



The Sled Dog Association of Scotland

Minutes of AGM Bowland Trails Barn - Saturday 21st March 2015

Committee members present

Chairperson; Acting Secretary; Acting Treasurer:	Mary Carter
Membership Secretary:	Paul O'Donnell
Prize / Trophy Co-ordinator:	James Smith
Media & Chief Timing Steward:	Tracy Thomas
Race Event Support:	Alan Daniels

SDAS members present

Judie Amoah; Karl Binns; Ali Black; Vivian Black; Debbie Brading; Roly Brading; Charlie Brecknell; Jo Brecknell; John Carter; Ashleigh Dean; Andrew Falconer; Joss Farkas; Damien Farnon; Cherry Fairley; Lindy Hanson; Stuart Hanson; Carmen Hodgeson; Recca Johnson; Radek Kováč; Bob McLeod; Gilli McLeod; Rob McMillan; Louise Mitchell; Heather O'Donnell; Diana Patterson; Gary Patterson; David Parry; Ewan Robertson; Barry Wanless;

Item 1 – Welcome & Apologies

The meeting commenced at 14:00hrs. Copies of agenda, financial report (appendix b) and proposed local rule amendments (appendix d) were made available to all in attendance. MC welcomed and thanked those present & an attendance sheet was passed round to be signed by those present (see appendix a)

Apologies from Aileen & Alan Morton.

Item 2 – Accuracy of minutes from last AGM

Minutes taken by MC. Accuracy of Minutes proposed by TT. Seconded by POD.

Item 3 – Treasurers report See appendix (b).

Income & Expenditure account circulated to members present. Acceptance of Accounts. Proposed by AD. Seconded by TT.

Item 4 – Chairperson's report See appendix (c).

Item 5 - Election of Officials. - Nominees happy with 'show of hands' for election as opposed to ballot slips.

Nominations:	Votes For	Votes Against
Mary Carter	27	0
James Smith	28	0
Ashleigh Dean	28	0
Judie Amoah	31	0
Rob McMillan	29	0

MR thanked the nominees & welcomed all to the committee.

Item 6 – Proposals - Proposed by Mary Carter on behalf of the SDAS Committee.

At last year's AGM, SDAS adopted the IFSS Rules & Race Procedures for all championship events (allowing for local adaptations). Proposal to formally adopt the listed local amendments. See appendix (d)

Item 7 - AOCB

Lengthy discussion re pros & cons for combining DR2 & DS2 – Vote taken & decision to run as one class, but award separately for the championship next season.

Appendix a

Appendix b

Sled Dog Association of Scotland

Income & Expenditure for the period 10th March 2014 to 20th March 2015

CARMEN HOOGBAY
DIANA PATTERSON
FARY RYHOLSON
ANDREW FALCONER
HEATHER O'DONNELL
GILB McLeod
REBECCA JOHNSON
RADOJK Kovic
ALI BLACK
JUDE AMOAH
DAVID PARRY
Louise mclennan
VIVIAN BLACK
Beb McLeod,
Kwinn ROBERTSON
Betsy Wain
CHERRY FAIRLEY
ASHLEIGH DEAN
JOHN CARROLL
STUART HANSON
Lindy Hanson
G. J. FAIRVIE
Damon Leman
ROBERT McALEER

J. Smith
T. Brown
M. Brown
P. O'DONNELL
A DANIELS

Opening Bank Balance Brought forward		£	4,849.98
Income			
Membership	£	1,353.00	
Entries, Camping & hog roast	£	7,103.43	
WSA entries	£	300.00	
Sale of timing	£	300.00	
Total Income			<u>£ 9,056.43</u>
			£ 13,906.41
Expenditure			
Trophies & medals	£	1,037.30	
Venue costs	£	2,392.22	
Toilets	£	1,056.00	
Website - Domain	£	19.98	
International Bank charges	£	19.00	
Hire of timing March 2014	£	450.00	
WSA entries	£	202.80	
Brodie Castle Camping fees	£	184.00	
Events insurance	£	253.00	
information commission	£	35.00	
Trail Markers & posts	£	280.63	
Race preparation costs	£	401.91	
IFSS / WSA G.A. costs	£	829.72	
WSA affiliation	£	147.33	
BSSF Affiliation	£	50.00	
Tag Timing equipment & sundries	£	3,566.30	
Hog Roast	£	350.00	
Total Expenditure			<u>-£ 11,275.19</u>
Closing Bank Balance			<u>£ 2,631.22</u>

Mary Carter

Appendix c - Chairperson's report

Thank you all for coming to the AGM

Firstly, huge thank you to the present committee, for their tireless work this season.

