



**MINUTES** of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held on **Wednesday 15 April 2026** commencing at 2.00pm.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

R Sinclair	A McIlrath ( <b>by Zoom</b> )
C Rafton	J Bryson
N Curwen	S Hannigan
G Vernon	A Moy ( <b>by Zoom</b> )
K Charnock	V Harris ( <b>by Zoom</b> )
L Brand	T Hofman
K Hedberg BVSc ( <b>by Zoom</b> )	P Brown ( <b>by Zoom</b> )

**IN ATTENDANCE:** V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary)  
A Khamis (Operations Manager)  
L Hadley (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator)  
**For part of meeting:** D Crofts (Animal Welfare & Community Officer) (**via Zoom**)

**APOLOGIES:** S McFadden

MOVED K Charnock  
**THAT** the apologies be **received**.

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**CARRIED**

**A. Recording of Board Meeting**

MOVED C Rafton  
SECONDED N Curwen  
**THAT** Directors **note** that, in accordance with the resolution of the Board at Item 5.1 of the Board of Directors meeting held on 8 December 2021, **this Board meeting is being recorded** for the purposes of confirmation of the Minutes and once confirmed at a future Meeting the recording will then be deleted.

**CARRIED**

**B. Confirmation of Review of READING ROOM**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc  
SECONDED J Bryson  
**THAT** Directors in attendance at this meeting **confirm** that they have read and understand the documents contained in the BoardEffect Reading Room as @ 14 April 2026.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

**1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOVED N Curwen  
SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT** the Minutes of the following Board Meetings, be **confirmed**:-

- 1.1 **Face to Face Meeting - 11/3/2026**
- 1.2 **Electronic Motion – 13/3/2026 – Items Held Over from March Meeting**

**CARRIED**

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## 2. **PRIORITY MATTERS**

### 2.1 **President's Report**

The President opened his report by reminding Directors that, while they are entitled to their individual views, they are expected to demonstrate professionalism and respect in their interactions with fellow Directors. He further noted that, as a member-based organisation, the Board has been elected to represent and serve the membership.

The President emphasised the importance of the Board working collaboratively as a cohesive team to support members, and to strengthen the Company's future performance and operational efficiency in alignment with the objectives set out in the Strategic Plan.

Directors were also reminded that they have been elected by the members to form a fiduciary role for a company limited by guarantee which requires a commitment to attend and participate in Board meetings on a regular basis.

#### 2.1.1 **Calendar of Events**

- Pulling together a calendar of events to discuss and agree as a Team Board representation at key organisation events.
- Discuss at monthly meetings to decide Board participation.
- Personally attended DOTY/POTY, Fast N Furious, Canine Sports Spectacular and SprintDog™ Trials in the last month.

#### 2.1.2 **Action List**

- Being compiled comprising motions agreed and actions in Board meetings identifying who is responsible and what timeframes for completion.
- The action list will be tabled monthly to ensure we report back on progress of items as a Board.

#### 2.1.3 **Expressions of Interest – Knowledge Tree & Volunteer Framework**

- Expressions of interest to go out to identify organisation knowledge tree to assist with strategic directions and organisation work and projects.

#### 2.1.4 **Town Halls**

- Booking Town Hall in last week of April to launch Strategic Plan to the membership. Invite all Directors. Allow for 500 attendees. Pre questions and those questions that come up on the day will be taken on Notice.
- Need Directors' support to attend Zoom with members to communicate strategic directions.
- Book Town Halls quarterly with membership to make the Board accessible to members.

#### 2.1.5 **Future Monthly Discussion Points**

- Stewarding plan with Government and industry, mentor programs, Stewards Course, youth forum, volunteers' framework EOI, State Dog Sports Plan.

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## 2.2 Directors Updates

### Director N Curwen

- This month the Aggressive Dog Committee has met and there were three (3) new aggressive dog incidents.
- I also organised one (1) temperament test to be held regionally.
- I am also working on a procedure document for conducting a temperament test as there is no supporting documents to be able to call upon for a reference by the people conducting a temperament test. At this stage I have sent the first draft to members of the Aggressive Dog Committee for their input and comment.
- Our local Ranger contacted DOGS NSW to enquire if there was anyone who could do a breed assessment on some dogs that he believes are Pit Bull Terriers. He was supplied with a list of names that had a BA number associated with their name. The list supplied was last updated in 2023. It contained at least one (1) deceased person. I have asked the Office how this list was created and who maintains it.

***For the Operations Manager: To investigate the current listing of approved Breed Assessors for accuracy, identify the person responsible for this task and provide an updated list to the Department of Local Government, Companion Animals Unit.***

- The Judges Committee has met during the month and there are recommendations for the Board to consider today.
- I have contacted all the Clubs in my Region to see which ones would be interested in holding a defibrillator to be used at regional events. My only response has been from the two (2) Clubs located in the Far South West at Wentworth who have agreed that they will share a machine with the Clubs at Broken Hill due to their close proximity to each other. To date no other Clubs have responded and I will need to follow this up.
- I am also working with the Western Region Committee for the upcoming Cowra Kennel Club/Western Region cluster. We are expecting the current fuel prices to affect our entry and the projected budget may not be achieved.
- The Administrative Assistant for Dogs Australia has resigned and DOGS NSW member and All Breed Judge, Mr Graeme Cruse has now been appointed and will commence in that role on 28 April 2026.

