

November 8, 2022 at 7:30 PM  
Emergency Board Meeting of the Pacific NW Scent Work Club via Zoom  
Regarding the GCCKC Scent work trial scheduled for December 10 - 12, 2022

Attending: Donna Morgan Murray, Sue Smith, Nancy Royse, Phyllis Dinsmore and Judi James.

The Board of Pacific NW Scent Work Club held an emergency meeting Tuesday evening to discuss changes that have arisen as we prepare for the December Scent Work Trial. When Pacific NW Scent Work Club began hosting events, we set a high standard for sites to accommodate all levels and elements as well as accommodate those in our AKC family who have physical limitations that restrict doing many AKC sporting events.

We considered the option of shrinking the event and realized it would be a financial disaster if we did so. In a unanimous decision, we determined cancelling is the best choice since the premium list is not yet posted.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted unanimously to cancel this year's December event. The reasons for this difficult decision to cancel this year's Scent Work Event that we host under Greater Clark County KC license at the Clark County Fairgrounds & Event Center are based on the following changes.

1. We were able to secure a heated Hall for staging and Container/Buried searches but the space available for interior searches has shrunk considerably since the last event and no longer allows us adequate and interesting space for searches, especially at the Master & Detective Levels.
2. Unlike prior years exhibitors will not be able to drive inside the gates to unload. Instead, you will need to walk down the hill past the maintenance building, or up the hill from the lower parking lot past the administrative buildings with gear. It is about a half mile walk each time and can be difficult in winter weather. Further, agility and scent work exhibitors will be unable to drive between events on the grounds making competing in both impractical.
3. ADA parking is also outside the gates and that means many of our exhibitors will be unable to participate. Scent Work is a great event for humans and dogs with limitations and we will continue to accommodate you at our events.
4. Several of our key personnel for the event are also restricted from walking long distances or ill right now and we do not want them to risk the cold, mud, and darkness that goes along with an outdoor December event. Without them we could not meet our standard of adequate helpers for judges or timely results for exhibitors.

We plan to research options for better events in 2023 to meet our goals.

We will also bear the expense of AKC fees for the SW event licenses.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Phyllis Dinsmore, Secretary