Also thanks to Stu Hanson for leading the upgrade of our timing system, and Lindy Hanson, for assisting during the change over of the bank signatories

This season has seen sdas affiliate to the BSSF, and as with all relationships, its had its moments, but we are so pleased to see our SDAS members dominating the classes at the BSSF National Championships in Thetford, and representing GB in the various overseas European & world championships. And this coming season, I am sure some of our SDAS members will be part of the GB team competing in Canada! Thanks to the BSSF our SDAS members will have the opportunity to race in the mono sport disciplines when we invite Europe to race here at Bowland Trails, (on a completely new track) in October at the ECF Europeans , then race against the

European teams again in all disciplines at Thetford forest in November 2016. The Scottish team went on snow for the WSA anniversary championships, and a great time was had by all by all accounts, hopefully have a larger pure breed team going next year to their on-snow championship in Germany – we get a large quota of spaces to go... lets use it! The WSA are keen for SDAS to push forward with dryland races too, so Keep watching the website for more news & get in touch if you want to be involved in any way.

An exciting season is in the planning for next year, with at least 2 brand new venues included in the series – the dates will be posted on the sdas website in the next week or so.

Thank you to the continued support for CSJ, and also this season, Manmat Scotland. And thank you all for supporting SDAS and congratulations, in advance, to all who have completed the SDAS CSJ championship.

Appendix d

SDAS RACE RULES

The Sled Dog Association of Scotland will run all events under the current IFSS Race Rules & Procedures. Note: the following Race Rule local amendments, as detailed below, will apply to all SDAS events unless otherwise specified on the race invitation.

- 1) For events where there is no nominated 'Race Judge' - the role will be undertaken by the race organiser with jurisdiction under the guidance of at least two committee members
- 2) It is each individual driver's responsibility to ensure by whatever means necessary that the designated course is safe and suitable for their team, bearing in mind its size and speed and their own level of skill and experience and the prevailing weather conditions at the time.
- 3) The course will be available for inspection by all mushers prior to the event at the race organizers discretion. No competing dogs will be allowed on the marked course (in whole or part) except during the mushers designated heat.
- 4) Drivers of a team must be fully paid up members of SDAS at the time of the event, except in the case of the National Championships, IFSS qualifying races and such like, whereby an additional fee will be charged to non-members.
- 5) Any team or dog disqualified or not starting any heat of the race **may** compete in the remainder of the race (at the race organisers / committee discretion) but will not be eligible for an overall result.
- 6) No dog, equipment or clothing shall be brought to an event from a kennel where any contagious disease exists or has existed within the previous three weeks. Any breach of this rule will result in disqualification and immediate removal from the event site.
- 7) Any team, dog or driver coming to the event and being, in the opinion of the event organizer or current SDAS committee member/s, unfit or incapable of completing the course in a safe and satisfactory manner, will be -
 - a, Asked to reduce their team size.
 - b, Remove dog in question from team.
 - c, Given the opportunity to enter a different smaller class size.

The race organizer or committee member/s must have a valid reason for asking for this which is backed up by another current committee member/s.

- 8) All drivers must be 16 years of age, or over, on the first day of the event - except for Junior Classes. Drivers 16 years old and over will be required to be full members of SDAS before competing in events other than junior classes.

