

Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee Minutes for 3rd September 2023

Commenced 7:30pm

1. **Roll:** Arend van den Bos (AvdB) (Chair), Lyn Clearwater (LC), Karen Magorian (KM), Jo Searle (JS), Amerillis Farmer (AF), Clare Groom (CG), Jo Searle (JS), Joanna Upton (JU) – New member
2. **Apologies:** Fiona Hodgson – via Email
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Attendee list updated to include Jo Searle. Recorded as accepted **Moved:** Lyn
Seconded: Jo
4. **Matters Arising from previous Minutes:** Nil
5. **Report from EC meetings:** –Nil
6. **Email votes:** – Nil - no urgent Scent Work matters that required a vote.
7. **Regulations:** Nil
8. **General Business:**
 - a) Qualifying Scent Work Trials approvals – Nil Received
 - b) Judges Appointments/Promotions:
Jo Miller – Advanced Vehicle – Endorsed by Committee
 - c) Scent Work Judge’s Application– Nil Applications

9. **Other Matters:**

LC – Scent Advanced Title – some members have been told that ACS (Advanced Container Search) Award is required, this is not the case.

AP – AvdB will send an email to Marilyn to confirm SA Title requirements

AF – Raised concern over the “hiccups” that were experienced at a recent Trial in ChCh, could have been avoided. She suggested that we need to have guidelines or Regulations to ensure that clubs running SW Trials, meet requirements of the searches. Examples provided were:- 1) Contaminated scent areas 2) insufficient search area space – not meeting regulated requirements 3) competitors should not only be unable to see the Search Area, but be out of earshot as well – Masters Container people could hear how many Alerts were given, letting them know how many Hides there were in the search. AvdB commented that this was beyond the scope of the SW Committee – we cannot tell clubs how to run their shows.

LC – commented that Judges should simply decline to Judge that search if the area is unsuitable and a suitable area cannot be found.

KM suggested that writing Guidelines to be placed on the Website would be a good idea, especially for new clubs who may wish to run a Trial to ensure the integrity of the searches etc.

AP – Amerillis will write up some guidelines – KM happy to provide input as needed.

JS – No matters

CG- No matters

KM- No matters

JU- No matters

10. **Next meeting:**

Sunday 1st October 2023 (7.30 PM via Zoom) - Amerillis tabled her apology

Finished 7.49 PM