Meeting Date and Time: December 18, 2024, 04:00PM – 05:00PM

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

Meeting Remote Location: Teams Meeting Information below

Members present: Dave Dewey, Rich Slusser, Jeremy Perkins, Scott Dunlap, Dustin Snyder

Member of the Public: Emily Leinoff

Staff present: Chris Brickell, Kim McManus

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Minutes:

1. Call to Order: (Chair Dave Dewey) at 4:02pm

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

 none

3. Approval of November 12, 2024 meeting minutes

Motion to approve by Slusser, subject to fixing typo in section #7. Seconded by Perkins. All present approved.

4. Waiver requests

 The Committee had three training requests to review.

 Two waivers, Dewey and Gagne, were withdrawn from review.

Instructor training waiver for R. Ryan – Committee recommended to ED/Council that the waiver be approved subject to the creation of a training schedule to be created with Slusser. Training schedule to be completed by March 2025. R. Ryan may not instruct until training schedule is completed. **Waiver recommendation moved by Dewey, seconded by Perkins, approved by all members present.**

During the conversation about the waivers, the committee reviewed the waiver process as established in the Standards. See section 8 of the minutes for a recommendation to modify the Standards re: Waivers.

5. Update on NAPWDA certifications – Dewey

 Due to time constraints, this agenda item was skipped.

6. Annual Meeting Planning

 Annual meeting tentatively scheduled for March 21, 2025

7. Update on tracking training hours – separating drugs vs. patrol via PackTrack or other mechanism for tracking

 Rich has created a new instructor form to address the issue of tracking the different discipline training hours during the same training day.

8. Review of recommended edits to Canine Standards made this fall and recommended next steps for the committee – McManus

 Atty McManus reviewed the recommendations to amend the Canine Standards that the Committee has approved throughout late summer through the fall. These recommendations need to be presented to the council.

 Date added to obedience recommendation – January 01, 2024.

 The subcommittee agreed to add to the recommendations that the Waiver definition in the standards be amended so that the recommendation regarding a waiver request goes from the Canine Committee to the “Executive Director” rather than “the Council.”

 Dewey moved that all the recommendations be accepted by the committee and presented to the Council at the next Council meeting for approval. Seconded by Redmond. All members present voted in favor.

9. Public Comment

 No public comment

**Motion to adjourn made at approximately 5:15pm by Perkins, seconded by Slusser.**