



# NSW Working Stock Dog Association

## 2024 AGM MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	19 July 2024
<b>Time:</b>	6pm
<b>Place:</b>	NSW Championships - Casino

<b>Attendees:</b>	Janelle McLennan, Geoff McLennan, Lew Molloy, Ethan Davis, Robert Sutherland, Ryley Opalniuke, Brent Pakalniskis, Darren Tabone, Shane Randall, Ben Gould, Tenille Gould, Gracie Halstead, Ian Cox, Emily Holecome, Nathan Brown, Drew Stone, Georgia Cameron, Graham Langham, Margie Langham, Trevor Leslight, Richard Stokes, Vic Malishar, Graeme Budd, Leanne Ezzy, Jenny Lark, Dick Chapman, Christine Chapman, Janelle Wooldridge, Ange Delmarco, Andrew McIntyre, Athol Essery, Bernie Shakeshaft, Paul Dawson, Sean Copper.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Zac Ede, Wayne Wayte

Item	Description
1	<b>Open Meeting</b> – The President opened the meeting at 6.14pm.
2	<b>Apologies</b> - Apologies were received from Zac Ede and Wayne Wayte
3	<b>Minutes of previous annual general meeting – Bonalbo 9 September 2023</b> <i>Proposed resolution: That the minutes of the annual general meeting be accepted.</i> <b>Moved: Ian Cox</b> <b>Seconded: Christine Chapman</b> <b>Carried/Lost: Carried</b>

## **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

### **Motion**

*That the 12-month trial of the proposed by-law which stated: "If a competitor scratches a dog from a trial, that competitor's other dogs be brought forward in the draw" not be continued.*

**Moved: Ben Gould**

**Seconded: Jessica Gall**

**Carried/Lost: Carried**

### **Motion**

*That the NSW Working Stock Dog Association trial each of the two new draw systems as presented by Ben Gould and Gracie Halstead at two events each and that the results of the trial be brought back to the next annual general meeting of the association.*

#### **Draw system as proposed by Gracie Halstead and Zac Ede**

*Assuming there will be multiple rotations in the draw, a percentage of each round scores will progress to the second round. This percentage will be based on the number of entries received. The reason for this system is because we believe this offers a level playing field amongst the rounds. It rewards dogs across the varying conditions. The second round will be a clean slate.*

#### **Draw system as proposed by Ben Gould**

*That the association implements a system to run only two trials using a camp draft draw method, ensuring completely random nominations. This system will include a minimum of four rounds, with an algorithm set to prevent handlers from having consecutive runs and allowing time for competitors to warm up their dogs between runs. The four rounds allow committee members and volunteers an opportunity to have their run at the end of a round if they have missed their run due to commitments. \* This system should not be used for a championship trial during the trial period and Ben and the NSWWSDA executive to chose the two trials the system is to be trialled at.*

**Moved: Ben Gould**

**Seconded: Graeme Budd**

**Carried/Lost: Carried**

### **Motion**

*That the trial allowing contestants with only one dog in an event (Maiden/Novice or Open) to nominate whether they want to run the dog in either the first or last round be continued for a further 12 months.*

**Moved: Graeme Budd**

**Seconded: Ty Eason**

**Carried/Lost: Carried**



9	<b>Election of Committee Members</b>			
	<b>Committee Position</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>	<b># of votes</b>
<p><b>President:</b> After repeated unsuccessful calls for nominations for the position of president, the meeting resolved the following.</p>	<p><b>“As no nominations for the position of president were forthcoming, the meeting appoint Lew Molloy for another term of president, and the NSWWSA change its bylaws to allow a president to serve for an unlimited term, if elected annually.”</b></p>	<p><b>Moved/Seconded:</b> Geoff McLennan/Graeme Budd</p>	<p><b>Carried</b></p>	
<p><b>Secretary:</b> Janelle McLennan</p>	<p>Graeme Budd</p>	<p>Richard Stokes</p>	<p>Uncontested</p>	
<p><b>Treasurer:</b> Lew Molloy</p>	<p>Gracie Halstead</p>	<p>Janelle Wooldridge</p>	<p>Uncontested</p>	
<p><b>Vice President 1:</b> Nathan Brown</p>	<p>Lew Molloy</p>	<p>Brent Pakalniskis</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	
<p><b>Vice President 2:</b> Ethan Davis</p>	<p>Jessica Gall</p>	<p>Ty Eason</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	
<p><b>Vice President 3:</b> Ty Eason</p>	<p>Janelle Wooldridge</p>	<p>Darren Tabone</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	
<p><b>Vice President 4:</b> Geoff McLennan</p>	<p>Dick Chapman</p>	<p>Leanne Ezzy</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	
<p><b>Vice President 5:</b> Zac Ede</p>	<p>Gracie Halstead</p>	<p>Ben Gould</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	
<p><b>Vice President 6:</b> Ben Gould</p>	<p>Ethan Davis</p>	<p>Ty Eason</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	

