

January 2007

1. NSW pointscore and awards: Richard Stokes/Shirely Appleyard moved that the NSW Association hold annual working stock dog awards and that the awards be presented to the Open Dog of the Year, Maiden/Novice Dog of the Year and Handler of the Year. Points be awarded from any cattle dog trial in NSW, and that results from trials outside of sanctioned NSWSDA events have to be suitably verified before they can be accepted.
2. Richard Stokes/Geoff McLennan moved that points be awarded on the following basis: 1st place 5 points, 2nd place 4 points 3rd place three points, 4th place 2 points, 5th place 1 point; that there must be a run off or flip of the coin for first place ties; and that the points be divided among competitors for ties in other placings.
3. Brian Appleyard/Geoff McLennan moved that the point score run from January 1 to December 31 each year.

November 2007

4. Fraser Ramsey/Lew Molloy moved that State of Origin selection for first five dogs in the team be based on a 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 point score system, with five points to be awarded for a win, four points for placing second and so on down to fifth place. Only open dogs competing in open events will be eligible to gain points, unless there are not enough open dogs with points then the next highest scoring dog – novice or maiden – gaining points in open events be eligible for selection. Further, that the sixth member of the team be a wildcard entry and that entry be the highest scoring NSW dog (open, novice or maiden) in the open event at the SOO.
5. Merv Nicholson/Jim Marshall moved that SOO pointscore selection be based on the financial year – end of June one year to the start of July the following year.
6. Joy Kirby/Geoff McLennan moved that NSW Association buy the keepsake trophies to be given to winners of perpetual trophies annually.

2008 AGM (May)

7. Dave Bennett/Ben Crowe moved that stand alone committees wanting to hold successive dog trials (after first year) would not be required to pay \$200 affiliation fee as long as 10 members of the organising committee were members of the NSWSDAI.
8. Jim Marshall/Steve Murray moved that if a trial is open to all comers, then dogs competing in the event are eligible to break status.
9. Trish Thomas/Steve Murray moved that winners of Jackpot trials (limited entry events) don't break their status and don't get points towards annual awards.

10. Jim Marshall/Geoff McLennan moved that Glen Innes Working Dog Club rules (AKA Red Range rules) be adopted by NSWWSDAI.
11. Sean Copper/Lew Molloy that NSWWSDAI recognise all life memberships of North Coast Working Dog Trial Association and Hunter Working Stock Dog Association.
12. Trish Thomas/Danny Rapmund moved that NSWWSDA constitution be altered to accept nominations for positions on NSWWSDAI from the floor at the AGM.
13. Trish Thomas/Lew Molloy moved that individuals be limited to holding the same executive position for a maximum of three years in succession.
14. Geoff McLennan/Steve Murray moved that any committee tendering for the right to hold a NSW Championship or other major event such as a national championship be prepared to run the event over three days if nominations require it

November 2008

15. Geoff McLennan/Steve Flatley moved that the captaincy of NSWWSDA State of Origin team be given to the team newcomer. In the situation that there are no newcomers, the captaincy be awarded to the team member scoring the highest points in the first round of the open event.

May 2009

16. Steve Murray/Jonathon Randle moved that winners and placegetters in ladies trials do not receive points towards the end of year awards and do not break their status.
17. Steve Murray/Dick Chapman moved that the NSW Association adopt the Queensland mirror course as part of its accepted rules/courses.
18. Allan Fletcher/Ross Fletcher moved that all date changes for dog trial events, including last minute changes, must be either advertised in the newsletter or on the website, to remain eligible for dog of the year points.
19. Jim Marshall/Jamie Shipman moved that two judges be required for all open championship trials conducted in NSW.
20. Jamie Shipman/Pam Benton moved that handlers who fail to give dog trial organisers adequate notice of scratchings and/or don't have a valid reason for failing to scratch their dogs will forfeit all points they receive at further trials until they have payed the original nominations.

21. Dick Chapman/Jamie Shipman moved that from this point on only dog trials advertised in the NSWWSA newsletter and/or NSWWSA website be eligible to earn Dog of the Year points.
22. Lew Mollow/Geoff McLennan moved that NSWWSA introduce as a rule that no competitor is allow to approach the judge, unless requested by the judge, at any time during a trial.