### Director T Hofman

- EOIs for DAP finalised
- Finalised all outstanding Affiliate matter and am still working with Director Glen Vernon in relation to setting reporting requirements for affiliation.
- Child Safeguarding Policies are now with a third party for additional input and review
- Draft Election Guidelines – 2 weeks feedback
- EOIs for GFWP extended – if nothing in 2 weeks chase some members
- Members have expressed their concerns with non-plain English regulations
- Setting up protocols for new Directors, eg, pre induction packs
- Board Policy document review
- Bully Guidelines – insufficient and lacks process
- Social Media – developed but is quite complicated – requires review
- Governance reviews
- Working through the requirements of the Judicial Co-ordinator role

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Director K Hedberg BVSC

- Members Education Committee meeting held 3/3/2026
  - National Health & Wellbeing Committee meeting held 15/3/2026. Committee is trying to get a cardiac results scheme up and running on ORCHID and it seems to be coming along nicely.
  - Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting on 25/3/2026
  - Aggressive Dog Committee meeting 26/3/2026
  - Conformation Judges Examination Committee meeting 31/3/2026
  - RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity meeting 13/4/2026
  - Members are concerned in respect of the lack of update of Breed Standards
- Director C Rafton foreshadowed a Motion to be put forward to Dogs Australia October 2026 Board meeting, for DOGS NSW member, Ms Carrie Paine, to be appointed as Chair of National Breed Standards Co-ordination Group.***

Director J Bryson

- Sydney Royal very successful, with over 2,000 entries, which is slightly down most likely due to the fuel crisis effected. Having said that there were 788,000 people come through the gates over the 13 days.
- FCI show was conducted
- Awards presented acknowledging long-term exhibitors and Stewards, Canine Heroes in New South Wales as well as a youth medal
- Dogs On Show is the next event and a report will be presented to the next meeting

Director V Harris

Well March certainly saw our Committee kick some goals. Judges training, trial and new rules and regulations all going well. Thank you to Director Neil Curwen for his assistance and instruction on conducting Temperament Testing.

- Attended and worked at DOTY, POTY, NOTY.
- Privileged to judge at DOGS NSW Fast N Furious which was a success for the company.
- Attended Gunnedah Kennel Club meeting and it was really to promote and holding encouraging that this Club is moving forward and looking forward to holding sporting events.
- Oxley Dog Training Club activities
- Trial managed and judged Scent Dog Trial for Oxley Dog Training Club, another successful trial for our region.
- Sporting Committee meetings during the month. Great work happening across all sports and working through future infrastructure processes.
- Herding meeting work continues and its exciting to work with the team to see herding moving ahead well.
- Sprint trial opportunities being managed at Oxley Dog Training Club.
- Introduced new members to Trick training.
- Instructed at Obedience trials during the month
- Logistics for new Sprint Trial being managed regarding physical environment and upcoming trials. Really appreciative of all of the support and work being done.
- Defibrillator work continues in the region
- Continue to work with clubs to look at increasing our Sporting opportunities.

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Director A McIlrath

- As Working Party member, assisted with the Grooming competition at Sydney Royal which was a great success.

Director G Vernon

- Over the past few weeks, significant effort has gone into updating the 2027 show calendar, thanks to the dedication of Jane Fisher and staff member, Shireece Buddee. Currently, the calendar is finalised through to May 2027, and our aim is to complete the remaining details before the June Board meeting. Progress has been slower than anticipated, largely due to persistent errors and misinformation in the existing calendar that required extensive corrections.
- As a result of this ongoing work, the information needed for Affiliate reporting is not yet ready to be presented, however, we are committed to having the necessary documentation prepared by May.
- Looking ahead, there are two (2) shows scheduled for 27 April, which will make the Anzac weekend a five (5) show event in the Sydney basin. All preparations for these shows are now finalised.
- Additionally, plans are underway for a Family Fun Day event in Newcastle, which will coincide with six (6) all-breed shows. Staff member, Abby Davis, is developing flyers and advertisements to promote the event throughout the Hunter area, aiming to engage the broader community and generate excitement.

