



Incorporated No INC9876008

AUSTRALIAN SLEDDOG SPORTS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday 5th March 2023
15.00h WST/ 18.00h EDST

Committee:

Sean Hennessy (SH)	Emily Vourlides (EV)
Vanessa Joy (VJ)	Kirste Harrison (KH)
Courtney Orr (CO)	Kathleen Sprigg (KS)
Danielle Stewart (DS)	Hollie Tori Acres (HTA)

1. Apologies /Member attendees

Member Attendee:
Apologies:

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- The Minutes of the last NC Meeting were accepted as true and correct by Danielle Stewart and seconded by Vanessa Joy.

3. Correspondence

Incoming

- WD Affiliation
- SDRV Affiliation
- WASSA Affiliation
- Forwarded email from WD with SDRV reply
- Reimbursement – Zahra Goldsmith Pedigree online receipt
- DID Information
- NEGRC Rule update submission
- Working Sleddog register rules draft
- Title rules updates
- Brazil upgrade of membership from IFSS
- Sibex email regarding Race Judge training
- Baw Baw Affiliation
- Canberra Affiliation
- SASDC, SDRQ and NVSDC members

Outgoing

- Certificate of insurance request to Insurance for Affiliated clubs



- Request to confirm WD final Pointscore date
- Affiliation form to Canberra
- Nationals results for past 5 years to NEGRC
- Nationals 2024 form to WASSA
- Membership lists request to club secretaries
- Continental Committee email to Gabrielle Altermann

4. Financial Matters

\$8088.42 is currently in the main bank account.

Credit

- \$40.00 - Individual membership
- \$120.00 – SHCNSW Affiliation
- \$6.09 – Interest
- \$440.00 – WD Affiliation
- \$860.00 – WASSA Affiliation
- \$860.00 – NEGRC Affiliation
- \$6.30 – Interest

Outgoing

- \$289.76 – reimbursement Zahra Goldsmith for Pedigree online

5. Rules Review

1. Chip Timing System NEGRC

10.39 - Where Automated Electronic timing systems are utilised; the placement of the timing chip will be located on the musher in a position consistent for all entrants per that class.

Section 1.2.5 electronic timing transponder locations will be communicated at drivers meeting.

Sean will add something in about penalty if non-compliant.

Starting will be the same with front wheel behind the line.

2. WASSA Muzzle Rule

Discussion on the ease of seeking approval from ASSA and agreed the cases we have had applications for in the past have been simple and then they must approach the RGO for final approval.

Agreed to keep the application process as is but will add a clause to say all dogs with muzzles are to be kept to the same behaviour standards as non-muzzled dogs.

14.2 and 14.4 are to be updated Danielle will edit.

3. WASSA Reverse Starts

Discussion on the problems and safety concerns with reverse starts.

Agreed the wording needs changing so it's not repetitive.
Voted but couldn't come to a decision on Reverse starts.

Sean and Dani will re word the section for Reverse starts and committee can then discuss.

Tabled discussion for now until rewording is complete.

4. WASSA Temperature Canicross

Suggestion is what the Bikejoring temps used to be in the previous rules.
Issue raised that QLD clubs would not be able to run Canicross at the suggested lowered temp of nothing above 18 degrees.

Agreed as the current rules stand any club can run at a lower temp only and RM can choose to shorten or cancel the heat.

5. Cutter Clarification

7.11 needs to have including flick knives, Leatherman's, scissors anything that can have a blade not exposed for carrying but is exposed when in use.

7.9 will be edited.

Discussed if scissors/secateurs are acceptable.

Emily will look at re wording these sections.

6. Rules around slow teams

Discussed how hard it is to put a rule for this type of issue.

Teams taking an excessive amount of time can affect other teams in the next classes if lengths must be shortened etc due to waiting extra time on slow teams.

Suggested a clause that says RM may exclude them from further heats.

10.4.0 Where teams finish the race in such a time that adversely affects the running of subsequent heats, the RM may exclude them from further heats.

6. Titles Review

Vanessa emailed the changes to all committee to review before meeting.

First point is regarding making it easier in rig classes where there sometimes are not 3 teams to make it eligible.

All voted to accept changes.

Second point is the new path that can be used to make it fair for other breeds that may still have a great run at acceptable speeds but won't necessarily win over the purpose bred hounds etc

All agreed to proposed changes.

Vanessa will think about the Canicross Title and if it needs a second path.

7. Breed Registry

Vanessa gave us a rundown of where the subcommittee is at and answered questions around criteria of what dogs can register.

Agreed to the proposed prices.

Accepted Breed Registry as submitted with just changes to grammar and the tick box for desexed or entire as suggested by Sean.

Vanessa will get everything sorted with the Subcommittee ready to release.

8. Dinner Plain – Club specific rule exemptions

Looking into club specific rule exemptions and will make decisions at next meeting when we have received other club specific rules.

9. Protest form

Change Sled Sprint to snow – remove Nordic and Distance

Talked about scenarios of how to give more time but still have incidents reported to be addressed before presentations.

Within 1 hour of completion of all heats at that session of racing.
Reports lodged outside this time may be accepted at the RM discretion.

10. Other business

Emily wanting to touch base on IFSS Race Judge recognition. Emily has been speaking with Anne regarding the course and with Gabriele Altermann to touch base with IFSS regarding finalising this issue one way or another.

Emily and Vanessa are drafting an email to IFSS to see if this is something they will approve and our next steps.

We need to confirm with IFSS to get an exemption for having a Race Judge in attendance at WC events as was allowed 2 years ago when they couldn't offer us training.



Hollie spoke with Sibex yesterday and they are happy to run WC event even without us possibly being able to finalise the Race judge training in time.

Need to touch base with every club and confirm who wants to run a WC officially so we can start the application process.

Courtney raised RM Exam – Sean to complete cover letter ready to release to our members.

Courtney raised JDP 2021/2022 and if Kathleen can touch base with both WA juniors. Sean gave a run down on what we are looking for with development opportunities.

11. Next meeting

16/04/2023

12. Meeting Attendance

	Nov 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2023
Committee:									
Sean Hennessy (Chair)	✓	✓		✓					
Vanessa Joy (VP)	✓	✓		✓					
Danielle Stewart (Treasurer)	x	✓		✓					
Courtney Orr (Secretary)	✓	✓		✓					
State Representatives:									
Hollie Tori Acres (NSW)	✓	✓		✓					
Kirste Harrison (SA)	✓	✓		✓					
Kathleen Sprigg (WA)	✓	x		✓					
Emily Vourlides (QLD)	✓	✓		✓					
Vacant (ACT)	NA	NA		✓					