February 2010

23. Lew Molloy/Jamie Shipman moved that the Dungowan Sheep and Cattle Dog Triallers Club be approved as an affiliated sub branch of the NSW Association.
24. Jamie Shipman/Robert Johnston moved that NSW Association present SOO competitors with a shirt, tie and cap and that the competitors be allowed to keep the shirt and cap as a reward for gaining selection.

Following discussion on the matter the meeting agreed (but did not formally adopt a motion) that organising committees must make a draw available to all competitors or at the very least display a copy of the draw in a prominent place so all competitors have the chance to check it before their run.

June 2010

25. Jim Marshall/Darcy Martin moved that the updated code of conducted (see below) be adopted and expanded to ban the use of all dummy electric training collars and that anyone found at a dog trial with or using a dummy electric training collar be banned from being a member of the association for 12 months.

Code of Conduct

- Competitors must take all reasonable measures to ensure their dog is fit to compete (organising committees reserve the right to prohibit dogs judged to be hurt and or injured from competing).
- Competitors are prohibited from bringing sick or diseased dogs to a trial (organising committees reserve the right to prohibit dogs judged to be sick or diseased entering the trial grounds/and or from competing).
- The use of physical force against any dog – whether it's working or not- is prohibited.
- The use of training collars on any dog – whether it's working or not - is prohibited.

- All competitors must ensure the comfort of their dogs while at a trial – ie they must ensure dogs have sufficient food, water, shelter and toileting arrangements.
- All competitors are required to show sportsmanship and conduct themselves with honour, integrity and decorum while in the trial arena.
- Competitors are prohibited from using foul language while competing – anyone using foul language while on the course will be penalized through the loss of points (at judge's discretion) and given an official warning.
- All competitors must treat the judge with respect.
- All competitors to acknowledge that the judge's decision is final and that it is not subject to appeal.

26. Steve Flatley/Steve Murray moved that the code of conduct also ban the use of electric training collars and that anyone found at a dog trial with a training collar or using a training collar be banned from being a member of the association for life.

27. Jim Marshall/Steve Murray moved NSWWSA introduce a policy allowing dog trial organisers to question the health of dogs brought to an event and that it be included in the code of conduct that members have a responsibility to keep their dogs in good health.

28. Jim Marshall/Steve Flatley moved that the NSWWSA introduce a policy requiring judges of NSWWSA affiliated events be members of the NSW Association (or affiliates) and that the NSWWSA look at developing a list of judges.

29. Allan Fletcher/Jim Marshall moved NSWWSA introduce a policy requiring all dog trial committees advise competitors via the newsletter/website what rules their event will be run under.

30. Jonathan Randle/Lew Mollow moved that the NSWWSA not give a handler a re-run if one of their own dogs escape and enters the dog trialling arena when they are working another dog.

31. Dick Chapman/Steve Murray moved that the NSWWSA adopt as a matter of policy that re-runs are held at the end of the round.

32. Dick Chapman/Steve Flatley moved that NSWWSA adopt the NSW Mirror Course (based on North Coast rules) with the free work area a delivery not a hold, 60 points for general work and 40 points for obstacles, and five minute time frame (the course allows committees the option to use re-run cattle more successfully).

33. Lew Molloy/Nikki Collison moved that NSWWSA include in all its adopted rules that judging begins from the time the handler and dog enter the dog trialling arena until the time they leave the arena and that five points be deducted from the score of any dog which urinates or defecates in the arena within this time frame.

34. Steve Murray/Dave Bennett moved that the awards pointscore be brought into line with the State of Origin (both to run from July 1 to June 30 each year) and that the new time frame be introduced this year – meaning awards point scores for 2010 would run from only six months.

September 2010

35. Steve Flatley/Ray Adams moved that NSWWSA adopt the same guidelines for payment of membership fees as that of the Mid Coast Group.

Draws: The matter of draws was raised for discussion at September 2010 meeting. It was reported that under the current system, handlers with a large number of dogs are clumped together at the end of the competition. Some handlers believe it would be fairer for all concerned if those handlers with a large number of dogs were scattered throughout the draw or the draw system be changed to one such as a campdraft draw. The matter was discussed at some length about which way was fairest for all concerned, with some members believing the round system was fairest and other believing a complete random draw was the fairest. During discussion it became apparent the NSWWSA has no rules for how the draw is completed and that it was essentially up to the individual organising committees to decide.

