

Drug Dog Advisory Council Meeting

K.O. Rayburn Training Center

2401 Egypt Road

Ada, Oklahoma 74820

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Drug Dog Advisory Council was held July 9, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the K.O. Rayburn Training Center, 2401 Egypt Road, Ada, Oklahoma 74820. In compliance with the Open Meeting Act of the State of Oklahoma, an agenda with date, time and place was posted twenty-four hours prior to the meeting date at the north entrance of the Training Center.

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman David Rivers. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

David Rivers – present

Cindy Cunningham – present

Jeff Barlow – present

Doyle Tosh - present

Cody Palmer – present at 10:18 a.m.

Proposed Member Buddy Lambert - Present

Absent:

Troy Wall

CLEET Staff present:

Tracy Shivers, CLEET Liaison

Lisa Nessel, Recording Secretary

2. Approval of Minutes

Action Taken: The minutes of April 9, 2015 meeting were reviewed by the Board Members. Ms. Cunningham made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion.

Action Taken: Ms. Cunningham voted yes; Mr. Barlow voted yes; Chairman Rivers voted yes; Mr. Tosh voted yes; motion carried.

3. Thomas Comstock, Potential New Evaluator

Chairman Rivers lead a discussion focusing on the qualifications of Thomas Comstock. Mr. Barlow made a motion to recommend Thomas Comstock as a Drug Dog Team Evaluator. Mr. Tosh seconded the motion.

Action Taken: Ms. Cunningham voted yes; Mr. Barlow voted yes; Chairman Rivers voted yes; Mr. Tosh voted yes; motion carried.

4. Certifying Out of State L.E. Drug Dog Teams

Mr. Barlow spoke about an agency out of Kansas asking about Oklahoma Drug Dog Team Evaluators evaluating their Drug Canine Teams. Mr. Barlow stated that he had told the agency that Oklahoma Evaluators had evaluated out of state Drug Canine Teams in the past, but did not know why it had stopped. But, he would try and find out if there were statutes that prevented it. Ms. Cunningham agreed that it had been done previously in the past. Mr. Barlow added that he would like to see the Oklahoma Evaluators being able to assist other states in this situation, and that a certification would not have to be issued, just a letter stating the out of state team had passed an evaluation by a Oklahoma Drug Dog Evaluator. Chairman Rivers asked Ms. Shivers about statutes pertaining to this issue. Ms. Shivers stated she would meet with CLEET Legal

Council Mr. James Wilson and get back to the Drug Dog Advisory Council. Chairman Rivers stated that he is in favor in assisting other states with Drug Dog Team Evaluations. Chairman Rivers also added, that if CLEET puts their stamp of approval on the out of state evaluations, it would have more validity.

5. New Business

Mr. Cody Palmer resigned from the Drug Dog Advisory Council.

The Council asked about the status of the 40 Hour Mandatory New Handler Course. They were advised that it is being reviewed by CLEET Administration.

Chairman Rivers proposed, and spoke about the qualifications of another Drug Dog Team Evaluator, Ryan Pike. Mr. Barlow made a motion to accept Ryan Pike as a evaluator, Mr. Palmer seconded the motion.

Action Taken: Ms. Cunningham voted yes; Mr. Barlow voted yes; Mr. Palmer voted yes; Chairman Rivers voted yes; Mr. Tosh voted yes; motion carried.

Chairman Rivers suggested removing Lance Schroyer from the Drug Dog Team Evaluator list. A brief discussion ensued. Ms. Cunningham made a motion to remove Lance Schroyer from the Oklahoma State Drug Dog Team Evaluator list with the option to add him back at a later time. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion.

Action Taken: Ms. Cunningham voted yes; Mr. Barlow voted yes; Mr. Palmer voted yes; Chairman Rivers voted yes; Mr. Tosh voted yes; motion carried.

Chairman Rivers lead a discussion about an evaluator who is not employed in a commissioned position with the Department of Correction, although he is a reserve with a L.E. agency. Chairman Rivers asked Ms. Shivers if she would confer with CLEET Legal Council, Mr. Wilson, regarding this situation. She stated that she would.

The "Oklahoma Drug Dog Standards and Guidelines" state,

- 5.2 Each Evaluation Official must be an Oklahoma State certified, full time law enforcement officer.

Ms. Cunningham spoke briefly about the help that OBN may be able to assist departments with.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Barlow made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Cunningham seconded the motion.

Action Taken: Ms. Cunningham voted yes; Mr. Barlow voted yes; Mr. Palmer voted yes; Chairman Rivers voted yes; Mr. Tosh voted yes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.