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# AUSTRALIAN SLEDDOG SPORTS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
17.00h WST/ 19.00h 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: Robert Ober – President of new Canicross club  
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

- ASSA Number request – Jess West & Narrelle Crozier
- Insurance invoice
- Insurance document
- DID refund – Narelle Crozier and Adam West
- Thankyou for response to NVSDC questions
- Vaccination Exemption request - Nicole Robinson
- Voting and provisional members information request IFSS
- Jess Winther – Individual membership
- Natalie McIllree – Family membership
- SDRQ – Aggressive dog report
- JDP documents from Sub Committee
- Member lists from SASDC, WASSA, SDRQ
- Response to interim ban – Trent Haymen
- 2024 Nationals application – WASSA
- Engraving invoice
- New NSW club affiliation enquiry
- Jessica Noto – mobile rehab vet
- Microchip reader reimbursement SDRV



- SHCNSW race results, RM report and vaccination checks
- Document requests follow up NVSDC
- SDRV RM report, results and incident report form
- SDRQ results and IFSS WC docs
- Prue De Vries individual membership

#### Outgoing

- IFSS WC rule exemption
- ASSA numbers sent when requested
- SDRV rule exemption response
- Australia DID numbers sent to IFSS
- ASSA race forms and information pack sent to SHCNSW
- Response to Sibex regarding race judge training result from IFSS
- Vaccination exemption letter - Nicole Robinson
- Approval for muzzle use Vicky Plowman
- Pointscore results, vaccination check and RM report request NVSDC
- Interim ban email non compliant vaccination check – Trent Haymen
- Response regarding date Nationals application WASSA
- ASSA Membership confirmation for Eukanuba – Finn Finch
- Information to IFSS
- WC results SDRQ to IFSS

## 4. Financial Matters

\$1,485.05 is currently in the main bank account.

#### Credit

- IFSS DID - \$75 x 4
- Individual membership - \$25
- DP affiliation - \$120
- Interest - \$10.57
- Individual membership - \$25
- Family Membership - \$40
- Interest - \$5.52
- Baw Baw Affiliation - \$120

#### Outgoing

- IFSS DID and WC - \$774.19
- Resident withhold tax - \$4.70
- IFSS - \$9.80
- IFSS – \$42.01
- Insurance - \$7953.81
- Engraving - \$211.50
- Microchip scanner reimbursement to SDRV - \$50

## 5. NSW Canicross club

Canicross and Cani Hiking – keeping on foot but not looking to do any wheeled racing at this point in time.



Discussed temperatures and Canicross distances in our rules and how this may not fit with longer distances. Discussed we can have club specific rules though and Danielle offered to work with Robert on this if needed. Agreed it's a great idea and we can work with them ongoing to get it to fall under the ASSA banner.

Courtney explained how the mud run worked for TASSI and that they used a waiver. Emily explained how SDRQ have run these types of events in the past.

Advised Emily and SDRQ have the most experience with these events outside racing and would be a great source to speak with.

## **6. JDP document review**

Danielle submitted documents to ASSA committee for approval as Subcommittee had not moved forward with approval at this point.

Agreed to release documents as they are.

Courtney will put on website.

Danielle will organise a post and will share the website link once we are ready.

Courtney will also email to members.

## **7. Insurance update**

Sean has a meeting this week to speak with a broker and will give us an update once that has happened.

Dani will follow up on the broker she was chasing to see if she can get anywhere with them.

## **8. Nationals 2024**

Sean has spoken with the two SA clubs to see what their opinions were around the dates.

Sean has suggested to get the 3 clubs together in a forum and then they can bring it to us if they can't work it out between them.

We will put an announcement on Facebook for WA and refer people to watch their website.

## **9. Vaccination Breach NVSDC Classic – Trent Haymen**

Agreed as an experienced musher Trent should be aware of the rule and the results of non-compliance. Agreed on setting 12 months ban which Courtney will organise email draft.

We will also email AFSS, ASSA and VIC Breed Clubs and let them know of the ban. One year from the Sunday of NVSDC. Trent is the only one banned not his family and they can attend events if they provide certificates for all dogs prior to attending.

## 10. Other business

Emily asked if we had received the IFSS RM Report from Anne as she said she had sent it to IFSS.

Courtney raised incident report form from SDRV and if anything further needed to be followed up.

Courtney raised Jessica Nato email, all agreed to email back letting them know we are the National body and they would need to contact the VIC clubs which can be found on our website.

Courtney raised if members of the Breed Registry Subcommittee need to be members of ASSA.

Discussed getting Vanessa as the chair to speak with the person who is not currently a member regarding the lapsed membership. Reviewed Constitution and agreed it shows they need to be an ASSA member.

Contacted informally about an incident regarding dog aggression that was not on RM report.

Discussion on how we can handle these situations that are brought to us by members when no official reports. Agreed it is something we may need to review in the rules as we are getting more and more of these. Some incidents that were reported have not shown on RM reports this season and the whole reason we have a RM report is it lets us know what was reported.

## 11. Next meeting

27<sup>th</sup> August

## 12. Meeting Attendance

	Nov 2022	Jan 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2023
<b>Committee:</b>									
Sean Hennessy (Chair)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Vanessa Joy (VP)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Danielle Stewart (Treasurer)	x	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Courtney Orr (Secretary)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
<b>State Representatives:</b>									



Hollie Tori Acres (NSW)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Kirste Harrison (SA)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X
Kathleen Sprigg (WA)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emily Vourlides (QLD)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vacant (ACT)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA