

NSDTC

PROPOSED MOTION RE MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR DECISION AT AUGUST 2013 GENERAL MEETING

It is proposed to put a series of motions to the August 2013 General Meeting, regarding future membership fees for our Club.

Over the last six months we have been reviewing our membership fees with the objective of making our membership structure and fees simpler and less onerous for the members and the Club. At the same time, we want to maintain but not increase our annual income, and maintain discounts for pensioners, junior members and our volunteer instructors.

The proposal is essentially to move to an all-inclusive annual fee, and to move away from weekly ground fees which are cumbersome and time consuming for us all. An inclusive fee would mean that members can participate in as many Club classes as they wish without paying ground fees each time. The fee would be set at a rate which provides a substantial discount for those who attend the Club regularly. The fee would apply to one dog; those who wish to train a second dog would pay a small extra annual fee.

Currently our joining rates are \$50 (family) and \$40 (single) plus \$5.00 for each class attended. A person who comes to one class per week over the year currently pays \$200 in ground fees (plus an annual membership fee of \$20). The proposed all inclusive annual rate represents a combination of the joining fee, annual fee and all ground fees and is a significant discount on the weekly cost – representing a cost of approximately \$3.00 per week.

The motion has 5 parts

1. That NSDTC Inc adopt a simplified annual fee inclusive of ground fees, to reduce administrative work and simplify the process for members;
2. That NSDTC change to an all inclusive annual fee of \$115 (for a full year I e those joining between June and December) and \$60 for a half year (for those who join between January and May) for the first dog, with

- instructors, pensioners and junior members (aged 12-15 year) paying \$20 (no half yearly rate);
3. People who wish to enrol and train a second or additional dog will pay \$20 per annum for the second dog; 3rd and subsequent dogs would be free;
 4. That effective immediately the joining fee (Clause 9.1 in our Constitution) be zero;
 5. That we transition to the new arrangement by
 - a. members who have renewed in June/ July and paid \$20 annual renewal fee can either pay an extra \$95 for the year (with a cut off date of 30 September) or continue to pay ground fees for each class attended;
 - b. for new members who joined between June and August 2013 can pay either the difference (by 30 September) or pay by the class;
 - c. new members joining after August 2013 will pay the new annual or half annual fee, with no option regarding ground fees; and
 - d. from July 2014 all members will pay the inclusive annual fee.

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