**Western Canadian Committee**

Conference Call Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017

Introduction of members: Dale Montgomery, Wendy Schmaltz, Jennifer L’Arrivee, Wayne Roberts, Kaelene Forsyth, Louanne Twa, Catherine Lundin, Rick Willets (absent)

Meeting began – 7:05 PM

Discussion Items

1. Selection of a chairperson & secretary for the committee if the group decides these positions are warranted.

Wayne Roberts will chair the WCC for 2017/2018

Jennifer L’Arrivee will be secretary for the WCC for 2017/2018

1. Formation of a website specifically for the WCC. –

Rational:

* Visible guidelines
* Various forms
* Archived results & awards
* Each WCC member will be able to access the site
* Find a free site
* Louanne has a professional website package that could be used
* Wendy volunteered to work on building & maintaining the website

All WCC members agreed the website would be useful.

1. Future rotations & locations for the WC- Updated rotation.

2018 – BC

2019 – AB

2020 – SK

2021 – BC

2022 – MB

2023- SK

2024 – AB

2025 – MB

1. The current WC guidelines. The WCC discussed the various changes to the current WC guidelines. Jennifer will make the necessary changes to the guidelines and post the changes.
2. With regards to the hosting rotation, the following statement will replace the current one.

“The province due to host the WC has until Nov 1 of the year previous to hosting, to put forth their bid to the WCC. If a bid is not received from this province, bids will open to other provinces wishing to host and be due to the WCC by Jan 1. The WCC will contact the province with the successful bid.”

All members of the WCC supported the above statement.

1. Under the “Committee Role” of the current WCC guidelines, it will now state, “ The hosting province is required to fill out a bid form on the WCC website and send the completed draft via email or mail to the current WC Chairperson.

All members of the WCC approved the above change and Wendy stated she will work on a Bid form.

1. Dog Eligibility – Currently, there are no qualifications for Open dogs and only age restrictions for Nursery.

After discussion on this matter, members agreed to leave the eligibility as stands.

1. Selection for double lift finals- The current WC guidelines will be added to and will be as follows:

“ Selection for the double lift will be determined in one of three ways”

Option 1 – top 4 aggregate scores (chosen first), followed by top 3 in each go round.

Option 2 – top 3 in each go round (chosen first), followed by top 4 aggregate scores.

Option 3 – top 10 aggregate.

Trial directors should include their desired option on their entry form.

WCC approved the above changes.

1. Addition to the current guidelines.

Tie Situation:

“When selecting dog/handler teams to move forward to the finals, ties in the go-round are broken by the outfield work (outrun, lift, fetch). Ties in aggregate scores will move forward to the finals.”

WCC approved the above addition.

1. Additions to current guidelines. Course specifications.

Open Course- Standard ISDS style single & double lift course.

Outruns – Maximum 500 yards, minimum 400 yards

Drive – 150 yards

Shed and/or single

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Nursery Course – Standards ISDS style course

Outrun – Maximum 300 yards

Drive – 125 yards

Pen

\*Both runs may include a split. If included, handlers must be notified on the entry form.

WCC approve the above changes.

1. Additions to current guidelines. Nursery Champion

“ Western Canadian Nursery Champion will be determined by two rounds of competition and the champion will be the top aggregate score over the two rounds.”

WCC approves the above addition.

1. Additions to current guidelines. Bid process.

“Provinces submitting bids to the WCC will include the names of 3 possible judges.”

WCC approves the above addition.

1. 2017 WC Financial Statement- Wendy submitted the 2017 statement as suggested by the current WC guidelines. Louanne asked about a “clinic” expense and Wendy responded the clinic was a WC fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM