

# **Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the National Police Canine Association**

**Kansas City, MO September 11, 2018**

## **Attendance:**

Officers in attendance: President Terry Anderson, Treasurer Mark Green, Secretary Joe Caponetto, South West Regional Director Scott Callender, North Central Director Ryan Sumner, South East Regional Director Fred Janke, South Central Director Danny Valdez, North West Director Bill Delay and West Coast Director Daryl Gaunt. Also present: Administrative Assistant Katy Farnsworth, Standards Committee Chairman Frank Glover and Director of Membership Support Liz Grisell.

The meeting was called to order at 0805 hours.

## **Presidents Report:**

Welcome and opening remarks were given.

## **Secretary Report:**

No elections were held this year; all were reelected by running unopposed.

Up for election in 2019 are North East, South West, West Coast and North West Regional Directors. Also the Secretary position is up for election in 2019.

## **Treasurer Report:**

Current account balances are as follows: Main account, \$76,453.27 and the Seminar Account \$80,000.00.

## **Regional Director Reports:**

See attached reports.

## **Standards Committee Report:**

There is not a separate Certifying Official for Tracking Certification any Detection and/or Patrol Official can do the certification.

In the rule book; Standards for Certifying Official / Instructor / Trainer has been changed. The Certifying Official has changed paragraph 2 and 3 to read:

*Must have a minimum of five (5) years experience in handling and/or training Police Service Dogs in relation to patrol applications (Patrol Official) and scent detection application (Detector Official). During this period, members must have successfully obtained an NPCA Patrol and/or*

*Scent Detection Certificate (in respective field of experience) one (1) time. Applicants must send copies of certificates and proof of experience in K-9 as required for verification.*

*Or, a minimum of four (4) years experience in handling and/or training Police Service Dogs in relation to respective experience and have successfully completed a minimum of 400 accumulated hours of formal training. Applicant must send a copy of academy or course certificate for verification and must have certified one (1) time in prospective field.*

This is a change of six (6) years experience in both paragraphs.

The Certifying Official should use their best judgment of which training aids to use if a Narcotic Detection Canine is not trained on Marijuana during a detection certification.

Andrew Carlsson was nominated to serve on the Standards Committee for the South West Region.

Motion to accept Andrew Carlsson for the position of Standards Committee South West Region representative was made by Scott Callendar, 2nd by Mark Green. Motion passed.

### **Administrative Assistant Report:**

Please make sure everyone updates their email address as they change and make sure it is legible. Membership Applications need to be filled out every year so we are getting updated information on members.

Need to insure we are completing all paper work correctly please double check what you are sending into the national office within 30 days.

### **Director of Membership Support Report:**

See attached report.

### **Training Division Report:**

Introduction of the 2018 instructors was given.

The 2019 Nationals to be held in San Antonio, TX at the Hilton Palacio del Rio, 200 S. Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78205. The conference dates will Sunday August 25, 2019 to Thursday August 29, 2019.

Over the last 4 years we have had a total of 38 different instructors at the National Conference, please forward to the Training Committee any ideas for new/different instructors that would be a good fit to teach at Nationals.

### **Awards Committee Report:**

The Awards Committee has processed 30 awards total for all of the 2017.

We are receiving nominations mostly from North Central, North West, South Central, South West, and West Coast regions.

Presentation of the awards for the 2017 Cases of the Year.

Detection Case of the Year Detective Ken Price, West Coast Region.

Detection Case Honorable Mention. Detective Steve Miller K9 Rocky, North Central Region.

Patrol Case of the Year Officer Mark Wilcox and K9 Dax, North Central Region.

Patrol Honorable Mention Corporal Grissell and K9 Kobi, North Central Region.

Motion to adjourn was made by Danny Valdez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan Sumner. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 0855 hours.

Submitted by,

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