- 9) No Dogs less than twelve months old on the first day of the event will be accepted for entry other than the recreational class.
- 10) Kennel club registered names and number or *Microchip number for Open Sled Dogs* and Date of Birth of dogs must be given on the Dog ID List. It is acceptable to provide a full kennel list without being class specific.
- 11) *Dogs which are not KC Registered Sled dog breeds (as Defined in item 3 of the clubs Objectives within the Constitution and Code of Ethics), wishing to compete at SDAS events, should be micro-chipped as means of identification. SDAS may use a micro-chip scanner to confirm dog identity at events.*
- 12) The responsibility for the condition, safety and suitability of all dogs and equipment rests solely with the Driver and /or Owner.
- 13) All rig / sled teams must have a snub line attached to the gangline between the rear of the team and the point where it is attached to the rig/sled. This snub line must be of a length that is long enough to enable release from a static object (e.g. gate post or tree) by the driver whilst on, and in control of the rig/sled.
- 14) All lines must be free of frays and excess wear.
- 15) Shock absorbers, when utilized, must have a safety line.
- 16) ***For DR8 class, rigs must have all wheels braking.***
- 17) No wet acid batteries must be carried.
- 18) Back up lights must be carried during night races.
- 19) Bib Numbers will be provided by the club for each competitor. Bib Number request can be made to the committee for a donation. Competitors can provide their own Bibs so long as number is clearly visible to finish timer.
- 20) Competitors should not wear shoes that could be dangerous for dogs.
- 21) Starting position and time for each team shall be determined by drawing, seeding, or any other method as determined by the individual race organizer.
- 22) The format of the starting times for the second heat (where applicable) will be determined by the finishing times from the first heat with the fastest out first and so on.
- 23) When the Temperature rises above 10 degrees at any time during the course of the event (when taken in the shade at or near the start line) the event shall be reviewed by the race organiser and may be stopped, or trails shortened where practicable. The race organiser may, however, if he or she feels that the temperature/humidity combination is too high, review the event before this level is reached. Temperatures will be monitored during the course of the race.
- 24) The following classes and junior age categories may be offered at all SDAS events
 - DR8 / DR8NB - No more than 8 dogs, no less than 5 (3 or 4 wheeled rigs, must have all wheels braking)
 - DR6; DR6NB; DR6NB other - No more than 6 dogs, no less than 4
 - DR4; DR4NB; DR4NB other - No more than 4 dogs, no less than 3
 - DBM /DBW; DBMNB / DBWNB; DBMNB other / DBWNB other - 1 dog Bikejor combined Men / Women
 - DR3; DR3NB; DR3NB other No more than 3 dogs, no less than 2
 - DR2; DR2NB; DR2NB other - 2 dog rig
 - DS2; DS2NB; DS2NB other - 2 dog Scooter
 - DS1; DS1NB; DS1NB other - 1 dog Scooter
 - DCM; DCW - 1 dog Canicross Men / Women
 - DCMJ; DCWJ - 1 dog Canicross 8 - 15 years Boys / Girls
 - DR1J; DR1JNB; DR1JNB other - 1 dog rig, 8 - 11 years only
 - DR2J; DR2JNB; DR2JNB other - 2 dog rig, 12 - 15 years only

Recreational, non-timed: canicross; scooter; bikejor; rig: max 8 dogs

**Open, Registered & Freight dog teams will be run separately.
Only one siberian permitted per freight team.**

25) Mating of bitches is forbidden at race sites.

26) Puppies will not be allowed at events unless they are fully inoculated. Persons bringing puppies to an event site without correct papers will be asked to leave.

27) Puppies will not be offered for sale at an event site.

28) SDAS CSJ CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES will award points in each class as follows:

Position	Number of points	Position	Number of points
1st	66	11th	14
2 nd	57	12th	12
3 rd	49	13th	10
4 th	42	14th	8
5 th	36	15th	6
6th	31	16th	5
7th	27	17th	4
8 th	23	18th	3
9th	20	19th	2
10th	17	20th and thereafter	1

- a) All points for a class Championship must have been attained in that class only. **(note: Championship points will not be awarded at all National Championship, World Cup and IFSS Qualifying events)**
- b) In scheduled multi-day events, only the final placing will count for points. Where only one heat of a scheduled two day event has been possible then that heat shall stand for the results to be calculated for that event and championship points awarded accordingly.
- c) In the event of a tied points championship total then the tied position will be shared i.e. Tied Championship 1st position - the winners will share the trophy for the year.
- d) Discard System - depending on the number of Championship events held, only your top results will be recorded *i.e. if 8 events are held then only 6 sets of results will be counted.*
- i) *Run up to 5 championship events and 1 event can be discarded*
 - ii) *Run 6 or more championship events and 2 events can be discarded*
 - iii) *To qualify for a final championship placing you must complete a minimum number of events equal to the total number of events minus the allowable number of discards as described in points d(i) and d(ii). Competitors failing to complete the minimum number of events will still be able to accrue points but will not qualify for a final championship placing.*

1) Thanks & Close of Meeting