

Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee Minutes for 10 July 2022

Commenced 7:32pm

1. **Roll:** Arend van den Bos (Chair), Lyn Clearwater, Shiree Brockie, Karen Magorian
2. **Apologies:** Jo Searle
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** Minutes of the previous meeting (12 June 2022) were recorded as being received and accepted.
Shiree/Arend

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

- Permanent Numbers. Arend put forward a proposal that Scent Work Participants be allocated a permanent based upon their region of residence. These regions being:
 - Northland/Auckland/Waikato
 - Bay of Plenty/Taranaki
 - Remainder of North Island
 - Nelson/Marlborough/ Canterbury
 - Otago/Southland

Each of these areas will begin with the numbers 1 – 5 (in geographical sequence from North to South).

Proposal was unanimously accepted.

A.P. Arend to advise Societies hosting Scent Work Trials and Scent Work Members once the Scent Work Register is complete.

- Arend tabled a proposed amendment to Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations 4.1 to state that “if a matter is not mentioned in the Scent Work Regulations, Show Regulations apply”.

Amendment to Regulation was unanimously accepted.

A.P. Arend to present Regulation change to EC for their November 2022 meeting.

- Rationalizing of Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations is well under way.

A.P. Jill Brooker to review and comment.

5. **Report from EC meetings**

Jill was not present at this meeting, so no report was stated or tabled.

6. **Email votes**

There were no Scent Work matters of urgency being required to be voted on since the last Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee meeting.

7. **General business**

a) **Qualifying Scent Work Trials.**

There were No applications to host a Qualifying Scent Work Trial had been received since the last Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee.

b) **Judges Promotion Endorsements.**

Scent Work Committee were advised that [Yvette Coutts](#) had completed all the pre-requisite requirements for appointment onto the Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Novice Container Panel. Committee unanimously endorsed.

A.P. Arend to seek EC endorsement for Yvette’s appointment.

c) **Scent Work Regulation 11.3.2.2 Distractions.**

Discussion centred around the need to continue having a non-food distraction in Advanced Container Searches given that this type of distraction had been removed from the other three existent Classes.

It was decided that the removal of a non-food distraction was defensible for the Interior; Exterior and Vehicle searches given that a variety of non-food distractions was already contemporaneously existent. It was felt that this was not the case in Container Searches and therefore the use of a non-food distraction would remain.

d) **Scent Work Regulation 11.11.1.**

From feedback received, it appears that many Scent Work Judges have taken it upon themselves to fulfil the role as "Hide Steward".

Following discussion, it was agreed to alter the current regulation 11.11.1 to enable the presiding Scent Work Judge to also act as Hide Steward whenever one has not already been appointed.

A.P. Arend to present Regulation change to EC for their November 2022 meeting.

e) **Sub Trials and Presiding Scent Work Judges entries.**

Following comment and feedback provided to the Scent Work Committee from participating Scent Work Trialists regarding presiding scent work judges entering sub trials of Scent Work Classes they were otherwise principally judging, substantial discussion ensued to address this matter. As a result of this discussion, it was agreed to draft a policy regarding these matters, incorporating what was discussed and agreed upon, to be presented at the next Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee.

A.P. Arend to draft a Sub Trials and Participation of Presiding Scent Work Judges Policy.

f) **Dogs NZ Scent Work Facebook.**

Maree Boreham had asked that she be relieved as moderator of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Facebook. Lyn Clearwater has therefore been appointed to fulfil this role.

8. Next meeting:

a) Sunday 7th August 2022

b) Sunday 4th September 2022

Finished 9.20pm.