

NSW Working Stock Dog Association

AGM AGENDA

Date:	9 September 2023
Time:	5pm
Place:	NSW Championships - Bonalbo

Attendees:	Lew Molloy, Janelle McLennan, Geoff McLennan, Dick Chapman, Christine Chapman, Athol Essery, Graham Langham, Margie Langham, Darren Tabone, Trevor Leslight, Ty Eason, Pat Dwyer, Jenny Lark, Wayne Wayte, Brent Pakalniskis, Ryley Opalniok, Ethan Davis, Nathan Brown, Janelle Wooldridge, Paul Johnston, Phillip Brown, Ben Gould, Megan Wedesweiler, Andrew McIntyre.
Apologies:	Zac Ede, Grace Halsted

Item	Description			
1	Open Meeting – The President opened the meeting at 5.06pm.			
2	Apologies – As above			
3	Minutes of previous annual general meeting – Carcoar 25 November 202 Resolution: That the minutes of the annual general meeting be accepted.			
	Moved: Lew Molloy	Seconded: Christine Chapman	Carried/Lost: Carried unanimously	

Review of actions from previous annual general meeting - Carcoar 2022

- Trial of a of a system whereby a cattle dog trial is being run on the same grounds at the same time as another livestock event, competitors missing their run on the draw due to competing in the other event, to be allowed to go to the end of the round in which they were due to compete. As it stands, judges and volunteers can continue to go to the end of any round for a further 12 months. Seems to be working well and status quo remains.
- That for bush dog trials to be covered by NSWWSDA insurance, an affiliated event must be held at the venue as well. Committees have been informed.
- The executive to look at having a membership section on a trial entry form to make it easier to collect money from new and day members. Have had some success with this, but can't make committees do it. Definitely easier doing this way than trying to do it at a trial.
- The motions moved at meeting to be looked at any that have been superseded or are no longer relevant will be archived. A current list will then be put up on the website. This is ongoing.
- The executive made a decision that it would be appropriate that the association make a donation of \$1,000 to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter in memory of Robert Johnston who was a supporter of the charity. The meeting endorsed the decision. The donation has been made.
- A submission was put in by Janelle Wooldridge about making the rules easier to refer to. After some discussion, it was decided that the executive would look at the current set up and make adjustments where necessary. This has not been done, but will be actioned.
- There was discussion on whether the Australian titles should be a stand-alone event. To be discussed at another meeting. There was further discussion, but no action.

President provide a verbal report

President Lew Molloy reported that there had been 15 trials in the last 12 months. He said trialling was starting to return to normal following difficulties caused for committees by drought, bushfires, COVID 19 pandemic and floods. Hopefully, more dog trials will return and we will see between 20 and 25 next year. Encouragingly, the association also has seen more young trailers join and compete, and hopefully this trend will continue. Lew concluded his report by thanking all members of the Executive Committee for their support over the past 12 months and to the membership for putting their faith in him to lead the association.

Treasurers Report

In the absence of the treasurer, President Lew Molloy read a condensed treasurers report to the meeting advising that 1 September, the NSWWSDA's account balances were as follows:

- Working account \$20,967.58 which included \$5,000 which had been transferred from the NSWWSDA's investment account;
- Investment account \$5606.75.

	Resolution: That the treasurers report as read be accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the NSWWSDA's account balances.				
	Moved: Lew Molloy	Seconded: Geoff McLennan	Carried/Lost: Carried unanimously		
7	Correspondence in & out - Nil				
	Membership fees – review for 2023/2024 year				
8	Resolution: That the association's membership fees for 2023/2024 remain as is.				
	Moved: Ty Eason	Seconded: Brent Pakalniskis	Carried/Lost: Carried (one against)		
	Election of Committee Members				
9	President Lew Molloy stood down	from the chair and invited Trevor Leslight to take the forward and conducted the election of the commit			

Committee Position	Nominated by	Seconded by	# of votes
President: Lew Molloy	Dick Chapman	Ben Gould	Elected unopposed
Secretary: Janelle McLennan	Lew Molloy	Jenny Lark	Elected unopposed
Treasurer: Grace Halsted	Janelle McLennan	Dick Chapman	Elected unopposed
Vice President 1: Zac Ede	Lew Molloy	Dick Chapman	Elected unopposed
Vice President 2: Geoff McLennan	Lew Molloy	Ty Eason	Elected unopposed

Vice President 3: Dick Chapman	Ben Gould	Geoff McLennan	Elected unopposed
Vice President 4: Ben Gould	Jenny Lark	Phillip Brown	Elected unopposed
Point Scorer: Janelle Wooldridge	Lew Molloy	Dick Chapman	Elected unopposed
Newsletter Editor: Nil	The meeting agreed that rather than har Facebook and the Noticeboard section		should go on
Public Officer: Lew Molloy	Ty Eason	Trevor Leslight	Elected unopposed

