Meeting Date and Time: November 12, 2024, 03:00PM – 04:00PM

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

Meeting Remote Location: Teams Meeting Information below

Committee members present: Dave Dewey, Scott Dunlap, Rich Slusser, Jeremy Perkins, Dustin Snyder, Mark Redmond

Staff members present: Chris Brickell, Kim McManus

Minutes:

1. Call to Order: (Chair Dave Dewey)

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

 No additions or deletions

3. Approval of October 9, 2024 meeting minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 2024 made by Snyder; seconded by Redmond. Approved by all members present.

4. Bite Review

Committee reviewed, for training purposes, a patrol team’s bite that was recently reported to the VPA. The canine performed per its training. Brief conversation about whether the deployment of the canine was necessary under the circumstances.

5. Discussion about Monthly training – 8 hours of patrol and 8 hours of other discipline, discussion as to whether to change the requirement to 16 hours total.

 Co-Chair Dewey raised that PackTrack does not easily allow Handlers to break out different training hours for different disciplines within one training day/session. Dewey raised whether the committee should consider allowing handlers, with two disciplines, to be able to report their total hours without delineating 8 hours for each. Suggestions were made that there might be ways within PackTrack to break out hours but that more investigation was needed. Snyder mentioned that there was a notes function that might provide a work around. Slusser offered to look into PackTracks and requested that the committee keep this discussion open.

6. Discussion – waivers for recerts for missing instructor hours

7. Action Item: Proposed New Evaluators for Evaluation Team: Logan Scelza and James Benvenuti

 Perkins moved to have Logan Scelza added to the Evaluation Team; seconded by Redmond; all members present approved.

 Redmond moved to have James Benvenuti added to the Evaluation Team; seconded by Snyder; all members present approved.

8. Gathering K9 deployment Data for VPA – follow up on VPA’s request

VPA staff shared the K9 statistics that it would like to the canine committee’s assistance in gathering. The VPA will use these statistics to advocate for canine program funding.

Slusser offered to look into packtracks to see what he can gather with supervisor access but he will need handlers to allow him to have supervisor access. Will send an email out to handlers.

9. Public Comment

 No public comment

Motion to adjourn by Redmond, seconded by Snyder; all present approved.

Next meeting to be scheduled by email.