Director L Brand

- Attended the Rules Review for Drafting during April

Director S Hannigan

- Attended Aggressive Dog Committee meeting
- Participate in the conduct of a Temperament Test
- Attended the Sydney Royal for the past 17 days with another 2 days to go

Director A Moy

- Defibrillator machines for the Region have been organised for distribution to three (3) volunteers who have kindly agreed to house the machines
- There is concern for the Region regarding the current road closure as well as the fuel crisis as it has already noticeably begun to impact a number of business and, therefore, the Region is reaching out to DOGS NSW for support
- Support from DOGS NSW for regions for shows due to road closure

Director K Charnock

- The RTO Agreement (3<sup>rd</sup> Version) is now with the Honorary Solicitor for review
- The President and I met with the Conformation Judges Training Committee to explain the concept
- When the Agreement has been received back from the Honorary Solicitor, I will negotiate other changes required and report back to the Board for final approval
- Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Training Theory Examinations were conducted with all ten (10) candidates being successful
- Attended Fast N Furious meetings at which a new Committee member (younger person) was appointed, ie, Erin Gray

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- Dates for Fast N Furious and Open Shows for Judges Training have been scheduled
- It is noted that Dogs Queensland is running shows with Judge as a Mentor and handing out CCs with Candidates sitting beside them – may be this initiative that could be recommended to Committees and Co-ordinators  
***ACTION ITEM: Director Sinclair and Charnock to discuss with Les Bradney the Fast N Furious Open Show for current Candidates (Toy & General). The Fast N Furious Shows will commence at 3pm after the Toy & General Shows finish.***

Director C Rafton

- **Members Education Committee:-**
  - Prefix Program:-
    - ❖ recommendation regarding remote testing for exams
    - ❖ addressed letter from member regarding prefix application
  - Members Education:-
    - ❖ Committee perusing data and learning material
    - ❖ Committee reviewing questions in all subject exams
- **Spring Fair Committee:-**
  - 2026
    - ❖ Judges: Emails re CV & Photo requests/dietary requirements/arrival & departure times
    - ❖ Trophies: being sought and bought
    - ❖ Schedule: completed and lodged
    - ❖ Accommodation: booked
  - 2027 & 2028
    - ❖ Still waiting on signed forms from some Judges

## 2.3 Strategic Planning

### 2.3.1 DOGS NSW 2026-2030 Strategic Plan

Finalising Published Document for DOGS NSW 2026-2030 Strategic Plan – pictures and artwork formats being prepared for the launch on 29 April 2026.

***ACTION ITEM: Next month the comparative data regarding membership will be included in this item to ground the Board regarding key data elements of the business when working through the Strategic Plan items.***

### 2.3.2 Operational Plan

Require the Board members to review the Operational Plan and to agree and allocate strategies to Board members who will oversee and drive strategies with the organisation. This Board sponsorship model will help lead the work and sponsors will report back regularly under this item at future Board meetings. This work will be done with the nominated Committees and key subject matter expectations identified to drive and manage strategic items with the Board. This work needs to be shared by the whole Board Team to ensure we are managing together the strategic directions of the organisation.

***ACTION ITEM: Board members to work with the President to identify items that they will lead and oversee with the governance frame of the organisation.***

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2.3.3 **Assurance Program**

This strategic planning agenda item will also report back to the Board on the assurance program. This Program will monitor and track performance to KPIs, identified goals and timeframes set out in the plan. This will allow the Board to measure our performance to plan deliverables and provide an accountability framework for the members on how we are tracking to our strategic outcomes.

***ACTION ITEM: Timeline and process map be tabled each month regarding plan deliverables and key dates.***

3. **GENERAL BUSINESS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CAMERA**

3.1 **Executive Committee Decisions - NIL**

3.2 **Operations Manager's Report**

The Board **noted** the following items in the Operations Manager's Report:-

- Monthly Safety Incident Snapshot Report – March 2026
- Office Closure – 24 April 2026

3.2.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 1.3: Proposed Changes to Judge Renewal Fees**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the Board approve the introduction of a single Judges Licence Renewal Fee of **\$125.00**, replacing the existing two-tier structure, **effective 1 January 2027**.

**CARRIED**

*T Hofman AGAINST*

3.2.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 1.4: Proposed Changes to DOGS NSW Regulations Part X-Affiliated Bodies, Section 2 – Administration**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** the requirement for an Affiliate to provide and maintain an active subscription to official communications issued by DOGS NSW **not be implemented as a Regulation** at this time, but be an inclusion on the Affiliation Application, ie, it be a condition for applying for affiliation, until such time as the review of all DOGS NSW Regulations has been undertaken.

**CARRIED**

3.2.4 **Recommendation 4 – Item 1.5: Powered Forklift Requirement – Urgent Safety and Operational Need**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** the requirement to support safe manual handling practices and improve operational efficiency be **REFERRED** to the Finance Committee to consider the alternative of purchasing a bobcat, possibly from Clark Equipment.

**CARRIED**

*P Brown joined @ 3.26pm*

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3.2.6 **Achievement Implemented by the Office**

***For the Operations Manager: To provide to the Board each quarter a spreadsheet detailing the achievements implemented by the Office to demonstrate to the members the financial savings the Office is achieving.***

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED N Curwen

**THAT** the Operations Manager's Reports be **received**.

**CARRIED**

3.3 **Finance Committee – 26/3/2026**

3.3.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 6.4: Compliance Review Outcomes Flowchart**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW transition from \$ penalties to penalty units and the Board set the penalty unit value to bring into line with contemporary organisations.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, K Charnock ABSTAINED*

3.3.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 7.1: DOGS NSW Committee Expenditure & Financial Governance Policy**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the following documentation in relation to Committee Expenditure be approved by the Board:-

- Email communication draft to Committees
- Communication Plan
- Process flow chart
- Policy

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, K Charnock ABSTAINED*

Director L Brand suggested the communication be simplified to make it clear, with straightforward language, so members can easily understand.

