**Attendance**: Wendy Schmaltz, Christine Jobe, Dale Montgomery, Louanne Twa, Kaelene Forsyth, Cathie

Morrison (Regrets: Jennifer L’Arrivee, Rebecca Van Hulle)

**Chairperson**: Wendy Schmaltz

**Secretary**: Cathie Morrison (for Jen L’Arrivee)

1. **Call to Order**: Meeting began at 7:33pm
2. **Approval of Agenda**:

Motion *To approve agenda*: Made by Louanne; seconded by Dale. All in favour.

1. **Reading of 2021 Minutes:** Minutes of the 2021 meeting reviewed (no meeting held in 2022).

Motion *To approve 2021 minutes:* Made by Chris; seconded by Cathie. All in favour.

1. **Location of 2023 Westerns:**

Discussion: It was stated that other people are interested in bidding but don’t know how/when to bid. Response is that all the info is on the website. Conclusion: Perhaps we need to advertise better/earlier. Bidding deadline is Nov.1 for the following year for the province in the rotation. If no bids received from the province, then anybody can bid between Nov.1-Jan.1.

**Provincial Hosting Rotation** clarification:

* 2023 – SK
* 2024 – AB
* 2025 – MB
* 2026 – BC
* This rotation repeats going forward.

1. **Addition to Committee Roles:**

Discussion – The following needs to be added to the Guidelines and criteria document:

1. Advertising to public which province is up for the following year just after the event, eg. via social media.
2. Ensure Westerns website is up-to-date. Wendy has been updating the website and will continue, but this should be in the guidelines.

Motion: *Add to Item 2(d) “The committee will ensure that the website is up to date with inclusion of*

*the yearly minutes and yearly winners”.*

Made by Louanne; seconded by Chris; All in favour.

1. **Requirements to Enter – Should they be changed?**

Discussion:

* **Item 5 – Handler Eligibility**: Paid member of their province 30 days prior to the commencement of the event.
* **Item 6 – Dog Eligibility**:
  1. **Open**: no requirements (stays the same)
  2. **Nursery**: besides age requirement, import date was discussed.

Motion: *“Dogs must be imported by 1 year of age to be eligible to run at the Western Championships Nursery class.”*

Made by Louanne; seconded by Dale; All in favour.

1. **Guideline “Max 500 yard outrun” – Should the length of the outrun be changed?**

Discussion: Current max 500 yards, min 400 yds. We should have a minimum of 400 yards, but no maximum as terrain may dictate. Outrun length should be advertised.

Motion: *“To remove max 500 yards from the requirements (Item 4(a)), but the outrun distance must be stated on the entry form/website.”*

Made by Chris; seconded by Kaelene; All in favour.

1. **Item 7 - #9: Removal of financial report submission.** “An itemized financial statement must be submitted to the host province within 60 days.”

Motion: *“Remove Item 7 #9 from the Guidelines and Criteria document”*

Made by Kaelene; seconded by Chris. All in favour.

1. **New Business:**
2. **Clarification of tie breaker – Item 4 Section D**:

When there is a tie in the go-rounds, placing will be decided in the following order:

1. Combined outfield work points (OLF)
2. Each individual component in the order of OLF until tie is broken
3. Drive
4. Shed
5. Pen
6. Single (if applicable)

Motion: *“To determine placings in the event of a tie, points are to be compared until the tie is broken in the following order: combined outfield work points (OLF), outrun, lift, fetch, drive, shed, pen, single.”*.

Made by Dale; seconded by Cathie. All in favour.

1. **New Chairperson and Secretary** (current members have served 3 years):

It is technically time for a new chairperson and secretary. However, everyone is in agreement to extend these roles for another year as they are both willing to continue. Chairperson and Secretary roles will be revisited at next years’ meeting.

1. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Motion *to adjourn meeting*: Made by Cathie; seconded by Dale. All in favour.