

Minutes:

VCJC Canine Subcommittee

Agenda for Feb. 5, 2024 (04:00PM – 05:00 PM)

Held Virtually by Microsoft Teams

Committee Attendees: Richard Slusser, Mark Redmond, David Dewey, Scott Dunlop, Bob Giolito

VCJC Staff: Kim McManus

Public Attendees: Dustin Snyder

1. Call to Order: (Canine Chair Dave Dewey) – 4:06pm
2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - None
3. Proposed Council Rules – any feedback?

Discussion on Rule 13 and 24 – all committee members approved the edits suggested to Standards so that the Canine Standards align with the proposed Council Rules.

4. Lead Instructor (Contract position)

Feedback on Instructor Position: Could an additional six-week drug school be added to RFP so that teams can get caught up? Six week drug school would be in addition to 16 week patrol school.

Who decides who gets to come into the patrol school?

Make sure that the process does not allow for any bias. Current draft Canine standards, if followed, would prevent bias in application approval. But important to be aware of the possibility of implicit bias especially in a small community like canine handlers.

Will this position oversee the instructors as well as handlers?

This person is not in charge of inservice. They are tasked with the specific class.

Head trainer needs to be a police officer.

Police dog instructor not a canine instructor.

But does it the instructor need to be a VT LEO?

Canine representation on any interview panel

5. Training Records

Monthly training records – originally requested

Can we simplify the monthly report from handlers; could the instructor report suffice.

Kim to discuss with VPA more.

6. Public Comment - none

Motion to adjourn – 5:02pm

Next meeting march 4th at 2:30.

Motion to adjourn - Mark Redmond

Second - Richard Slusser

Adjournment approved.