Minutes:

VCJC Canine Subcommittee

April 2, 2024 (05:00PM – 5:00 PM)

Held Virtually by Microsoft Teams

Committee Attendees: Richard Slusser, Mark Redmond, David Dewey, Scott Dunlop, Bob Giolito, Jeremy Perkins, Chief William Dodge, Mike Carifo

VCJC Staff: Kim McManus

Public Attendees: Mellie

1. Call to Order: (Canine Chair Dave Dewey) – 5:06pm

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda –

addition to the agenda – meet consultants for the Canine Program Assessment

remove approval of Minutes; March meeting minutes will need to be approved at May meeting

3. Introduction of Scott Gerlicher and Jon Kingsbury from the Gerlicher Group. Both provided an overview of the work that they are doing for the Academy. Part of that work will be speaking to individual handlers, instructors and trainers.

4. Standards

Committee provided feedback to staff attorney about most recent draft of standards

Add “or designee” to ED throughout

Head Trainer or Lead Trainer should be referred to as Trainer, not instructor – use of instructor causes confusion.

Canine bites – add reporting time “will notify within 24 hrs”

Article Search included in Patrol, not stand alone

Add it to tracking/trailing

Annual PT test, remove department PT test out section

Change hours for course back to “shall consist of” not approximately

5. Waivers – question from committee concerning who handlers should reach out to if they are short for their annual hours. VPA point person, Kim, to report back at next meeting.

6. Next Meeting May 1st at 1pm

7. Motion to adjourn – 6:26pm.

Motion to adjourn