November 2010

36. Scott Amon/Jim Marshall moved that NSWWSA introduce a protocol for limiting entries to runs per dog trial, ie each handler can have a set maximum number of runs ie two, three, or four (or more or less up to the organising committee to decide) runs per dog trial with handlers to determine in which event they want those runs to be in, ie three in the maiden/novice and one in the open or perhaps none in the maiden/novice and three in the open. The combination is up to the handler to decide as long as runs are limited to the set number decided by the committee. Also handlers be asked to nominate their dogs in order of weakest to strongest – ie list the dogs they prefer to have scratched first and dogs they prefer to run listed last in ascending order – so that dog numbers can be fairly limited. Also handlers be advised when nominating that dogs may be limited.

March 2011

37. Greg Wright/Kate Usmar moved that Jamie Shipman arrange to have a downloadable results sheet added to the website which committee members could download, fill in and email back to the pointscore co-ordinator; and that

the NSW association send a results sheet (to be filled out and sent back) to show society's holding dog trials.

38. Steve Flatley/Lew Molloy moved that members be charged a small fee for advertising in the newsletter and non members be charged a more considerable fee and that the advertising rate be set by the executive.
39. Dick Chapman/Steve Flatley moved that a membership list to be made available to other members and that the list contain just the name, general address (rather than detailed address) and phone number of the members.

September 2011

40. Lew Molloy/Jock Adams moved because the association covers all of NSW and not every member can attend every meeting, that postal voting be accepted for AGMs.
41. Steve Flatley/Wilma Murray moved that the NSW Membership application be altered to include:

"I, the undersigned, (name) do hereby agree to abide by the rules, regulations and Code of Conduct of the NSW WSDA when I attend any Trial/ activity/training day held by the NSW WSDA or any club or organisation affiliated with the NSW WSDA. I understand that my membership is dependent upon my compliance with the designated rules, regulations and Code of Conduct of the NSW WSDA. I take part in any activity run under the auspices of the NSW WSDA at my own risk, and I agree to waive any liability against the organisers of the activity for any personal injury sustained by me.

Signed....."

42. Richard Stokes/John Really moved that any committee that runs a championship trial – NSW Championship, State of Origin event, of Australian Championships -- has to allow members to work the cattle before the event, and that the executive liaise to establish the full criteria.
43. Steve Flatley/Robert Johnston moved that dog trial organising committees must set a closing date for nominations.
44. Robert Johnston/Lew Molloy moved that NSW WSDA ties be made available for sale at \$35.
45. Steve Flatley/Robert Johnston moved that all NSW judges wear NSW ties if judging at Australian Championships, NSW Championships and State of Origin.

November 2011

46. Steve Murray/Peter Travers moved that committees holding championship trials must offer a prizemoney pool of at least \$1000 and the NSW WSDA

give championship organising committees a further \$500 if it has available funds.

July 2012

47. Report to the July 2012 meeting established

Championship criteria to date

- Organising committees of NSW Championship, State of Origin or Australian Championships -- have to allow members to work the cattle before the event..
- Committees running championship trials must be prepared to run over three days if the entries require it.
- That Committees offer minimum prize money of \$1000.
- Two judges required for open event at championship dog trials.
- Finals must be held for novice and open events and if possible the maiden and there must be a minimum of six entries in each final.

48. Jonathon Randle/Tammy Woods moved that competitors arriving late for dog trials (after the end of the first round) forfeit the right to run their dogs in the rounds they have missed. However, late competitors arriving before the end of the first round be allowed to slot in to the end of the first round draw.

July 2013

49. Steve Flatley/Geoff McLennan moved that trial dogs which are excessively rough on stock on three separate occasions, as reported by trial judges, be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the association's executive and which could include the dog being banned from competition.

50. Alan Fletcher/Richard Stokes moved that the NSW secretary send (by mail or email) dog trial organisers an event pack which includes a result sheet (which they must fill out and return and which features 1st-6th place getters in all events, the names of the judges of all events, and number of dogs competing in each of the events) and a current membership list.