3.3.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 8: Financial Statements as @ 28 February 2026**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED N Curwen

**THAT** Recommendation 3, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the Financial Statements as @ 28 February 2026 be approved by the Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

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MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 26 March 2026 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

C Rafton, K Charnock **ABSTAINED**

Meeting recessed @ 4.06pm

A Khamis left the meeting @ 4.20pm

Meeting resumed @ 4.23pm

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** standing orders be suspended to **bring forward** Items 3.5 & 3.5.1, below, being the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer's Report and the Serious Animal Welfare Committee Minutes.

**CARRIED**

### 3.4 Judges Committee – 2/4/2026

#### 3.4.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 3.4: DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges, Clauses 2.12(c)(i)(ii)&(iii) – Proposed AMENDMENT

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges, Clause 2.12, which reads as follows, be **REFERRED to the Honorary Solicitor**, Mr Malcolm MacDonald, for a legal opinion on how this could be reworded particularly Clauses (c)(i)(ii)&(iii). Once a legal opinion is provided, then this Regulation will need to be sent to our Insurers for an opinion:

2.12 *The Board of Directors may refuse an application for the renewal of approval to judge if the applicant:-*

- (a) *has during the period of his then current approval failed to fulfil his contract to judge at a Show without good reason acceptable to the Management Committee whose decision thereon shall be final and binding on the applicant;*
- (b) *shall have failed to give to DOGS NSW any information within his knowledge required of him or if he shall have failed to reply to any correspondence addressed to him by DOGS NSW;*
- (c) **on the recommendation of the Judges Committee is considered to be (11/19):-**
  - (i) **incompetent;**
  - (ii) **temperamentally unsuitable;**
  - (iii) **or by reason of his age incapable of properly carrying out his duties as a Judge;**
- (d) *has ceased to be a Member; (08/92)*
- (e) *has been found guilty of misconduct or if his membership or his approval as a Judge has terminated or been suspended or if he has been disqualified from exhibiting or otherwise in relation to a Show;*
- (f) *has not judged at a Show during the period of 3 years immediately preceding the date of application for renewal of approval to judge. (02/93)*

**CARRIED**

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The Board noted the terminology, specifically Clause (c)(ii), ie, “*temperamentally unsuitable*”, querying who is qualified to determine if a Judge is temperamentally unsuitable.

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** the Minutes of the Judges Committee meeting held on 2 April 2026 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

### 3.5 **Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer’s Report – December 2025 & January 2026**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer’s Report for November 2024 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

#### 3.5.2 **Serious Animal Welfare Committee – 24/3/2026**

##### 3.5.2.1 **Recommendation 1A - Item 7.1: DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIV: Guidelines for the Care and Management of Keeping and Breeding Dogs, Clause 4.1.3 - AMENDMENT**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** Recommendation 1A, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIV: Guidelines for the Care and Management of Keeping and Breeding Dogs, Clause 4.1.3, be amended as follows:-

**Currently reads:-**

4.1.3 *Dogs which live partially or predominantly indoors should have adequate areas for sleeping and bedding suitable to that breed and the stage of life for the dog concerned.*

***Access to external exercise areas must be available for at least 2 hours daily, in increments of not less than 30 minutes, except under the written advice of a veterinary practitioner for health and/or age reasons. Exercise is to be breed appropriate, dogs are not to be tethered. (06/23)***

**Be amended to read:-**

4.1.3 Dogs which live partially or predominantly indoors should have adequate areas for sleeping and bedding suitable to that breed and the stage of life for the dog concerned.

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Access to external exercise areas must be available for at least 2 hours daily, in increments of not less than 30 minutes, except under the written advice of a veterinary practitioner for health and/or age reasons. Exercise is to be breed appropriate, dogs are not to be tethered. **Exercise on an exercise machine or treadmill are not to form part of the minimum 2 hours of daily exercise. (04/26)**

**CARRIED**

3.5.2.2 **Recommendation 1B - Item 7.1: DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIV: Guidelines for the Care and Management of Keeping and Breeding Dogs, Clause 10.2 - AMENDMENT**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED J Bryson

**THAT** Recommendation 1B, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIV: Guidelines for the Care and Management of Keeping and Breeding Dogs, Clause 4.1.3, be amended as follows:-

**Currently reads**:-

10.2 *Exercise can be provided by:*

10.2.1 *allowing dogs access to an exercise area for a minimum of 2 hours daily in increments of not less than 30 minutes; and/or (05/25)*

10.2.2 *can also include walking dogs on a lead for a minimum of 15 minutes daily; and (05/25)*

10.2.3 *exercise must be breed appropriate; and (05/25)*

10.2.4 *dogs must not be tethered. (05/25)*

***A veterinary practitioner is to provide written advice if a dog, due to health and/or age reasons, is to be limited in daily exercise. (05/25)***