10 General Business

Item		Resolution	Moved/Seconded	Carried/Lost:
1.	Should the NSWWSDA give trial committees money toward prizemoney.	That the NSWWSDA run practice days/dog trialling schools with members allowed to attend for free and/or with the association providing free day membership for people wanting to have a go.	Andrew McIntyre/Janelle Wooldridge	Carried unanimously
2.	To be eligible for selection in the NSW State of Origin team you must be a full member of the association.	That to be eligible for selection in the NSW State of Origin team, dog triallers must be full members of the NSWWSDA.	Lew Molloy/Andrew McIntyre	Carried unanimously
3.	Should there a set number of Maiden/Novice trials that someone should judge before they can judge	The meeting agreed that it should be left at the discretion of the Judge's Panel (the Executive) as to when a		

	an open or should it be left to the judges panel/ executive to decide.	person becomes eligible to judge an open event.		
4.	Prizemoney for championship trials – down to what place?	All Championship trials (Australian and NSW) run in NSW must at a minimum pay prizemoney down to sixth place in all events.	Lew Molloy/Phil Brown	Carried unanimously.
5.	How long a term should vice- presidents be able to serve? Currently secretary/treasurer can serve for longer than three years, presidents can serve for three years, but there has been no discussion about Vice Presidents.	That Vice Presidents be able to serve for an unlimited term.	Lew Molloy/Darren Tabone	Carried unanimously
6.	Should there be a cap on entry fees?	The meeting agreed that it should be left up to the organising committees to determine what entry fees they want to charge.		
7.	If you only have one dog should you be able to pick which round you go in?	That contestants with only one dog in an event (Maiden/Novice or Open) be allowed to nominate whether they want to run the dog in either the first or last round, and that this be trialled for 12 months or until the next annual general meeting.	Lew Molloy/Darren Tabone	Carried unanimously
8.	Where does money go from some trials?	The meeting agreed that it was not the business of the association as to where the money from trials goes.		
9.	Drinking alcohol while working in the yards at a trial.	The meeting agreed the trial package should contain advice from the association stating that committees should be aware that the drinking of		

		alcohol by volunteers working in the yards could impact their insurance cover and that the association accepts no liability in the event there is an accident involving someone found to drinking. The meeting felt it wise for the association to seek legal advice in relation to the above wording.		
11	Items of General Business to be taken from	the floor		
	Item	Discussion/Resolution	Moved/Seconded	Carried/Lost:
	Geoff McLennan sought clarification about the rule that about 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. He wanted to know if this rule applied each day of an event or for the first trial of the event as some people travel home at the end of the day's trialling and return the next day.	That the rule be reworded to say: That competitors arriving late for the first event at a dog trial (late being 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 of the first event only be allowed to slot in to the end of the first round draw – this does not apply to any other event over the weekend. Extenuating circumstances may be considered. This only applies to stand alone events.	Geoff McLennan/Ty Eason	Carried unanimously.
	Wayne Wayte raised the issue of people putting in dummy entries which they then scratched in the day with the aim of gaining the advantage of having a dog in the final round of a draw.	 If a competitor scratches a dog from a trial, that competitor's other dogs be brought forward in the draw. That this new by-law be trialled for 12 months. 	 Wayne Wayte/Nathan Brown Wayne Wayte/Trevor Leslight 	 Carried (nine votes to seven) Carried unanimously

Wayne Wayte raised the issue about the acceptance of entries after the closing date and was concerned a competition in the NSW Championships allegedly was allowed to enter the open but not the novice. Wayne, for privacy reasons would not reveal the competitor's name.	The president said the executive would discuss the matter in private with Wayne as he was unaware of the issue. Discussions later revealed the committee had acted properly and that Wayne did not have the full information when he raised the issue.		
Janelle Wooldridge sought clarification on the rule in relation to rule No 24 (For NSW and Australian titles there should be a minimum of 20 runs in the second round and a minimum 10 runs in the final) in relation to the maiden/novice event.	The president advised the meeting that the minimum of 20 runs in the second round related only to the open event and that the rule had been poorly written. Resolution: That the rule be re-written to clearly show that the minimum of 20 runs in the second round relates to the open event only.	Janelle Wooldridge/Trevor Leslight.	Carried unanimousl
Phillip Brown raised the issue of late entries missing events and perhaps committees should investigate having a waiting list should scratchings occur.	The president advised the meeting that the Bonalbo Committee was regretting its decision not to accept late entries and or have a waiting list. The meeting was also advised that it is currently up to the discretion of event organising committees as to whether or not they accept late entries.		
Ben Gould provided a quote of the purchase of a large quick shade for use by the association at dog trials.	The meeting agreed not to pursue buying a quick shade as it was felt that		

			transporting and storing it would become problematic.		
12	Urgent B	Business			
	Nil				
13	Next Me	eting			
	To be ad	vised			
14	4 Meeting closed				
	The president declared the meeting closed at 7.14pm.				
Minu	te taker:	Janelle McLennan			
Signed:					
N	ame:				
C	Date:				