



## The Sled Dog Association of Scotland – Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saturday 30th March 2019 at Bowland Trails, Blairgowrie, PH10 6SF

Meeting commenced at 17.12

### Item 1 – Welcome & Apologies

Copies of agenda & treasurers report were made available to all in attendance. **JSm** Chaired the meeting - welcomed and thanked those present. An attendance sheet was signed by all (available on request)

Committee members present: Mary Carter; Ashleigh Dean; Rob McMillan, James Smith; Ben Turrell; Sharon Turrell

SDAS members present: Pauline Amphlett; Sophie Blyth; Kevin Broadfoot; John Carter; Katy Eden; Andrew Falconer; Bethan Fitzgerald; Dan Fitzgerald; Keith Hutchon; Keith Johnson; Vicky Lee; Gilli McLeod; Max McMillan; Louise Mitchell; Heather O'Donnell; Paul O'Donnell; Callum Paterson; Melissa Paterson; Ewan Robertson; Kayleigh Robertson; Paul Robins; Dougie Russell, Janine Simpson; Hugh Sym.

### Item 2 – Accuracy of minutes from last AGM

The minutes of the 2018 AGM taken by **MC** are published on the SDAS website.

Accuracy proposed by **BT**; Seconded by **JSm**

### Item 3 – Treasurer's report

See **Annex (A)** Acceptance proposed by **BT**; Seconded by **JSm**

### Item 4 – Chairperson's report

**JSm** thanked the committee and members for making it another successful season for SDAS. Next season's dates and potential venues were announced.

### Item 5 – Election of Officials.

Nominated	Seconded	For	Against
Mary Carter	Seconded by John Carter	29	0
Max McMillan	Seconded by Sharon Turrell	29	0
Rob McMillan	Seconded by Sharon Turrell	29	0
Ashleigh Dean	Seconded by Mary Carter	29	0
Ben Turrell	Seconded by Mary Carter	29	0
Sharon Turrell	Seconded by Mary Carter	29	0

**JSm** congratulated and welcomed the newly appointed and returning committee.



V. Proposed by Lindsay Johnson                      seconded by Danny Fitzgerald.

- o I would like to propose the Bikejor class is split into male and female

This proposal had been covered in the previous discussion & voting – Therefore item skipped.

VI. Proposed by Ben Turrell                      Seconded Sharon Turrell

- o Rule28b: 2 Single day races will be held on each race weekend. Championship points will be awarded for each days racing. Note: Competitors must run the same dogs both days in the same class.

Change to:

- o Rule28b: 2 Single day races will be held on each race weekend. Championship points will be awarded for each days racing.

Supporting Statement

Makes race entry clearer and more user friendly.

Allows competitors to vary what they can run over a race weekend

Discussion followed including the canine welfare benefits.

For	26	Against	3	Abstain	1
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VII. Proposed by Lindsay Johnson                      seconded by Danny Fitzgerald.

- o I would like to propose you can change your dog on second day given it is two one day races, it's only fair if someone comes with a fresh dog you have the choice to change dogs for a new race .

This proposal had been covered in the previous discussion & voting – Therefore item skipped

VIII. Proposed by Lindsay Johnson                      seconded by Danny Fitzgerald.

- o I would also like to suggest that SDAS are more transparent with members on trail conditions, length and course type. We are yet to see a trail at 3 or over 3 miles this season and most are advertised for 3.5 miles. Certain Committee members or friends of have an idea of the course and state of surface and only those close enough find out before. I appreciate last minute changes are made but more transparency with all members is only fair. What they are intending trail surface, course style and distance, what obstacles they may face . Warning to give members a fair idea of what to train and prepare for.

Culbin was a huge disappointment, I felt my money was wasted on entry and travel had I known prior I would have saved the time and funds for another SDAS event .

It would be nice to aim for a trail of over 3 - 4 miles around February. Having just about every course under 3 miles is not a fair level field. A true mix of distance to suit the season makes for more varied and fair competition.

The points raised in this proposal and discussion were taken on board by the committee. To consider a map pinpointing venues & their nearest postcodes with approx trail distance / average trail distance / conditions.

