



Incorporated No INC9876008

AUSTRALIAN SLEDDOG SPORTS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday 16th April 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: Kirste Harrison

2. Minutes of previous meeting

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

3. Correspondence

Incoming

- NVSDC Affiliation
- Breeder prefix/Dog registration/litter registration applications - multiple
- Shaina Crotty enquiry
- Namecheap renewal
- Daniel Matters title application
- Membership lists from all clubs
- Lisa Bowles – SHCV letter forward
- SASDC affiliation
- ANKC email – Registry being taken to Dogs Vic meeting in April
- SDRQ email regarding SDRV clash
- Rhiannon Park – Dog drug exemption request
- IFSS email nominations for VP Economy and Executive Director
- IFSS World Cup application forms SDRQ, WD, Sibex
- IFSS Renewal
- Racheal Salter - changes in rules 9.5 and 9.6



Outgoing

- Insurance certificates NVSDC and SASDC
- Response to Michelle Rose – IFSS Race Judge training
- Acceptance of Daniel Matters Title application
- Membership list request to clubs
- Race rules 2023

4. Financial Matters

\$10,132.42 is currently in the main bank account.

Credit

- \$25.00 - Individual membership
- \$860.00 - NVSDC Affiliation
- \$15.00 – Title Application
- \$20.00 – Breeder prefix
- \$15.00 – Dog registration
- \$860.00 – SASDC Affiliation
- \$120.00 – SDRV Affiliation
- \$9.00 – interest
- \$120.00 – NSW Siberian Express Affiliation

Outgoing

5. Double position voting

Discussion around voting for people who hold dual positions.
Courtney has noted that this needs to be raised at the AGM and added to constitution.

Reviewed constitution and all agreed Courtney and Vanessa vote as state reps for the remainder of the 2023 season.

6. WC/Nationals/National Pointscore document

Point 1.2 raised and agreed to re word to make it clear how we open the applications if the state in the rotation doesn't have a club wanting to host.

Vanessa will re word the national's section and send to committee for review.

Discussion on why the rules around clashes were changed in the first place.

Vanessa will re write 2.2 in National Pointscore.

Emily will re write 3.6 and combine the two, making the club history part as the last resort.

3.3 adding a sentence that this will be handled in consultation with the ASSA committee.

7. SDRQ email

Discussed the points raised and that some have been resolved with our new document regarding Nationals/Pointscore/WC hosting.

Vanessa will draft an official response. Courtney will add to website and email to clubs once finalised.

8. RM exam

Sean will have a look at starting the cover letter and discuss with Courtney if needing assistance completing.

We are ready to release this once we have the cover letter and remove draft watermark off the document.

9. NVSDC points raised

Discussed points raised from NVSDC to Vanessa Joy via messenger.

Discussion around the SDRV taking the second Pointscore and no discussion from ASSA back to NVSDC to let them know before SDRV announced it. Agreed ASSA had not approved SDRV date at the time of announcement.

Discussed our new document will cover dates for Pointscores coming to ASSA by a set date and to be confirmed by ASSA before announcements.

Discussed WC/IFSS rules suggestions and agreed this would need to be submitted at rules update time to be changed in our rules.

Vanessa will draft a response to NVSDC for committee approval.

This will be sent via email not messenger so we have a paper trail.

10. Dinner Plains document

Discussed each point separately.

All points besides clause 16.7 is accepted by committee.
Agreed we need to explain to them how simple it will be for accepted RM to complete the exam as it is open book.

Courtney will write a response and send draft to committee for approval.

11. Rhiannon Park email

Discussed our rules and responding requesting the two separate vet clinic certificates as per our rules to then look at exemption.

12. National's assistance

Discussed we would provide the same as previous agreed \$150 per open class run to go towards an item ie jacket, top.

Courtney will organise an email for NEGRC explaining what we provide with some examples.

13. Underdog/AFSS Discussion

Sean gave us a brief review of the phone call with Nigel from AFSS. Reviewed idea from AFSS and referring decision until we receive the email from Nigel with what they are looking to release.

14. WC races and DiD's

Discussed if Canberra have decided about hosting WC event. Vanessa has been in discussion with Andrew for the past couple weeks.

Vanessa will write an email for Canberra to officially get their response before we move on to submitting WC applications and asking for DiDs.

15. Other business

Vanessa updating us on IFSS communication regarding IFSS Race Judge Training.

Discussed contacting Helen Lundberg and some other IFSS contacts if we are still not hearing back any updates from Gabrielle or the IFSS members contacted already.

Vanessa updated us on the Titles meeting and attendees and that they had one person who didn't speak or provide their name so was unable to verify if an ASSA member.

Discussed ideas of how we can handle this in future.

Decided announcing presenter/hosts and having people express interest to attend and get the link and that we will be recording for others to review later if they can't attend. Also, people can send in questions prior to be answered if they can't attend.

Danielle gave us an update on the JDP Sub Committee and their first meeting. Currently finalising a logbook and guide for Juniors.

Kathleen has provided the reimbursement form to Coral for 2021 JDP.



Ella is heading to Nationals this year. Danielle will speak with NEGRC about what development opportunities we can provide her at Nationals.

Racheal Salter email – Discussed the email and Vanessa will draft a response for the committee to send.

16. Next meeting

21st May 2023

17. Meeting Attendance

	Nov 2022	Jan 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 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)	✓	✓	✓	x					
Kathleen Sprigg (WA)	✓	x	✓	✓					
Emily Vourlides (QLD)	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Vacant (ACT)	NA	NA	NA	NA					