



Incorporated No INC9876008

AUSTRALIAN SLEDDOG SPORTS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday 21st April 2024
16.00h WST/ 19.00h EDST

Committee:

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

1. Apologies /Member attendees

Apologies: Kathleen Sprigg, Geoff Clinch

Member Attendee: Holly Jessen, Ebony Powell, Zahra Goldsmith, Emma Smith, Ian Plant

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- The Minutes of the last NC Meeting were accepted as true and correct by The ASSA Committee via Committee vote.

3. Treasurers Report

\$10,634.00 is currently in the main bank account.

Incoming

- \$12.49 Interest

Outgoing

- \$5.65 Resident withholding Tax
- \$86.04 Reimbursement for name cheap renewal

4. Correspondence

Incoming

- Namecheap renewal
- Member list NEGRC and SDRQ
- Vice President nominations
- Rm exams received for grading
- Photos received to start photo file

- DID for IFSS
- IFSS membership fee

Outgoing

- IFSS Race Judge course information sent to participants
- Multiple RM licences sent
- Jim Cunningham update sent to WASSA
- Formal complaint notification sent to Christine Grilk

5. JDP Discussion

Discussion on the JDP program and if it is ready for release.
We let the subcommittee know what we have approved in chat already before the meeting with each document.

Discussion on the \$500 prize and how that will be distributed to the Junior of the year and runner ups. This is something ASSA Committee will discuss further and decide on.

Discussion on the disband of subcommittee once this is released.

The JDP Sub Committee are requesting to fundraise for the JDP program for the \$500 prize.

Discussion on ASSA already looking at fundraising options but will discuss this further as a committee and if we did organise a fundraising committee we would open it up to all members and start a new committee but the current subcommittee are welcome to move over if they want to if this happens.

ASSA committee would need to discuss our expectations and further details if this did happen.

6. Vice President Vote

This Agenda item was closed meeting.

Discussed the voting and that it will be the same process as per the President vote at previous meeting.

Vanessa knows all 3 candidates so gave us information on all three and how they benefit the sledding community and committee.

Courtney listed some strengths she felt both Jackson and Jonathan had to bring to the committee.

Courtney raised some concerns which have been raised in the past.

Decided to go to a vote.

Vote resulted in a tie between Jonathan and Jackson.

Opened a new vote between Jonathan and Jackson.

Vote results are Jackson will be the next Vice President of ASSA.



We will keep results confidential until we let all nominees know and then we can announce to all members.

7. WC Calendar and DID

Vanessa will complete the IFSS WC Calendar for us to release in the next couple days.

Discussed IFSS WC events and which one we will split the results for to get the most DID and races for all states.

We will ask Gabrielle if we submit as a split for a race if we can change it later without fees.

Emily will start the paperwork for the Muster first and get it to ASSA to be forwarded and make sure we CC Gabrielle as it need to be done before end of month to avoid fees.

8. Pointscore Rules document

Vanessa proposing, we update the document to add guidelines of what dates to hold a pointscore and is suggesting May to September.

Discussed the ways this could benefit or if ASSA can put this in place.

Discussed people not having time to train to prepare for a race and how this can affect the sport. Clubs could still hold a race if it is within temperatures for the rules its just not going to be accepted as a pointscore would be the expectation.

Agreed to vote as a committee on if to go ahead and update to include the suggested changes.

Vote approved the suggested changes.

Vanessa will do a draft for committee to discuss.

9. Other business

Courtney raised minutes and we agreed to discuss in chat to approve last meeting minutes as we had some changes suggested.

Courtney also requested if Finnian could follow up with NVSDC for results, vax check and RM report.

Finn raised hearing from Baw Baw that they are still working with the mountain to get approval for this season.

10. Next meeting

2nd June 2024

11. Meeting Attendance

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