North Island & 3 from South Island
 - iii. 6 Elected representatives – 2 from North Island – 2 from South Island & 2 from any location

Committee voted on the above options: **Option ii.** 4 votes preferred to 3 votes for **Option iii.**

If not enough people are nominated/voted in the option will be to open up interest for a further month and if still no interest then the committee will have the ability to co-opt members.
 2. Method of Election

Elect three committee members (most recent Committee selections) 2024

The Chairperson and three retained committee members shall be eligible for re-election in June 2025.
 3. Voting

Only those persons who are “Active in the Sport” shall be eligible to vote

Active participation defined as: those who have been actively involved in DNZ SW in the last 3 years either as participant or Judge.

AP – FH will draft the Regulations relating to introduction of the Election of the SW Committee & send to committee for review

b) Qualifying Scent Work Trials approvals:

Southland Kennel Association – Invercargill 30th/31st March 2024 – Endorsed

c) Judges Appointments/Promotions:

Jo Miller – Advanced Interior / Advanced Exterior – Endorsed

Rachel Rait (pending examination) – Advanced Interior – Endorsed

Chris Richardson – Novice Container / Novice Interior / Novice Exterior / Novice Vehicle - Endorsed

Joanna Upton (pending examination) – Advanced Exterior / Advanced Vehicle - Endorsed

Matilda van Rijnberk – Advanced Container – Endorsed

AP – AvdB will send completed & Endorsed Judge appointments/promotions to FH for request of EC email voting before Xmas if possible as next meeting is not until Feb 2024.

d) Scent Work Judge's Application:– Nil Applications

e) Scent Work Instructors Application:

Barbara Nolan-Wickstead - Endorsed

9. Other Matters:

AF – No matters

CG – No matters

FH – Queried if Jan 7th SW Committee meeting was necessary. Committee agreed to defer matters until 4th February meeting and if necessary anything urgent can be discussed via email.

JS – No matters

LC – No matters

JU – Jo raised concern regarding the Oakwood Enzyme cleaner used at show in Dunedin appeared to have a strong citrus fragrance, which is not noted in the Godfreys product that has been used elsewhere. Committee agreed that the Oakwood product should be removed from recommended list and mention to be made on website that any cleaner should be “fragrance free”

AP – AvdB will ask for website to be updated to reflect this.

KM - Joanna now listed on SW Committee but details (Location & phone number remain as Shiree Brockie)

AP – AvdB will ask for website to be updated with JU correct details.

KM – Query as to why a Novice Judge was expected to Judge over 100 dogs in a day. Judge was not made aware of this until day of show and told they just had more entries than expected. Committee agreed this was unacceptable. Clubs to be reminded of 80 limit regulation – if exceeded club needs to get another Judge.

AP – LC will post statement from the committee to DNZ FB group

KM – Sought confirmation as to meaning under Regulation 3.2.1 – Handlers assisting those who are unable to hold the lead. Can be a participant if not running a dog in that class or can be a non-participant person – not registered in the show or with DNZ.

10. Next meeting:

Sunday 4th February (7.30 PM via Zoom)

Finished 9.10 PM