Meeting Date and Time: August 14, 2024, 03:00PM – 04:00PM

Meeting Physical Location: 317 Academy Rd. Pittsford, VT 05763

Meeting Remote Location: Teams Meeting Information below

Minutes:

Members present: Scott Dunlap, Rich Slusser, Jeremy Perkins, Bob Giolito, Chief Dodge, mark Redmond, Dave Dewey.

Staff: Kim McManus

1. Call to Order: ( Rich Slusser called the meeting to order at 3:06pm. Chair Dewey joined the meeting just after meeting called to order.

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

 Add area search to the discussion

 Certifiers for next class - discussion

3. Approval of meeting’s minutes from July 31, 2024

Dunlap moved to approve the July 31, 2024 minutes with changes noted at meeting; Redmond seconded; all present members approved.

4. Review recommended updates to Canine Standards

 *Language re Obedience standards for recertification.*

Different set of obedience skills for different disciplines. Or all dogs in various disciplines should have basic obedience as a requirement. Specific concern regarding the ability of some dogs to stay VI(A.)(1)(c) – the 5 minute stay with handler 25 yards away.

Suggestion made to require subsection (a) and (b) for all recertifications outside of Patrol trained prior to X date. And then subsection (a), (b) and (c) required for all dogs after X date. Atty to draft for subcommittee’s review.

*Area search*

Slusser suggested that the Area search standard discussion can be tabled until the next class.

5. Future of program

assessment results

 generally not much feedback on assessment results

question for the need for cameras in the canine house raised in assessment.

head trainer/VCJC training coordinator

 ED is seeking to create a Head Trainer position.

 ED would like the canine committee’s assistance in compiling data

recruiting evaluators

need expressed for more evaluators, to train more individuals to become evaluators;

the current classes at VPA will need evaluators

Dewey offered to reach out to some potential evaluators from MA.

6 Public Comment

 No members of the public present

 Request to add membership to next agenda

 Next Meeting September 17, 2024 at 2pm.

7. Motion to Adjourn – Redmond moved to adjourn at 4:14pm, seconded by Perkins, motion approved by all members present.