

**Drug Dog Advisory Council
K.O. Rayburn Training Center
2401 Egypt Road
Ada, OK 74820
December 6, 2018
11:00 a.m.**

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sgt. David Rivers, Oklahoma City PD
Officer Marque Baldwin, Broken Arrow PD
Sr. Agent Anthony Moore, OBN
Maj. Doyle Tosh, Comanche Co. SO
Sgt. Jeff Barlow, Claremore PD
Agent Troy Wall, OBN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Trooper John Terrell, OHP

STAFF PRESENT:

Crystal Seaver, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT:

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Chairman David Rivers called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Roll was taken; six members were present representing a quorum.

2. Open Meeting Act Compliance

Chairman David Rivers verified that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the September 6, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

Action Taken:

Marque Baldwin made a motion to accept the Minutes as written. Troy Wall seconded the motion. David Rivers voted yes. Anthony Moore voted yes. Troy Wall voted yes. Doyle Tosh voted yes. Marque Baldwin voted yes. Jeff Barlow voted yes. Motion carried 6-0

4. Private Entities

Discussion: Anthony Moore stated that Walt Birdsong just completed his Investigation regarding some of the private K9 licensed entities. Evidence was found regarding training issues and what these entities claim their K9's can do. Anthony Moore is putting together information to make suggestions regarding possible Standards or Rule changes.

Action Taken: No Action Taken

5. Travis Saulsberry's request to be an Evaluator

Discussion: Troy Wall and Marque Baldwin discussed the resume and training sent in by Travis Saulsberry. He currently does not have the required training to be qualified as an Evaluator.

Action Taken: David Rivers made a motion to deny adding Travis Saulsberry as an Evaluator. Marque Baldwin seconded the motion. David Rivers voted yes. Anthony Moore voted yes. Troy Wall voted yes. Doyle Tosh voted yes. Marque Baldwin voted yes. Jeff Barlow voted yes. Motion carried 6-0

6. Heat Alarms

Discussion: David Rivers states that at least 22 dogs were killed due to being overheated in K9 units since 2016. The number has declined over the years since 2016 with each year having less fatalities. David Rivers believes this is due to the use of K9 heat alarms in the units. He states language should be added to the Standards and Guidelines to suggest that handlers have heat alarms in their vehicles. Doyle Tosh asked if the language would be suggestive or mandatory. David Rivers requested the following:

12. Vehicles Transporting a Police Dog

12.1 A vehicle used to transport a police dog should be equipped with a heat sensor monitoring device.

12.2 The device should monitor the internal temperature of the vehicle in which the police dog is being transported.

12.3 The device should provide an audible and visual notification in the vehicle of the interior temperature reaches 85 degrees Fahrenheit which notifies the law enforcement officer or agency responsible for the police dog.

12.4 The vehicle should have a safety mechanism to reduce the interior temperature of the vehicle.

Action Taken: Troy Wall made a motion to accept verbiage to be added to the Standards and Guidelines and send to the Advisory Council for approval. Marque Baldwin seconded the motion. David Rivers voted yes. Anthony Moore voted yes. Troy Wall voted yes. Doyle Tosh voted yes. Marque Baldwin voted yes. Jeff Barlow voted yes. Motion carried 6-0

7. Odors & Amounts

Discussion: David Rivers stated that a lot of evaluators have concerns that they will not be able to come up with 100 grams of marijuana for evaluation testing. Last meeting Minutes it was voted to make the amount 100 grams. That has not gone up to the Advisory Council yet so the Drug Dog Council is requesting the amount be edited to minimum of 28 grams.

Action Taken: Marque Baldwin made a motion to amend the previous change and make it 28 grams as a minimum. Doyle Tosh seconded the motion. David Rivers voted yes. Anthony Moore voted yes. Troy Wall voted yes. Doyle Tosh voted yes. Marque Baldwin voted yes. Jeff Barlow voted yes. Motion carried 6-0

8. William Peters III

Discussion: Previously, William Peters of Muskogee PD was approved via vote to become an Evaluator. He is no longer employed by the Muskogee PD.

Action Taken: Anthony Moore made a motion to rescind the previous approval adding him as an Evaluator. Marque Baldwin seconded the motion. David Rivers voted yes. Anthony Moore voted yes. Troy Wall voted yes. Doyle Tosh voted yes. Marque Baldwin voted yes. Jeff Barlow voted yes. Motion carried 6-0

9. New Business

Discussion: David Rivers states that the Standards and Guidelines may need to be updated to make it clear to handlers what the application process is. Some handlers do not realize they have to send in an application and photos every year. Verbiage will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

Action Taken: Anthony Moore made a motion to adjourn. Doyle Tosh seconded the motion. David Rivers voted yes. Anthony Moore voted yes. Troy Wall voted yes. Doyle Tosh voted yes. Marque Baldwin voted yes. Jeff Barlow voted yes. Motion carried 6-0