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AUSTRALIAN SLEDDOG SPORTS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday 24th March 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: Samantha Abraham
Member Attendee:

2. Minutes of previous meeting

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

3. Treasurers Report

\$10,713.20 is currently in the main bank account.

Incoming

- \$8.68 interest
- \$2800 SASDC Affiliation

Outgoing

- N/A

4. Correspondence

Incoming

- President nominations x 2
- List of ASSA RM request from NEGRC
- Multiple RM Exam applications
- WC race request SDRQ for second WC event
- Multiple members lists
- SASDC Affiliation

- Multiple VP nominations
- Christine Grilk email to SASDC and ASSA
- IFSS internal auditor vote
- Insurance certificates
- NEGRC interested parties for insurance
- IFSS RJ course questions
- Continental Director questions from NZFSS
- ASSA meeting response from WASSA
- VP nomination question – Narelle Crozier
- Breach of confidentiality complaint regarding Christine Grilk
- NVSDC email regarding 2nd Pointscore and IFSS WC

Outgoing

- IFSS WC information to WASSA
- Website help request to Mike Barnett
- ASSA event email to WD
- President nomination update to members
- President nomination response to Zahra Goldsmith
- ASSA RM responses to exams
- Multiple RM licences provided
- RM list response to NEGRC
- ASSA temperature rule approved for ANKC to use
- Reimbursement form sent to SDRV
- Insurance certificates sent to multiple clubs
- Explanation to insurance regarding listed parties or NEGRC
- Request for meeting to WASSA
- Continental director response to NZFSS
- IFSS RJ course information sent to SASDC for review
- VP nomination question answered – Narelle Crozier

5. Confidentiality and complaint re breach of confidentiality

Courtney has nothing further she has put all information in the email and even though we were going to discuss anyway further in meeting Courtney felt we needed an official complaint incase we have future breaches.

Committee discussed the importance of confidentiality within our messenger chats and that all ASSA discussion are confidential until minutes are released or information ready to be taken to clubs and members.

Christine raising that she interpreted that the proposal was correct as she spoke with Zahra who had told her she was on the sub committee even though the sub committee hadn't been formed yet.

Christine also raised she assumed that due to SASDC being listed in the proposal as a possible club for borrowing gear from that they had been approached already and that us borrowing there gear was organised.

Christine wanting clarification on what breaches confidentiality and what as a state rep can be taken to her club.



Vanessa raised that if people are unsure ask questions and get the clarification to make sure we are not sending out incorrect information or messages without context.

Kathleen has had many members ask her for information and she tells them she can't release information to them until ASSA publicly release it.

Emily clarifying that it was her proposal that was put together in a couple days and no sub committee had been formed just a couple people reached out to for information needed for the proposal and the people proposed was about the people who we knew would be there and could put on the race.

Emily raised her feelings that WildDog had always been the weekend before SASDC trophy and that if people had of kept it quiet as requested, we could have been organised and been ready to answer questions.

ASSA will officially contact Christine and give her 14 days to respond and then we will discuss further at the next meeting when we have Christine's response.

6. IFSS race judge training/IFSS WC events

Emily and Vanessa have been back and forward the past few weeks with Jim and organising his travel dates etc.

The IFSS have a manual that Jim must print for each participant, and it is around \$50 per participant. We need to discuss how ASSA want to move forward with this cost.

Vanessa would like to speak with Gabrielle and see if she has any other option for us. Voted and agreed that we would need to pass on to participants if no other options.

NVSDC and WASSA have now turned down WC events so we can now go ahead and release the WC calendar.

7. Fundraising

Courtney suggested Merchandise hoodies, beanies etc.

Emily has a coupon for stickers that they are not using that she is happy to use for ASSA for bumper stickers.

Christine suggested lucky squares as a fundraising idea.

Vanessa suggested a seminar by international people or national people to attend and learn from.

Courtney will make a document with all the options listed we can update with new ideas as we have them.

8. JDP

Going through each document on screen as a committee.

ASSA JDP Post 2024

- Dates are abit late as committee will be changed over after AGM
- Agreed need to announce at ASSA AGM
- mid September date for submitting log books

Request for approval

- Vanessa raised we don't need frames the certificates can be sent or emailed.
- Vanessa suggested we take anything specific out of the document in case we cant follow it up in future
- Christine raised that the sub committee had discussed fundraising.
- Courtney raised after this sub committee though when it comes back to ASSA that we don't want to be submitting the future ASSA committees to having to fundraise.
- Discussed documents to be sent digitally and Chris will add a note that if needing help printing to contact ASSA because we can get it printed free if needed.
- Emily suggested it could all be sent to clubs as well as SDRQ for instance print the books for their juniors and hand them out.
- Courtney thinks prizes need reviewing as the gift cards wouldn't always be used
- Emily suggested maybe the \$500 needs to be split as cash instead.

Looked at the log book and if Chris can go back to the JDP sub committee as we still don't have husbandry information as Chris said she is positive they had added it.

Chris has realised we have the wrong documents for some parts and will update the documents with changes from tonight and re submit for us to discuss in chat and vote on.

9. Sportsmanship and Social media Policies

Christine is happy to have a go and update these and we can review and work on these before the next meeting.

10. Website

Courtney requesting approval to put out a request for high resolution photos so we can update the website and to build a file for going forward to be able to use as we lost a lot in our website rebuild.

12. Other business

Kathleen raised WASSA requesting bylaw regarding canicross starts.
Discussed needing more information about why they are wanting the change and what the goal is.

13. Next meeting

21st April 2024

14. 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)	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Finnian McKeown (VIC)	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Christine Grilk (SA)	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Kathleen Sprigg (WA)	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Samantha Abraham (QLD)	✓	✓	X	X					
Vacant (ACT)	NA								
Vacant (TAS)	NA								