**Be amended to read**:-

10.2 *Exercise can be provided by:*

10.2.1 *allowing dogs access to an exercise area for a minimum of 2 hours daily in increments of not less than 30 minutes; and/or (05/25)*

10.2.2 *can also include walking dogs on a lead for a minimum of 15 minutes daily; and (05/25)*

10.2.3 *exercise must be breed appropriate; and (05/25)*

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10.2.4 dogs must not be tethered. (05/25)

**10.2.5 Exercise on an exercise machine or treadmill are not to form part of the minimum 2 hours of daily exercise. (04/26)**

**A veterinary practitioner is to provide written advice if a dog, due to health and/or age reasons, is to be limited in daily exercise. (05/25)**

**CARRIED**

*K Charnock ABSTAINED*

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED J Bryson

**THAT** the Minutes of the Serious Animal Welfare Committee meeting held on 24 March 2026 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*D Crofts left the meeting @ 4.28pm*

### 3.6 Company Secretary's Report

3.6.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 1.1: DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics – New Sub-Clause numbered 9.1**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** Clause 9 of DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics, be amended by the inclusion of a new Sub-Clause, numbered 9.1, to read as follows:-

9.1 Where a bitch has produced three (3) litters within a period of two (2) years, the bitch will be required to rest for a minimum period of twelve (12) months from the date of the last litter. (04/26)

**AND**

**Any breach of this requirement will result in disciplinary action. (04/26)**

**CARRIED**

*L Brand AGAINST*

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** the Company Secretary's Report be **received**.

**CARRIED**

### 3.8 Conformation Judges Training Committee – 25/3/2026

3.8.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 5.1: Breed Standards**

The Board noted that the issue in relation to the update of the Breed Standards is currently under review now and will be rectified as soon as possible.

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3.8.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 5.2: Lectures via Zoom & Open Book Examinations**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the current Judges are encouraged to attend Breed Lectures via Zoom and must complete an Open Book Examination within six (6) months on breeds that have been introduced to Australia since they became a Judge.

**CARRIED**

3.8.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 5.3: Chair, Conformation Judges Training Committee**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** Recommendation 3, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the Chairperson of the Conformation Judges Training Committee be an All Breeds Judge.

**CARRIED**

3.8.4 **Recommendation 4 – Item 5.4: Judges Dress Code**

The Board understands the concerns of the Conformation Judges Training Committee in respect of “Judges Dress Code”, however, does not feel it requires a Regulation change. Notwithstanding that, the Board agreed that the Judges Committee develop a **POLICY** for Judges’ Dress Code in accordance with Safework NSW Guidelines.

3.8.5 **Recommendation 5 – Item 5.5: Sub Group 4 Theory Examination Date**

The Board noted that as this matter was already voted on at a previous Board meeting, it will require a rescission motion.

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** Directors noted that should they agree to support this recommendation, a **rescission motion** will be considered at **next month’s meeting**.

**CARRIED**

*L Brand AGAINST*

3.9 **Conformation Judges Examinations Committee – 31/3/2026**

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

4.1 **Reading Room Items**

4.1.1 **FCI Public Campaign – Imagine Life Without Them**

T Hofman: this this is a great idea and hope we are going to participate.

The Board agreed to **REFER** this initiative to the Public Relations Committee.

4.1.2 **Dogs Australia Minutes – Limited Register Discontinuation**

Director T Hofman commented that it was a shame that the Limited Register issue did not get up due to a lack of a seconder (which then nullified our submission).

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- 4.1.3 **Use of a Runner (Refer DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 12.21)**  
Director T Hofman commented that although this is a DOGS NSW Regulation, under Part II-Show, Clause 12.21, the only issue she perceived by removing this requirement would be misuse of this option.

## 5 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- 5.1 **Update – Breed Standards**  
**(\*\*Refer Item 3.8.1, above)**
- 5.2 **DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 19.1.3(i) – AMENDMENT**  
(Refer Item 3.4-BOD EM13/3/2026)

The Board noted that the Government is currently working on a new heat policy for all animals, not just dogs, which is due around July this year. Therefore, it would be more appropriate to defer such an amendment to the Regulations until such time as that new legislation is available.

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Vernon

**THAT** the proposed amendment to DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 19.1.3(i) be **DEFERRED** to August until the Government Legislation comes out.

**CARRIED**

## 6. **JUDICIAL MATTERS**

### **OPEN MEETING**

## 7. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

- 7.1 **Dogs Australia Motion – Reinstatement of Open Book Examinations**  
(Refer Item 4.1-Additional BOD Meeting 12/1/2026)

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** DOGS NSW submits a Motion to the Dogs Australia June 2026 Special Board Meeting as follows:-

**“THAT** Dogs Australia re-instate Open Book Exams for **all new breed/s** to be undertaken by licenced Judges holding the respective Group Licences” and including Overseas Judges on those breeds which are pertinent and peculiar to Dogs Australia, ie, NCO breeds only.”