November 2013

51. Jamie Shipman/Geoff McLennan moved that dog trial organisers must lodge a full set of results including placings down to 6th place, the number of dogs in each event, and the names of judges, with the NSWSDA before they can be reimbursed for Cobber product purchased as prizes for their trial.

52. Kate Usmar/Jim Marshall moved that handlers who scratch a dog on the day of the trial, before the start of the event, be given the opportunity to substitute another dog for the one that was scratched, alternatively they forfeit their entry fee for the scratched dog.

53. Ryan Usmar/Richard Stokes moved that organising committees hosting Australian Championships in NSW be advised that a condition of winning the right to host the event is that they allow Wendy Moxon to run a raffle at the championships to raise funds for the Dog of the Year trophy.

28 March 2014 Red Range

54. Geoff McLennan/Kate Usmar moved that the draw for every trial must be conducted in rounds (blended or otherwise) and every competitor taking part in a trial must be given a copy of the draw.

55. Richard Stoke/Dick Chapamn moved that the NSWWSA contribute \$1,000 towards costs of legal action to fight the Victorian Dog Act.

56. Lew Molloy/Geoff McLennan moved that a current membership list be published in the second newsletter of every year and a current list be published on the website and updates every quarter. As a result the NSWWSA membership card can be discontinued.

5 July 2014 Timor

57. Janelle McLennan/Chris Bagnall moved that the association agree to send out flyers/entry forms with newsletters, however committees must cover the costs including printing costs.

58. Murray Wilkinson/Daniel Matthews moved that the judge for the State of Origin be selected by majority vote of the team on the day.

AGM 29 August 2014 Maclean

59. Ben Clark/ Dick Chapman moved that first time judges, judge their first event with an experienced judge and that the average of the two scores be the contestant's score.

60. Geoff McLannan/Ryan Usmar moved that:

- a. The NSWWSA align its membership year with the point score year so that both run from 1 July to 30 June each year.
- b. That the new arrangements come into effect from 1 July 2015
- c. That the memberships for the intervening period of 1 January 2015 to 1 July 2015 be set at \$13.
- d. That the period of grace for memberships be discontinued. Carried

61. Kate Usmar/Greg Wright moved that membership extension for new members joining after 30 June be axed.

62. Geoff McLennan/Kate Usmar moved that the executive develop a set of disciplinary guidelines for consideration of members at the next meeting.

63. Janelle McLennan/Robert Johnston moved that the NSWWSA increase its public liability insurance coverage to \$20 million for the remainder of 2014 and that it take out a \$20 million public liability insurance coverage for all of 2015.

22 November 2014 Gladstone

64. Lew Molloy/Rob Sutherland moved that: A dispute must be brought to the attention of an executive member or the trial organiser before the end of the trial to be valid. Any complaints after a trial will not be considered.

65. Ben Gould/Nick Hovey moved that all competitors must wear covered in sturdy footwear.

28 February 2015 Pinkett

66. Kate Usmar/Jim Marshall moved that the NSWWSA financial year be changed to 1 July-30 June.

67. Kate Usmar/Kevin Bell moved that a trial draw must have competitors spread evenly throughout all rounds, also that the draw order must follow the first round order.

68. Lew Molloy/Geoff McLennan moved that first time judges should not judge a one day trial with maiden, novice and open events run in conjunction.

69. Ben Gould/Tammy Woods moved that we purchase the logo in digital format for future use.

AGM 10 September 2015 Ellerston

70. Kevin Bell/Ian Cox moved that fees be increased and that from 1 July 2016 fees be increased to:

- i. Full membership \$40
- ii. Associate membership \$20
- iii. Junior membership \$15
- iv. Day membership \$20

71. Murray Wilkinson/Dick Chapman moved that if volunteer workers have to be members the fee should be \$2.

72. Richard Stokes/Dick Chapman moved that trial organisers send a list of competitors to the treasurer so that he/she may check on their membership status.

73. Kevin Bell/Andrew McIntyre moved that: if a dog starts the point score year as a maiden or novice dog and breaks status to become an open dog, open points earned after that date will count towards the Maiden/Novice Dog of the Year.

October 2015 Glencoe

74. Steve Flatley/Glen McKey moved that Open points earned after breaking status do not count until the 2016 point score season starts.