	<b>Vice President 4:</b> Graham Langham	Nathan Brown	Ben Gould	<b>14</b>
	<b>Elected:</b> Nathan Brown, Ty Eason, Ethan Davis, Geoff McLennan.			
	<b>Point Scorer:</b> Janelle Wooldridge	Richard Stokes	Ange Delmarco	<b>Uncontested</b>
	<b>Newsletter Editor:</b> Graeme Budd			<b>Uncontested</b>
	<b>Public Officer:</b> Lew Molloy			<b>Uncontested</b>
10	<b>General Business</b>			
	<b>Item</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Moved/Seconded</b>	<b>Carried/Lost:</b>
	1. Competitors following the draw, and people missing their runs.	If a competitor is not there to take their run, they will miss (forfeit) their run, no matter what round of the draw it is (unless there are extenuating circumstances as decided by the executive of the NSWWSDA). <i>(This is to apply to stand-alone trials only – not trials run in conjunction with sheep dog events)</i>	Bernie Shakeshaft/Graham Langham	<b>Carried</b>
	2. The notice trials have to give to be affiliated.	That committee's running dog trials wanting to be affiliated with the NSWWSDA must give at least one month's notice of the trial being held.	Andrew McIntyre/Robbie Sutherland	<b>Carried</b>

<p>3. Full membership to compete at Championship trials.</p>	<p>Competitors taking part in any championship trial run in NSW, must be full members of the NSWWSA.</p>	<p>Geoff McLennan/Andrew McIntyre</p>	<p><b>Carried</b></p>
<p>4. Clarification of Insurance Cover for Committee/Volunteers to be documented on Website.</p> <p>Things to Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incident Report?</li> <li>• Risk Assessment Sheets for Trial Venue to make Volunteers Aware of Risks?</li> <li>• Volunteer – Signature Sheet?</li> <li>• Is a 1st Aid Officer Required?</li> <li>• What Types of Injuries are covered,</li> <li>• Make aware Participants should have their own Ambulance Cover</li> <li>• If someone wants to sue, chain of Responsibility?? Is Committee liable?</li> <li>• Document on the Website so All are Aware</li> </ul>	<p>The Executive Committee committed to following up the issues raised and look into replicating aspects of the Yard Dog website on the NSWWSA website.</p>		
<p>5. Organise the Rules into Categories.</p>	<p>The meeting accepted an offer by Janelle Wooldridge to review the rules and to organise them into categories. Janelle undertook to send the draft categorised rules to the executive for consideration.</p>		
<p>6. Affiliating the following Events with NSWWSA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouragement</li> <li>• Junior</li> <li>• Juvenile</li> </ul> <p><i>(With view to a Pinnacle Trial at a specified location. Dorrigo Committee did a great job last trial in this area. Would they be interested. Would there be funding available for Awards from the</i></p>	<p>The committee agreed that a sub-group comprising Bernie Shakeshaft, Gracie Halstead/Nathan Brown and others look into developing guidelines for affiliated Encouragement, Junior and Juvenile events. At the same time, the Executive of the NSWWSA will seek advice from its insurers about potential limitations/impacts of running junior/juvenile events. The two groups to report back to the next meeting of the NSWWSA.</p>		

<p><i>Association? How much would you be willing to input?)</i></p>			
<p>7. OHS at Trials - Stock inclusive. Document separate established to go with Rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I think we need to put in writing a more prominent message onto the website relating to:</li> <li>• Fit, Healthy stock – Committee required to have experienced nominated person to assess stock prior to trial. Eg: temperament, blindness, lameness.</li> <li>• Stock to be broken in and not presented for triallers to break cattle in at a trial.</li> <li>• Volunteers and Judges – Required to sign a sheet prior to trial starting.</li> <li>• Is there a fee required for volunteers so they are covered under the Insurance if an Incident or Accident occurs.</li> <li>• Is there an age limit on volunteers to be working at trials?</li> <li>• Can we have exact law on all above information sourced?</li> </ul>	<p>The executive committed to look at developing a one-page document which clarifies OHS issues and potentially provides guidelines for committees for inclusion in the trial package on the website.</p>		
<p>8. Score Sheets to also be sent to Point Score Secretary along with Results Sheet.</p>	<p>Executive committed to including the requirement for score sheets to be sent to the point score secretary along with the results sheet in the information package for trial organisers.</p>		
<p>9. Change to Motions Affecting Rules 77, 84, 89, 97, 98 and 99. (Remove 98, incorrect). All the listed Rules Relating to exemption whether you are eligible for run if you miss one or NOT.</p>	<p>Following the adoption of item 1 general business, a number of the rules listed will have to be archived.</p>		<p><b>Withdrawn</b></p>

11	<b>Items of General Business to be taken from the floor</b>			
	<b>Item</b>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Moved/Seconded</b>	<b>Carried/Lost:</b>
	Gracie Halstead raised the issue of State of Origin selection and of a competitor earning the right to be the wildcard entrant with a dog already selected in the state of origin team.	That a dog can only be run once in a State of Origin team.	Lew Molloy/Andrew McIntyre	<b>Carried</b>
	Geoff McLennan raised the issue of two judges at a championship trial being able to hear each other's scores.	That when two judges are being used in a trial, the judges be seated independently of each other and that they provide their scores to the score keeper on separate two-way channels to prevent them for hearing each other's score.	Lew Molloy/Geoff McLennan	<b>Carried</b>
13	<b>Next Meeting</b>			
14	<b>Meeting closed: 9.16pm.</b>			



<b>Minute taker:</b>	Janelle McLennan
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