



Incorporated No INC9876008

AUSTRALIAN SLEDDOG SPORTS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday 28th January 2024
16.00h WST/ 19.00h EDST

Committee:

Mark Needham (MN) (Chair)	Samantha Abraham (SA)
Vanessa Joy (VJ)	Geoff Clinch (GC)
Courtney Orr (CO)	Kathleen Sprigg (KS)
Emily Vourlides (EV)	Christine Grilk (CG)
Finnian McKeown (FM)	

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 Vanessa Joy and seconded by Finnian McKeown.

3. IFSS WC and exemptions

Courtney asked if our state reps could speak with our clubs to find out which clubs are interested in hosting a WC event this season. Suggested if clubs have questions to connect them with Emily and Vanessa who can help answer questions and how these events run.

Vanessa and Emily will continue working with Gabrielle to get us an exemption for 3-wheel rigs for 2024. This is the only exemption we believe we need to request currently.

4. Insurance

Discussion on current renewal being at end of April which is not going to work for our season for club applications.
Insurance broker has confirmed we can do 6 months this round to get it to be renewable in November.

Discussed how we move forward if we do monthly till, we can get it back to the January date it's always been. Courtney will speak with insurance and see what



our options are but request the 6-month renewal ASAP so we can get certificates to cover events throughout the whole season.

Discussion that insurance with new prices still doesn't seem to be sustainable for ASSA and may need to be reviewed again this season.

5. NEGRC Complaint

Discussed both the letters from NEGRC and Emily and agreed we don't believe a breach had been made to the social media policy or the Code of conduct.

The meetings Emily attended regarding Insurance/Affiliation changes she made it clear she was attending as President of SDRQ as all previous committee that were on club committees had to announce what they were attending as.

Discussion that as ASSA Committee we need to hold ourselves to a higher standard and be careful what we put out on social media even in private groups when it relates to Sleddog Sports.

Emily received a verbal warning, and we suggested it might be good for her to apologise as requested. Emily has been removed from the NEGRC group so unable to apologise there but will consider drafting something to send.

Vanessa will draft a response to NEGRC for committee to review.

6. Other business

Dryland WA have a tentative date and will update Kathleen once they can confirm if hosting the event.

Emma from WASSA will be sending through a members list and affiliation paperwork asap.

Geoff raised the length of the two meetings we have had, and do we need to set a time for each agenda item and continue it another time it goes over the allocated time.

Courtney raised that we need to be making sure we are keeping things moving in messenger between meetings as these are the longest meetings, we have ever had in the past 5 years. Courtney pushed how important it is for things to be keeping moving especially as we get closer to the season.

Courtney will check on JDP page access so we can get Christine added as Admin.

Chris discussing JDP and if we only get 3 people if this is enough to start. Agreed we need to get this started and after the closing date on Sunday we can go ahead and get this started. Discussed how the subcommittee will work and that ASSA still have the final say before information is to be released. Once the program is renewed and setup this will all return to ASSA committee going forward. Decisions on who will win whatever is set as the program will all be done by ASSA Committee.



Courtney asked that state reps get in contact with NVSDC, WASSA, NEGRC to get us members lists and to remind all clubs that we need to have anyone they wish to be a RM this season to submit a RM exam application and gain a RM licence.

7. Next meeting

25th February - Rules Review meeting.

20. Meeting Attendance

	Nov 2022	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sept 2024
Committee:									
Mark Needham (Chair)	✓	✓	✓						
Vanessa Joy (VP)	✓	✓	✓						
Emily Vourlides (Treasurer)	✓	✓	✓						
Courtney Orr (Secretary)	✓	✓	✓						
State Representatives:									
Geoff Clinch (NSW)	✓	✓	✓						
Finnian McKeown (VIC)	✓	✓	✓						
Christine Grilk (SA)	✓	✓	✓						
Kathleen Sprigg (WA)	✓	✓	✓						
Samantha Abraham (QLD)	✓	✓	X						
Vacant (ACT)	NA								
Vacant (TAS)	NA								