April 2016 Red Range

75. Tammy Woods/Ben Gould moved that a breach of the disciplinary code a committee made up of the executive committee has the right/authority to decide a punishment of 0-6 month ban, for a trial period of 12 months.
76. Ben Gould/Brooke Anderson moved that key motions are to be placed in the newsletter.
77. Dick Chapman/Kevin Bell moved that points are to be allocated to the handler and dog in all points systems.
78. Ben Gould/Kevin Bell moved that all points earned in an Open event whether the dog is a maiden, novice or open count towards the State of Origin.

July 2016 Ulmarra

79. Andrew McIntyre/Jamie Shipman moved that every trial committee needs to appoint a welfare officer.

March 2017 Glencoe

80. Kevin Bell/Glen McKey moved that NSW adopt the Australian pointscore system in 2017.
81. Richard Stokes/Jim Marshall moved that the NSWWSA adopt North Coast rules and NSW rules and the Hunter rules remain in place as the only other rules to be used.
82. Kevin Bell/Victor Moar moved that any state titles or Australian titles held in NSW all events are to have two judges.

83. Janelle McLennan/Kevin Bell moved that the NSW association encourage committees to refund entry fees to judges or cover travel and catering for the weekend.
84. Glen McKey/Andrew McIntyre moved that all correspondence sent to the association must have a name attached to be tabled at a meeting.
85. Lew Molloy/Dick Chapman moved that all association items held by executive members must be returned to the AGM in case other members take on a position.
86. Tammy Woods/Kevin Bell moved that the treasurer be allowed to use internet banking as long as two people must sign or approve the transaction.
87. Janelle McLennan/Matt Bogie moved that the executive be the judges panel, revise the rules and come back to the members with suggestions.
88. Matt Bogie/Geoff McLennan moved that with the approval of the NSW executive a committee may vary the course and the number of stock used at a trial.

August 2017 Maclean

89. Lew Molloy/Geoff McLennan moved that the meeting give the executive the power to revise the rules of the NSWWSA and that the revised rules be trialed at the Australian Cow Dog Challenge at Tamworth in November 2017.

March 2018 Glencoe

90. Robert Johnston/Ian Cox moved that the following motion be referred to the AGM for consideration: That competitors not giving committees 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 NSWWSA affiliated events until all forfeited fees have been paid to the committee.
91. Stephen Flatley/Ian Cox moved that a judges training day be held at Robert Johnston's property on a date to be fixed and that the training day feature a video and discussion session.

AGM Geurie 2018

92. Lew Molloy/Christine Chapman moved that the only time a Queensland judge is to be asked to judge for NSW in the State of Origin is when there is no qualified open judge from NSW available.
93. Lew Molloy/ Jim Marshall moved that Victorian cattle dog trailers be given reciprocal rights with the NSWWSA.
94. Geoff McLennan/Ben Gould moved that the points achieved at a trial spanning two pointscore years be allocated to the year on the day that the trial started.
95. Lew Molloy/Dick Chapman moved that the association make it clear to trailers that the current rule that says "competitors arriving late can go to the

end of the round" only applies to the first round of an event.

96. Robert Johnston/Richard Stokes formally moved (a motion put forward at the Glencoe meeting in March 2018) 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 NSWWSA events until all forfeited entry fees have been paid to the committee.
97. Ben Gould/Geoff McLennan moved that the unwritten rule that the State of Origin event be judged according to the rules of whichever state is hosting the event be formalized.
98. Dick Chapman/Janelle McLennan moved that a letter be sent to the QWCDTA registering the NSWWSA's concern that the previously unwritten rule (as above) was not adhered to at the 2018 State of Origin event and requested the rule be formalized for all future events.
99. Ben Gould/Dick Chapman moved that the State of Origin rules require the score of each judge is recorded.
100. Steve Flatley/Mitchum Davis moved that the scores of individual judges at championship trials be recorded for each run together with the final score.
101. Geoff McLennan/Robert Johnston moved that the executive investigate the "lightning policies" of other sporting bodies and come back to the next meeting with a proposal for a lightning policy for the NSWWSA.

November 2020 Pinkett

102. Richard Stokes/Jeremy Cummins moved that day memberships be reduced to \$10 once per year before they have to become a full member.
103. Dick Chapman /Jeremy Cummins moved that the executive are to get ideas and quotes for a Quickshade gazebo 6x3.