

## **Unconfirmed Minutes of the general meeting of the NSW Working Stock Dog Association held at Maclean on 26 August 2017.**

Meeting commenced at 5.47pm.

Attendance: Lew Molloy (chair), Janelle McLennan (minute taker), Geoff McLennan, Christine Chapman, Dick Chapman, Ray Smith Rob Sutherland, Snow Ellis, Trevor Leslight, Pierce McLennan, Ian Heighway, Liz Heighway, Robert Johnston, Mark Gibbons, Steve Flatley, Annette Roots, Paul Roots, Nathan Brown, Victor Moar, Ethan Davis, Mitch Davis.

Apologies: Tammy Woods

Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting: Minutes of the NSWWSDA meeting held at Ulmarra on 3 July 2016 were circulated and read to the meeting by Janelle McLennan.

Janelle McLennan moved, Robert Johnston second: That the minutes of the 3 July 2016 meeting of the NSWWSDA as read be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. CARRIED.

Matters arising from the Minutes: Nil

Treasurers Report: As the treasurer was an apology, the full report was unavailable. However president Lew Molloy reported that the association had approximately \$11,600 in its working account and about \$10,000 in an investment account.

General Business:

President Lew Molloy sought permission from the meeting for the executive to review the rules (as had been approved at Red Range) with the aim of trialling the revised rules at the Australian Cow Dog Challenge at Tamworth in November. Lew said members could see how the rules worked at Tamworth and members would have the opportunity to provide feedback before a finalised set of revised rules were formally adopted by the association.

Lew advised the meeting that if the executive was given the green light to revise the rules, every person who nominated to take part in the Cow Dog Challenge would be sent a copy of the revised rules.

Lew Molloy moved, Geoff McLennan seconded that the association give power to the executive committee to revise the rules of the NSWWSDA and that the revised rules be trialled at the Australian Cow Dog Challenge at Tamworth in November 2017. CARRIED (16/2 in favour).

2016-2017 Presentation: Lew Molloy advised the meeting that he had sought, and was granted, permission for the association to hold its 2016-2017 Awards Presentation at the Grafton Dog Trial in October.

Australian Championships: Lew Molloy advised the meeting that just one submission, from the organisers of the Grafton Dog Trial, had been received from

committees wanting to host the 2018 Australian Championships and State of Origin Dog Trial.

Judges talks: Dick Chapman encouraged all judges to take the time to hold a judge's talk prior to an event.

Late scratchings: There was wide ranging discussion on a number of recent incidents of people nominating for an event and not turning up. On a number of occasions, the competitors had not bothered to let trial organisers know they were not coming. Rob Sutherland said at Maclean alone they had had 31 scratchings, the majority of which the organising committee had received no notice of. This equates to a double decker load of cattle that the committee may not have had to transport to the event if they had had been advised of the scratchings 24 hour out.

Discussion on how to prevent this from occurring in future ranged from charging competitors who fail to notify organising committees of scratchings an administration fee to making competitors liable for all nominations for unnotified scratchings.

The meeting agreed to include the matter on the agenda of the next meeting for further discussion and to highlight the issue in the next newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.21pm.