

# Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee Minutes for 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

## Commenced 7:30pm

1. **Roll:** Arend van den Bos (AvdB) (Chair), Joanna Upton, Karen Magorian (KM), Jo Searle (JS), Lyn Clearwater (LC)
2. **Apologies:** Amerillis Farmer (AF), Clare Groom (CG), Fiona Hodgson (FH)
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Recorded as accepted **Moved:** Jo **Seconded:** Lyn
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:

### a) 8.4 – Must Progress – Fiona (8.4.1 & 8.4.2) & Jo (8.4.3)

- 8.4.1 Once your dog has gained the required Scent Work certificates to qualify for an Award in one Class, you are required to enter the next level Class, if available, at a Scent Work Trial
- 8.4.2 Eligibility to enter a Scent Work Class level for any scent work trial is the level the dog is eligible for at midnight the day prior to the day ~~occurs after midnight of the preceding~~ specified in the Schedule for the closing of entries
- 8.4.3 **If the higher-level class is not available, at a Scent Work Trial, the team may enter, at the Societies discretion, as a non-competitor entry.**

### Passed by those present

- b) **10.8.1 & 10.8.2** Contamination of the Search Area – Discussion around rationale for 15M. In many settings such as Vehicle only requires a 2m radius/distance from & around each Vehicle  
**10.8.1** – Any dropping of food or toy with a ~~15m~~ **2m** radius of the search area, while rewarding a dog shall be considered a contamination of the search areas & its immediate surrounds  
**10.8.2** – Contamination of the search area or its immediate surrounds (~~15m~~ **2m** radius of search area) is regarded as a disqualification

### Passed by those present

### c) 9.7.2 – Indication Parameters

~~The Judge may use their discretion to allow for environmental factors such as wind, but the following size parameters should be applied in ideal conditions:~~

- ~~(a) For Novice and Advanced classes, the competitor may indicate an area up to 15cm, on any axis (a vertical 15cm, a horizontal 15cm, or a diagonal 15cm).~~
- ~~(b) For Excellent and Master classes, the competitor may indicate an area up to 5cm, on any axis~~

**For all classes the dog must indicate within the Judges prescribed discretion**

### Passed by those present

### d) Promotion to the Advanced Panels

#### 5.6.3.1 – Criteria

- a) Had experience in setting up, assisting and Time Stewarding for a minimum of ~~five~~ **one** Advanced Scent Work Trial of the Scent Work Class the applicant is applying for.

### e) Promotion to the Excellent Panels

#### 5.6.4.1 – Criteria

- a) Had experience Time Stewarding for a minimum of ~~two~~ **one** Excellent Scent Work Trial for each Scent Work Class the applicant is applying for.

### Passed by those present

## 8. General Business:

- a) Qualifying Scent Work Trials approvals – Verbal request from Karen (North Shore & Hibiscus Coast DTC's) April 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Helensville – Approval given pending written application sent to Arend following meeting. – **Actioned (by KM)**
- b) Judges Appointments/Promotions:  
Matilda van Rijnberk – Notice of Intent to undertake Advanced Panel Probationary requirements – Endorsed by Committee
- c) Scent Work Judge's Application – Nil Applications

**9. Other Matters:**

KM – queried if Dogs NZ has funding available for Judges Conference (Auckland) – potentially from Scent Work revenue (levies-new memberships) gathered over the last few years.

**\*\*AP:** – Arend: will make enquiries regarding Scent Work funds to Dogs NZ Executive

Conversations concerning the previous document-proposal submitted by **FH** from EC regarding the changes the SW committee in 2024/2025 and election / selection process. There consensus was that there needs to be further time to allow for the “bedding down” of the current & proposed regulation changes and the additions of the full Master Class Regulations. There remains significant unease with the present proposal in its current format.

JS – No matters

JU- No matters

LC- No matters

**10. Next meeting:**

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (7.30 PM via Zoom) – Lyn Clearwater – Tentative apology*

**Finished 8.43 PM**