

Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee Minutes for 12 June 2022

Commenced 7:30pm

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

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

- On-line entries. Jill indicated that this apparently was now possible with an extension for Scent Work entries being made to the on-line entry system for Breed Show Entries. A difficulty still exists for Novice Container entries as this has two different levels. However, it was reported that this issue should also be resolved within the next few months.
- Jill stated that the establishment of permanent numbers being assigned for Scent Work participants was accepted. What required further investigation is how this applied. Further investigation for this is to be done.
- Following discussion regarding how some Dogs NZ Show Regulations may be relevant for Dogs NZ Scent Work, it was decided that the most practical solution would be to add a Regulation to the Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations stating that if a matter was not covered in the Scent Work Regulations that reference to the Dogs NZ Show Regulations should be made. This would also be in accord with what is written in the Dogs NZ Obedience Regulations.
Arend to submit a proposed Regulation to the next Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee meeting.
- Arend submitted proposed Regulations for the five additional Advanced, Excellent, Master Container patterns endorsed at the annual Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges conference. These were all accepted and shall be submitted to the EC for their November 2022 meeting.
- Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee Meeting Minutes shall now be placed on the Dogs NZ Scent Work Webpage subsequent to there having been recorded as having been received and accurate at a subsequent Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee meeting.

5. **Report from EC meetings**

Jill stated that the EC wished to be assured that matters pertaining to Dogs NZ Scent Work requiring Regulation changes had been given an opportunity to be discussed as widely as pertinent. Following discussion, it was agreed that Arend would make use of the Dogs NZ Scent Work Register to distribute any matters of relevance to various parties (General/Judges/Committee) whenever feedback on a matter was considered desirable.

EC have asked that the current Dogs NZ Scent Work Regulations be revised so that several repetitions could be omitted, and the entire Regulations be made more succinct. Lyn knew of a person who dealt with such matters and approval for her to pursue this potentiality was endorsed.

EC have asked that presentations for Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges Promotions and Appointments be restricted to a smaller number of occasions per annum. Currently, such applications are potentially presented to each of the six EC Meetings conducted annually, and presentation of such applications greatly exceeds that of other Dogs NZ Codes. Following discussion (and negotiation), it was agreed to present Dogs NZ Scent Work Judges applications only to their February; July; September and November meetings.

A definition of what an “**approved external Scent Work training course**” meant was sought. It was explained that this currently meant the necessity to either have been, or be currently enrolled in, a Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee approved International on-line Scent Work/Nose Work course. This explanation was accepted with a recommendation that such “approved” courses be listed on the Dogs NZ Scent Work Webpage.

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.**

Applications to host a Qualifying Scent Work Trial was received from:

Southern Scent Work Club (23/24 July 2022).

North Shore Dog Training Club/Hibiscus Coast Dog Training Club (3/4 September 2022).

Southern Scent Work Club (21/22 January 2023).

South Canterbury Dog Training Club (1/2 April 2023)

Otago Canine Obedience Club (12/13 August 2023).

All were approved.

b) **Judges Promotion Endorsements.**

Application from Joanna Stacey for a First Appointment onto the Novice Container Judging Panel provided evidence to the Dogs NZ Scent Work Committee that she has completed all pre-requisite requirements for a first appointment.

Endorsement shall now be sought from the Dogs NZ EC at their July Meeting.

Applications for Promotion onto the Advanced Container; Interior; Exterior and Vehicle panels were received from Robert Peterson; Tracey Peterson and Amerillis Farmer. All were approved, subject to the fulfilment of all pre-requisite requirements prior to seeking EC endorsement.

8. Next meeting:

a) Sunday 10th July 2022

b) Sunday 7th August 2022

Finished 8.50pm.