

January, 2022
CARO Executive Minutes

Motion

That the date of implementation for new signs and numbering be changed to align with the release of the new revamped MGH. The motion for implementation of the new signs and new numbering system was passed before the proposal was made and motion passed to revamp the MGH. It is logical to hold off and release the signs and new numbering system with the release of the new MGH April 1st with a go live effective date of July 1st, 2022.

That station signs be updated to have the logo top left, the number top right and that the fonts be changed to calibre.

A sample is included here.



That the dates for the 2022 Virtual Trials and AGM be as follows:

Spring Virtual Trial: Friday April 29 to Tuesday May 10

Fall Virtual Trial: Friday Sept 30 to Tuesday October 11

AGM Sat. April 23 Time to be determined

That CARO implement a Judge Reinstatement fee of \$15.00. This would apply to any judges that have not renewed their memberships by January 1 of any given year.

For the 2022 membership year, the fee will apply to any judges that have not renewed by Feb 1, 2022.

If a judge has been inactive for two years, they will need to pay for and retake the tests that apply to them (ie NAE, Versatility, Working) in addition to paying the reinstatement fee.

That CARO eliminate paper forms for Membership Applications (new and renewal), Dog Registrations, Trial Applications and Judge Applications. All applications will be made online with online payment.

That November minutes be accepted

That October minutes be accepted.

That the WX10 - Scent Discrimination - Expert

Description be amended to the following and that it will be released with the Working Class rule amendment and changes document on April 1, 2022. Effective date of July 1, 2022.

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The exercise demonstrates the dog's ability to detect one items with the handler's scent from two other items with a foreign scent.

THE PRINCIPLE FEATURES OF THIS EXERCISE ARE FOR THE DOG:

- To sit or stand in position with its back to the object placement area.
- Upon signal from the Judge will either
 - o Turn with the handler to face the objects and sit at heel. When cued by the handler (without prompting from the Judge), will briskly move towards the objects and retrieve the object that has been scented by the handler OR.
 - Turn with handler and upon cue from the handler (without prompting from the Judge) will briskly move towards the objects and retrieve the object that has been scented by the handler. (i.e. without having the dog sit after the turn).
- To return briskly and sit in front of the handler close enough that the handler does not have to move his/her feet to accept the object., to deliver the object No finish is required.
- Then repeat the procedure for a second object.

NOTE: During this exercise extra cues are not allowed. Praise may be offered after the dog has successfully retrieved the correct article and is returning to the handler.

COURSE LAYOUT

A handler box or line is required.

The first object is placed 10' (feet) from the handler box as indicated in the diagram and the others two feet apart.

PROCEDURE

The handler will provide either four (4) clean cloth or four (4) leather gloves of a similar colour. Alternatively regular scent objects as used in obedience competition may also be used. Gloves should be of a size comfortable for the dog to carry, i.e. Small dog - small glove.

Just prior to the commencement of the exercise the Steward will place the objects in a holding location (a chair) provided for the objects, taking care not to leave any scent on the objects. Tongs must be used to remove and place objects.

The handler will stand in the handler box. The exercise begins with the handler, with the dog in heel position (either the sit or stand), having his/her back to the area where the objects shall be placed to begin the retrieval exercise.

The handler, with hands in sight, will impart his/her scent on one object.

The ring steward or Judge will place the 3 objects in the manner described above, using tongs to handle the handler-scented object and using bare hands to place the other 2 objects in order to impart their scent on them.

Upon signal from the Judge-the handler may impart the scent again and then cue the dog to retrieve the first object.

No other hand signals or verbal signals may be given to the dog during the retrieve.

Praise may be offered only after the dog has successfully retrieved the correct article and is returning to the handler.

The handler may cue the dog to release the object to hand.

The handler will then repeat the exercise, this time imparting their scent on the 4th (previously unscented) object.

The Judge will place the newly scented article out in a different position in the first rep, laid out in the manner described above, using tongs to handle the handler-scented object, but may use bare hands to move the judge-scented objects.

The dog is then sent to retrieve the second object.

The dog must successfully retrieve the handler scented object in both repetitions in order to receive a PASS.

To accept the December minutes

That we amend the motion passed on Dec 31, 2021 (where it was moved to change the "Fail" in WC to "Not Ready") and change "Not Ready" to "Not Yet"

That Julia chair the nominating committee for the Vice President nominations, and Maggie be the other member of the committee.

That trial hosts and judges be required to keep trial results for a period of one year from the date of the trial. This is effective immediately.

That competitors have one year from the date of a trial to address any errors and/or omissions in their trial results entered in the database. This will be effective July 1, 2022 to tie in to the release of the MGH.

That Maggie post a cumulative message about what we have been working on to the FB page

That funds of of \$80 to \$120 be allocated for the creation of a vector logo for CARO.
By Keith Press/Copiexpert printers in Stittsville.

That CARO award an honorarium to judges performing judges clinics for new judges when AGM or sponsored trials are not available. This will be retroactive 2021.

That we do a sneak peak of sign 129. The post will include the station sign, station description, demo video and some explanation of the new format.

That we create a new facebook page for The Canadian Association of Rally Obedience with all BOD members on Facebook as admins.
This will allow BOD members to post as CARO vs individual names. This page would replace the current group.

That the BOD provide briefings of the MGH2022 to CARO members in April of 2022 with an exact date to be determined and again in the fall. Each to be completed prior that season's virtual trial.
That there will be a virtual judges conference on Saturday March 19 at 7PM ET (4pm PT) and the new general handbook only (not working) will be covered.
That the summary of rule changes 2018 to present be approved and then posted to the FB page and to the website
That we put Sneak Peak #2 on the FB page
That we feature member contributed photos in the cover slot on the main Facebook page.
That CARO pay membership fees for all members of the group working with Maggie as the 'working group' for 2023
That Sneak Peak #3 be posted. It will include info about acceptable equipment, deduction changes and Novice Signs.

Other discussions:

1. Board members who are able are meeting on zoom for several hours every Saturday evening (to Sunday morning for some) to work on the new handbook and other issues
2. Working on updating bylaws and standing resolutions
3. Working on VT premium
4. Discussion on how to leverage our social media platform on FB.
5. Judy is updating the NAE exam—some discussion on whether it should be solely online (answer: no)
6. Discussion re: updating and amalgamating FB pages
7. How to best share files between BOD ?
8. Judy, Jeanne, Julia and Debby provided a table of required signs for novice, similar to the one we have for excellent. This was discussed and will be added to the handbook with new numbers

Group	Stations	Minimum
Pivots	122, 123	1
Cones	101, 124, 125, 128	1
Pace changes	118 - 120	1
Halts	101 – 105, 121 - 123, 126, 127	2 (Max 5)
Call fronts	114-117, 1 29	2
Turns	6-13	

9. Summary of rule changes 2018 to present will be provided to competitors.
10. The board was saddened to accept the resignation of Barb Burgess as Treasurer effective Feb 28 (March 31 if necessary). Barb will stay on as data entry person.