

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL POLICE CANINE
ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

TELEPHONIC MEETING – MAY 15, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Officers in attendance: President Terry Anderson, Administrative Assistant Katy Farnsworth, Treasurer Mark Green, Secretary Greg Thomas, Southwest Region Director Ralph Pendergast, North/Central Region Direct Eric Schmitz, South/East Region Director Mike Colton, North/West Director Bill Delay, North/East Director Mark Tobin and Standards Committee Chairman Paul Koinig. The meeting commenced via telephonic conference call at 1214 hours.

READING OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: Dispense with reading of minutes and any prior reports to expedite meeting and issues at hand. The motion was discussed, voted on and passed unanimously.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE TOPICS:

1. Applicants for Certifying Official/Trainer & Instructor

- i. **Brian Biegel (SE)—CO for Detection-**Unanimously approved****
- ii. **David Dooros (SW)—CO for Detection- **Unanimously approved****
- iii. **Tony Fernandez (SW)—CO & Instructor - **Unanimously approved****
- iv. **Scott Fronrath (SE)—Instructor Patrol & Detection-**Unanimously approved****
- v. **Ryan Fuxa (SC)—CO Detection- **Unanimously approved****
- vi. **Mark Green (SW)—CO for Patrol - **Unanimously approved****
- vii. **Keith Lieberman (SW)—CO Detection only - **Unanimously approved pending proof of canine experience****
- viii. **Jeff Lamonica (SW)—CO Detection- **Unanimously approved****
- ix. **Brian McBride (SW)—CO & Instructor Detection - **Unanimously approved****
- x. **Jay Miller (SW)—CO Detection and Patrol- **Tabled until further clarification of his having certifying a dog****

- xi. **Joseph Priebe** (SW)—CO & Instructor Detection - **Unanimously approved**
- xii. **Elliot Zibli** (SW)—CO & Instructor Detection- **Unanimously approved**

2. Rule Amendments to be added to Membership Book:

- i. Any attempt to intentionally violate stated rules shall result in being excused from certification and or possible expulsion from organization. **Unanimously approved**
- ii. All phases of the certification will be off lead unless directed by Certifying Official. **Unanimously approved to be added to the apprehension phases**
- iii. Patrol Apprehension Phase and Handler Protection: 90 seconds rule to read: This exercise must be completed within 45 seconds. Once the K9 has engaged the decoy, the handler has 45 seconds for the K9 to release the bite using up to four commands. In the event of a re-bite the handler must again call the dog using no more than 4 commands, but must be recalled in the 45 second time frame. **Unanimously approved**
- iv. E-Collar: If an electric stimulus collar (E-collar) is worn in the working environment, it may be worn in certifications. The E-collar must be in the off position and this will be verified by the Certifying Official. The Certifying Official will be given the transmitter until the completion of the phase. **Unanimously approved**
- v. Any Regular or Associate K9 Team (handler and dog) attempting certifications must be employed by a municipality, county, state, federal, military or fire/arson agency. (this is to be placed in the classes of membership area of book)
- vi. Patrol-Recall phase: The book shall read: The recall of the K9 will occur after the K-9 crosses the fifteen yard (15 yd.) marker and at the direction of the CO , *the handler will (A) command the K9 to stop the pursuit and return to handler, or (B) the handler will command the K9 to stop (sit, down or stand) and remain at that point. The handler will then move to the dog's position or (C) the K9 will be commanded to pursue the decoy and go to a guard position (sit, down or stand). No command to guard need given, the handler will*

*then move to K9 and assume control. **Unanimously approved***

- vii. SRT Certification proposal, to eliminate the need to do the Patrol Certification prior to a SRT Certification. This proposal failed Standards Committee, but was addressed by the Executive Board, anyway. **The Executive Board discussed and also agreed there is a need for a Patrol Certificate prior to attempting the SRT Certification.**
- viii. SRT Certification proposal, to eliminate the letter submittal from their department that the K9 team is assigned and or used as a Special Response Team. **Unanimously approved - A letter will no longer be needed or be required to be an actual member with a SRT team.**
- ix. SRT Certifying Official being proposed as a specialized CO. **Tabled after much discussion and sent back to the Standards Committee for direction.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Terry Anderson appointed Bill Delay, Greg Thomas, Paul Koinig and Mark Green to proof-read the next biennial Membership book / rule book prior to publication.
2. Mark Green was appointed to update the Certifying Official training class based on certification rule changes enacted during this meeting.
3. Katy Farnsworth was appointed to update the score sheets and master sheets to note whether an e-collar was used by the person attempting certification.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 1458 hours – Mark Tobin. Ralph Pendergast seconded. The motion was discussed, voted on and passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



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