

Commenced 7:32pm

1. **Roll:** Arend van den Bos (Chair), Karen Magorian, Lyn Clearwater, Shiree Brockie , Jo Searle, Amerillis Farmer, Sonja Needs, Jo Searle, Fiona Hodgson
2. **Welcome to new Committee members:** N/A
3. **Apologies:** Clare Groom
4. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Amended Minutes of the previous meeting (8th November 2022) were recorded as being received and accepted. **Moved:** Lyn **Seconded:** Shiree
5. **Matters Arising from previous Minutes:**
 - Rationalizing of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations Lyn has spoken to Debbie who will start working on the Regulations to identify “double ups”
 - Permanent Numbers : Fiona has spoken to Chris, feedback as follows:
We can create Permanent #'s that should be unique to SW, as the Agility #'s relate to a dogs size class and cannot be created until a dog has been officially measured.
SW could also create our own interactive Registry /Website – one that interfaces with the Dogs NZ Registry system. We can then provide permanent numbers and much more:-
 - Permanent #'s (checks that Owner & Dog are registered and Financial, Classes dog is eligible for)
 - Clubs can directly upload results
 - System could generate confirmation emails to Competitors regarding their dogs Class qualification status etc: Awards and Title Certificates would still be created by DNZ Office at the request of the Owner/HandlerFiona shared a demonstration of the info provided from the DNZ Agility Website and the functions available. Potentially Chris may be able to do this for us, but needs to know what level of Functionality we desire/complexity etc. Functionality would be based on the IT programming & rules that apply under the SW Regulations etc.
A.P. Committee members will provide via email feedback to Fiona to collate responses our Vision/Concept of what we would like a DNZ SW Registry/Website to provide.
 - SW Webpage (DNZ Website): Updates have been actioned by Arend
Fiona queried why the SW Judges were not in the main body of the DNZ Website under the Judges Tab. She found it difficult to locate the listing for the SW Judges and thought that we/they should be listed with Agility/Obedience/Rally-O Judges on the main page. That way all the codes a Judge can undertake would be listed under their name. SW committee agreed this would be a logical step
 - Dogs NZ Membership:
Fiona confirmed that E/C support that Non Dogs NZ members can enter Novice classes on **Two** separate occasions, before they (and their dog) need to become DNZ Registered Members. Such entries shall be deemed as Non qualifying entries.
 - Regulation 10.6.2.3:
Amerillis and Fiona request that all SW Judges be informed of the intent that dogs may be attached to either a harness or collar during a SW search. The regulation will be not be updated in the SW Regulations until 1st June 2023. SW Judges to follow this change immediately.
A.P. Arend to email all SW Judges re updated Judging criteria
 - **Report from EC meetings**
All regulations presented to the November EC meeting were passed. Appointments/Promotions for Matilda van Rijnberg and Amerillis Farmer were endorsed.
Fiona noted DNZ upload to website early however these revised SW Regulations do not take effect until 1st January 2023.
A.P. Arend to also include in the email to all SW Judges, to be aware of the updated Regulations.

6. Email votes

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

7. Regulations

Regulations 9.18.2 & 9.18.3

A request and initial review by Jo to update/amend the two Regulations to enhance clarity around what is a Non Qualifying or Disqualifying fault.

SW committee reviewed each "Fault" and confirmed whether it should be a NQ or DQ Fault.

A.P. Arend noted these changes which will be presented to EC Meeting for Regulation change for 1st June 2023.

Some discussion re Timing Regulation arose as to when timing should cease. This also discussion concerning Timing Regulation 9.6 and Regulations 9.18.2 & 9.18.3 - NQ Fault /Disqualification.

There is no Regulation specification that the Handler (as well as dog) needs to "pass over the start line".

Additional associated discussion concerning whether a dog must remain in the Search Area for the entire Search time.

SW Committee agreed that SW Regulation 9.6 needs to be amended to include the requirement for the handler to cross the start line (along with dog), and that the search must start & finish within the confines of the designated search area. A team may however work outside the boundaries of the Search Area without penalty during the actual search.

Boundaries must be clearly defined at pre-trial briefing

10.6.1 Collar or Harness:

Amerillis asked that the word omitting – read **emitting – Agreed**

New Regulations for: Excellent Interior; Exterior; Vehicle and Masters Container Searches.

These will be ready for discussion at SW Judges Conference in March. For publication 1st June 2023.

8. General Business

a) Qualifying Scent Work Trials.

Southern Scent Work Club 7-10 April 2023 - Endorsed

b) Judges Appointments/Promotions:

Jane Morgan – applying to become a Scent Work Judge - Endorsed

Joanna Upton – Promotion application – Endorsed

There was general discussion around alteration to the requirements/ability for a Judge to advance in one type of search, i.e. Containers – into a different Class, without needing to have completed all of the different previous level scent searches. E.g. Judge has had appointments judging Novice Containers, and can demonstrate the knowledge/ability to be promoted to Advanced Containers – without having to be on all the other Novice Search (Interior, Exterior, Vehicle) panels.

The meeting agreed that it should be possible to do this and that a Regulation change would be required to facilitate it.

9. Next meeting:

Tuesday 7th February 2023 – (7.30PM Zoom)

Finished 9.30pm