**CARRIED**

### **RATIONALE:**

*The inclusion of a declaration in the Australian Judges’ contract is not sufficient evidence that all such persons have in fact read, let alone considered, the salient points of the breeds that are considered NCO or new breeds introduced to the Country and added to whichever of the 7 Groups applicable.*

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## 8. MONTHLY REPORTS

### 8.1 Governance Framework Working Party

#### 8.1.1 Applications for Affiliation

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** the Applications for Affiliation, at Items 8.1.1.1 & 8.1.1.2, below, be **approved**.

8.1.1.1 **Irish Breeds Club**

8.1.1.2 **One Pack Dog Training Club**

**CARRIED**

#### 8.1.2 Affiliates Amended Constitutions

##### 8.1.2.1 Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club Inc

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Board **approve** the amended Constitution of Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club Inc.

**CARRIED**

#### 8.1.3 Directors Conflict of Interest Model

The Directors Conflict of Interest Model was submitted for consideration and comment by the Directors.

#### 8.1.4 Board Elections

The Board Elections Document was submitted for consideration and comment by the Directors.

#### 8.1.5 Working With Children Checks

(Refer Item 3.12-BOD Meeting 11/3/2026)

Lengthy discussion ensued in relation to recent events involving the introduction of Working With Children Checks. It was agreed to move forward in a cohesive manner as a Board and deliver a clear policy framework for implementation in the future.

### 8.2 Library & Archives Committee – Enhancing Research & Education Centre

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Library & Archives Committee proposal for the enhancement of the DOGS NSW Library & Archives Education Centre be **endorsed** and the Committee be congratulated for its innovative thinking around raising the profile of the Education Centre and making this space more of a feature of the DOGS NSW precinct.

**CARRIED**

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**8.3 Media & Government Legislation Committee – 25/3/2026**

**8.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 5.1.3: Sydney Dog Park Proposal – Meeting with Penrith City Council**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** the Board of Directors approve that a delegation composed of members from the Media & Government Legislation Committee meet with the appropriate members of Penrith City Council to obtain their support in relation to the State Dog Park Presentation.

**CARRIED**

**8.4 Members Education Committee – 3/3/2026**

**8.4.1 Recommendations 1, 2 & 3 – Item 6.1: Members Education Prefix Program – Suggestions from Mrs Sarah Gaffikin**

**8.4.1.1 Recommendation 1 – Open Book Examination**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** the Members Education Prefix Program include an Open Book Examination (via ClassMarker) on the breed that the prefix is being sought for by the applicant.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton ABSTAINED*

MOVED P Brown

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** in relation to Recommendations 2 & 3, which read as follows:-

**8.4.1.2 Recommendation 2 – Applicant to attend Breed/Group Specialty Show**

*THAT an applicant for the Members Education Prefix Program attend a Breed Specialty or Group Specialty show prior to the renewal of the prefix;*

**AND**

**8.4.1.3 Recommendation 3 – Appointment of Mentors by Breed Clubs**

*THAT Breed Clubs be encouraged to appoint “Mentors” to be available for the successful applicants for their forthcoming events.*

the Board consider these requirements to be “**recommendations only**” and “**to be undertaken within two (2) years of being granted a prefix**” given the logistics of implementation, ie, time constraints, additional work required for Office staff and the determination of a penalty where breeding would already have commenced.

**CARRIED**

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8.4.2 **Recommendation 4 – Item 7.1: New Features on ClassMarker**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** Recommendation 4, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the Camera Monitoring feature on ClassMarker be utilised for the Members Education Prefix Program and Members Education Examinations. Should this recommendation be successful, the Remote testing by ClassMarker of Members Education/Prefix Program be implemented immediately upon ratification of the Minutes.

**CARRIED**

8.5 **Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee – 17/3/2026**

8.5.1 **Note for Board – Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates**

*The Board noted the Committee's decisions in relation to the approval of Trial dates.*

8.5.2 **Recommendation 1 – Item 8.9: DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show – New Clause 6.7(3): Height Card**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED J Bryson

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show be amended by the inclusion of a new clause, numbered 6.7(3), to read as follows:-

6.7(3) **Height Card (04/26)**

Prior to a dog competing in an Obedience Open Class and Rally Advance Class at a Trial for the first time, an Official Height Card, signed by two (2) (Dogs Australia) Obedience Judges eligible to judge Open Class and above and/or Rally or one (1) other Agility Judge approved by the State Controlling Body. The height of the dog is to be measured at the highest point of the withers to the nearest 10mm, at no earlier than 12 months old. The Height Card is valid for the life of the dog if it meets any of the following criteria:-

- The dog is over two (2) years old when first measured;
- The dog is measured into the 500 Height category.

If the dog does not meet the above criteria, it will be issued with a “temporary” Height Card and the dog will be required to be re-measured when the dog is two (2) years of age. A permanent Height Card would then be issued. Any Pass Cards issued to the dog during the period of the “temporary” Height Card will remain valid.