**IX.** Proposed by Lindsay Johnson                      seconded by Danny Fitzgerald.

- o I suggested last year a kids section on the Saturday after the races, something for those not able to race, or a training session.

Feedback from James and others was they thought it was a great idea. Suggestion was to include all members to help out.

We have one race left of the season and nothing has been done. It's disappointing when trying to suggest positive changes that fall on deaf ears. Again, opening up to members to help out get more involved would help if committee are too busy. I know my wee one would love it!

The proposal was taken on board by the committee and to push towards having a Kids Club at races.

**X.** Proposed by James Smith                      Seconded by Ben Turrell

- o To Drop the SDAS Local amendment for DR2/DR2NB

Supporting statement

To reduce the number of classes. Those wishing to run 2 dogs on a rig can do so in the scooter class as per IFSS rules

For	13	Against	15	Abstain	3
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#### **Item 7 – Any Other Competent Business**

- o Neck Lines re 2 dogs

**JSm** highlighted the IFSS ruling that a neckline is compulsory in 2-dog scooter / rig class

- o **PR** requested transparency with members regarding issues / warnings/ race bans etc

Committee advised that certain matters cannot be discussed / published to members due to GDPR

- o Insurance –

to state on the website what insurance is needed by members, and why.

- o Race Marshals –

To re-introduce the laminated sheet for marshals to give instruction on what to do, and how to operate radios. This info can also be on the website.

#### **Item 8 – Thanks & Close of meeting**

The Committee and members showed their appreciation to the Chair, **JSm**, for all his hard work and dedication, as he was standing down after six seasons on the SDAS committee.

## Annex (A)

Sled Dog Association of Scotland			
Income & Expenditure Account for the period			
3rd June 2018 to 30 March 2019			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Membership</b>			£ 792.00
<b>Bibs</b>			£ 10.00
<b>Sherwood</b>			
Entries & Camping		£ 1,878.50	
sher F/C	£ 208.80		
loo	£ 200.00		
Spowart timing	£ 450.00		
Less expenses		£ 858.80	
<i>Surplus from Sherwood</i>			£ 1,019.70
<b>Darnaway</b>			
Entries & Camping		£ 934.00	
loo	£ 244.00		
fuel	£ 28.38		
less expenses		£ 272.38	
Surplus from Darnaway			£ 661.62
<b>Culbin</b>			
Entries		£ 598.50	
Venue	£ 84.00		
loo	£ 288.00		
less expenses		£ 372.00	
Surplus			£ 226.50
<b>Ford</b>			
entries & Camping		£ 1,554.00	
loo	£ 204.00		
fuel	£ 19.35		
BBQ	£ 33.27		
Less expenses		£ 256.62	
			£ 1,297.38
<b>Bowlands</b>			
Entries & Camping		£ 1,308.00	
Venue	£ 600.00		
Fuel - generator	£ 6.90		
BBQ	£ 87.85		
		£ 694.75	
			£ 613.25
<b>International Entries</b>			
Haidemulle Entries	£ 345.00		
Samorin Entries	£ 180.00		
		£ 525.00	
International Entries paid	£ 202.68		
	£ 322.18		
		£ 524.86	
			£ 0.14
<b>Total Income</b>			£ 4,620.59
<b>General Expenses</b>			
Medals & Trophies		£ 1,242.40	
lap top & Mouse		£ 607.00	
Leisure battery		£ 101.99	
Printer ink		£ 74.00	
WSA membership		£ 184.97	
Marker posts		£ 42.12	
PayPal & Bank charges		£ 151.40	
Insurance		£ 266.00	
Sundries		£ 25.24	
AGM hall hire		£ 54.00	
Website fees		£ 79.40	
			£ 2,828.52
<b>Surplus for the year</b>			<b>£ 1,792.07</b>

Balance Sheet as at 30th March 2019			
Opening balance as at AGM 3rd June 2018			
TSB		£ 4,501.01	
PayPal		£ 419.68	
			£ 4,920.69
Surplus for the year			£ 1,792.07
			<b>£ 6,712.76</b>
Represented by closing balances as at 29.03.19			
TSB		£ 2,359.85	
PayPal		£ 4,352.91	
			<b>£ 6,712.76</b>