

NSW Working Stock Dog Association

Minutes of the meeting held at Glencoe on Saturday 24 March 2018

Start time: 6.47pm

Attendance: Kevin Bell, Rob Sutherland, Craig Ervine, Geoff McLennan, Phillip Brown, Janelle McLennan, Ben Gould, Lew Molloy, Stephen Flatley, Kerrie Thompson, Ian Cox, Nathan Brown, Richard Stokes, Robert Johnston, Victor Moar.

Apologies: Mitch Davis, Rhys Rayner, Tammy Woods.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held at Maclean on 26 August 2017 were read to the meeting by President Lew Molloy.

Lew Molloy moved/Kevin Bell seconded:

That the minutes of the NSWWSDA meeting held at Maclean on 26 August 2017 were confirmed as true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Late scratchings:

Craig Ervine moved/Ben Gould seconded:

That competitors not giving committees at least 48 hours' notice of a scratching will forfeit all entry fees (except in the case of extenuating circumstances) and will not be allowed to compete in NSWWSDA affiliated events until all forfeited entry fees have been paid to the committee.

Robert Johnson moved/Ian Cox seconded an amendment that:

That the following motion be referred to the AGM of the NSWWSDA for consideration: That competitors not giving committees at least 48 hours' notice of a scratching will forfeit all entry fees (except in the case of extenuating circumstances) and will not be allowed to compete in NSWWSDA affiliated events until all forfeited entry fees have been paid to the committee.

Carried.

The amendment became the motion:

Robert Johnson moved/Ian Cox seconded moved that:

That the following motion be referred to the AGM of the NSWWSDA for consideration: That competitors not giving committees at least 48 hours' notice of a scratching will forfeit all entry fees (except in the case of extenuating circumstances) and will not be allowed to compete in NSWWSDA affiliated events until all forfeited entry fees have been paid to the committee.

Carried unanimously

Correspondence: Nil

Treasurer's Report: Lew Molloy (in the absence of the treasurer) reported that the NSWWSDA had \$10,500 (approx.) on a term deposit and about \$7000 in a working account.

General Business

NSW companion animal legislation: President Lew Molloy updated the meeting on the proposed legislation for companion animals, breeding cats and dogs. A working group representing all livestock working dog groups met the chief policy advisor to the NSW Minister for Agriculture Niall Blair and on 5 February 2018 lodged a submission requesting that working dogs be taken out of the

companion animals act and be given a separate code of practice. The working group is hopeful the concession will be approved as has been the case in South Australia, Victoria and Queensland.

Taking of entries: Lew Molloy advised that the organisers of the Nundle Dog Trial had misunderstood the NSWWSDA policy on the taking of entries (entries were closed prior to the advertised date). Organisers were advised of the policy and the matter was resolved.

Secretary/Treasurer: Lew Molloy advised the meeting that the association was still without a secretary and come the AGM the treasurer would be standing down.

Postal Vote: The returning officer reported the following:

The motion was:

"That the NSW Working Stock Dog Association undertake a 12 month trial of the proposed NSW rules starting 1 July 2018. If at the end of the period the members are not happy with the rules, changes can be made or a return to the current rules will take place."

A total of 148 ballots were sent out.

A total of 56 envelopes were returned containing a total of 58 votes:

Results:

Yes: 37

No: 21

Informal: Nil

While there were no informal votes, one envelope did not contain a vote.

As a postal vote requires a majority of 50% plus 1 the motion was carried. The new rules will come into effect on 1 July 2018 for a 12 month trial period.

Richard Stokes, on behalf of the meeting, congratulated the returning officer on the professional conduct of the postal ballot

Urgent Business

Kevin Bell raised concerns about the lack of progress on the establishment of a judges' panel and the need to improve the overall standard of judging.

Stephen Flatley moved/Ian Cox seconded:

That a judges training day be held at Robert Johnston's property on a date to be advised and that the training day feature a video and discussion session.

Carried (12 in favour one against)

Meeting close: 7.20pm.