**CARRIED**

8.6A **Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee – 12/3/2026**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, which read as follows, be **approved**:-

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8.6.1 **Recommendations 1 – Item 7.10: DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI-Judges-Performance Disciplines**

8.6.1.1 **Recommendation 1 - Section 2: Entrance Qualifications, Clause 2.17: Obedience, sub-Clause (a)1 - AMENDMENT**

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI-Judges-Performance Disciplines, Section 2: Entrance Qualifications, Clause 2.17: Obedience, sub-Clause (a)1, be amended as follows:-

**Currently reads:-**

2.1.7 Obedience

- a) Candidate for Community Companion Obedience

Examination must:

1. be a financial member of DOGS NSW.

**Be amended to read:-**

2.1.7 Obedience

- a) Candidate for Community Companion Obedience

Examination must:

1. **be have been** a financial member of DOGS NSW **for three (3) years prior to application. (04/26)**

8.6.1.2 **Recommendation 2 - Section 5, sub-Section 12: PRACTICAL EXAMINATION, Clause 12.3: CCD, sub-Clause 12.3.1 - AMENDMENT**

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI-Judges-Performance Disciplines, Section 5, sub-Section 12: PRACTICAL EXAMINATION, Clause 12.3: CCD, sub-Clause 12.3.1, be amended as follows:-

**Currently reads:**

12.3.1 Provide documentation of the number of dogs judged at each compulsory Practical Judges Training session.

**Be amended to read:-**

12.3.1 Provide documentation of the number of dogs judged **and critiqued as per Section 5, sub-Section 4: METHOD OF EDUCATION (SELF EDUCATION), Clause 4.4 including at each** compulsory Practical Judges Training sessions. **(04/26)**

8.6.1.3 **Recommendation 3 – Section 5, sub-Section 12: PRACTICAL EXAMINATION, Clause 12.4: NOVICE, sub-Clauses 12.4.1 & 12.4.2 – AMENDMENT – and new sub-Clause 12.4.3**

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI-Judges-Performance Disciplines, Section 5, sub-Section 12: PRACTICAL EXAMINATION, Clause 12.4: Novice, sub-Clauses 12.4.1 & 12.4.2 be amended **AND** the inclusion of a new sub-Clause, numbered 12.4.3, to read as follows:-

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**Currently reads:-**

- 12.4.1 Provide documentation of the number of dogs judged at each compulsory Practical Judges Training session.
- 12.4.2 Provide details of least three (3) CCD judging appointments at recognised Community Companion All Breeds Obedience Club Trials including the Affiliate and date. Except for Trainees completing their CCD and CD examination concurrently where 6.4.2.5 would apply.

**Be amended to read:-**

- 12.4.1 Provide documentation of the number of dogs judged **at each and critiqued as per Section 5, sub-Section 4: METHOD OF EDUCATION (SELF EDUCATION), Clause 4.4 including compulsory Practical Judges Training sessions. (04/26)**
- 12.4.2 Provide details of least **three (3) six (6)** CCD judging appointments at recognised Community Companion All Breeds Obedience Club Trials including the Affiliate and date. Except for Trainees completing their CCD and CD examination concurrently where Section 5, sub-Section 6, Clause 6.4.2: COMPANION DOG JUDGING LICENCE, sub-Clause 6.4.2.5 would apply. **(04/26)**
- 12.4.3 In limited circumstances, an exception to sub-Clause 12.4.2 (above), may be granted following application where insufficient judging opportunities have been available. Any exception will be subject to conditions that necessary judging appointments are completed before judging at the higher level can be authorised. (04/26)**
- 8.6.1.4 **Recommendation 4 - Section 5, sub-Section 12: PRACTICAL EXAMINATION, Clause 12.5: Open, sub-Clause 12.5.1 – AMENDMENT – and new sub-Clause, numbered 12.5.3**  
**THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI-Judges-Performance Disciplines, Section 5, sub-Section 12: PRACTICAL EXAMINATION, Clause 12.5: Open, sub-Clause 12.5.1 be amended AND the inclusion of a new sub-Clause, numbered 12.5.3, to read as follows:-**

**Currently reads:-**

- 12.5.1 Provide documentation of the number of dogs judged at each compulsory Practical Judges Training session.
- 12.5.2 Provide details of least six (6) Novice judging appointments at recognised Community Companion All Breeds Obedience Club Trials including the Affiliate and date

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**Be amended to read:-**

12.5.1 Provide documentation of the number of dogs judged **at each and critiqued as per as per Section 5, sub-Section 4: METHOD OF EDUCATION (SELF EDUCATION), Clause 4.4 including compulsory Practical Judges Training sessions. (04/26)**

**12.5.3 In limited circumstances an exception, to sub-Clause 12.5.2, may be granted following application where insufficient judging opportunities have been available. Any exception will be subject to conditions that necessary judging appointments are completed before judging at the higher level can be authorised. (04/26)**

8.6.1.5 **Recommendation 5 - Section 5, sub-Section 12: PRACTICAL EXAMINATION, Clause 12.6: Utility, sub-Clause 12.6.1 – AMENDMENT – and new sub-Clause, numbered 12.6.3**

**THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI-Judges-Performance Disciplines, Section 5, sub-Section 12: PRACTICAL EXAMINATION, Clause 12.6: Utility, sub-Clause 12.6.1 be amended AND the inclusion of a new sub-Clause, numbered 12.6.3, to read as follows:-**

**Currently reads:-**

12.6.1 *Provide documentation of the number of dogs judged at each compulsory Practical Judges Training session.*

12.6.2 *Provide details of least six (6) Novice judging appointments at recognised Community Companion All Breeds Obedience Club Trials including the Affiliate and date.*

**Be amended to read:-**

12.6.1 Provide documentation of the number of dogs judged **at each and critiqued as per as per Section 5, sub-Section 4: METHOD OF EDUCATION (SELF EDUCATION), Clause 4.4 including compulsory Practical Judges Training sessions. (04/26)**

**12.6.3 In limited circumstances an exception, to sub-Clause 12.6.2, may be granted following application where insufficient judging opportunities have been available. Any exception will be subject to conditions that necessary judging appointments are completed before judging at the higher level can be authorised. (04/26)**

8.6.1.6 **Recommendation 6 - Section 5, sub-Section 12: PRACTICAL EXAMINATION, Clause 12.7: Utility Dog Excellent, sub-Clause 12.7.1 – AMENDMENT – and new sub-Clause, numbered 12.7.3**

**THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI-Judges-Performance Disciplines, Section 5, sub-Section 12: PRACTICAL EXAMINATION, Clause 12.7: Utility Dog Excellent, sub-Clause 12.7.1 be amended AND the inclusion of a new sub-Clause, numbered 12.7.3, to read as follows:-**

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**Currently reads:-**

- 12.7.1 Provide documentation of the number of dogs judged at each compulsory Practical Judges Training session.
- 12.7.2 Provide details of least six (6) UD judging appointments at recognised Community Companion All Breeds Obedience Club Trials including the Affiliate and date.

**Be amended to read:-**

- 12.7.1 Provide documentation of the number of dogs judged **at each and critiqued as per as per Section 5, sub-Section 4: METHOD OF EDUCATION (SELF EDUCATION), Clause 4.4 including compulsory Practical Judges Training sessions. (04/26)**
- 12.7.3 In limited circumstances an exception, to sub-Clause 12.7.2, may be granted following application where insufficient judging opportunities have been available. Any exception will be subject to conditions that necessary judging appointments are completed before judging at the higher level can be authorised. (04/26)**

**CARRIED**

**8.6B Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee – 13/4/2026**

**8.6B.1 Recommendation 1 – Obedience, Tracking & Performance Judges Training Scheme – Theory Examination Results**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Hannigan

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the following Candidates be advised they have successfully passed their relevant Theory Examinations and may now progress to the Practical component of their training:-

Gabriele Loft	CCD		Pass
Peter Read	UD		Pass
Karen Wyers	Rules & Regulations		Pass
Carolyn Jensen	Rally	Rules and Regulations	Pass
Christiane Diebler	Rally	Rules and Regulations	Pass
Julie Hunter	Rally	Rules and Regulations	Pass
Deborah Varney	Trick Dog	Rules and Regulations	Pass
Gunilla Haydon	Trick Dog		Pass
Krys Townsend	Trick Dog	Rules and Regulations	Pass
Maria Priori	Trick Dog	Rules and Regulations	Pass

**CARRIED**

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8.7 Retrieving & Field Trials Committee – 19/3/2026

8.7.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 8.5: Restricted Retrieving Trials for Gundogs - Practical Examination Results

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED S Hannigan

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** the following members be elevated to the Restricted Retrieving Trials for Gundogs Judges Panel and the Dogs Australia database be updated accordingly:-

- Bill Frew
- Kirsty Blair
- Bob Pickworth
- Lynne Elliott

**CARRIED**

8.8 Show Committee – 1/4/2026

8.8.1 Note for Board – Item 7: Approval of Show Dates

*The Board noted the Committee's decisions in relation to the approval of Show dates.*

8.8.2 Recommendation 1 – Item 7.3: DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 4.4B (Affiliate Cluster Shows) - AMENDMENT

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 4.4B, which reads as follows:-

**Currently reads:-**

*4.4B Notwithstanding the above, an All Breeds Dog Club (excluding an Associate Affiliate) or a Committee of DOGS NSW may obtain approval to conduct a third Championship Show on either a casual or on a permanent basis, provided that such show is held in conjunction with at least one of that Affiliate or Committee's existing Championship Shows and is held on a weekday in the immediately preceding week or the immediately following week, or on the same day as that of an existing Championship Show. Applications to conduct such a 3<sup>rd</sup> Championship Show on either a casual or permanent basis will only be considered by the Board where a written application is lodged with the DOGS NSW Secretary more than nine months prior to the date upon which it is proposed to conduct the 3<sup>rd</sup> Show.*

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**Be amended to read:-**

4.4B Notwithstanding the above, an All Breeds Dog Club (excluding an Associate Affiliate) or a Committee of DOGS NSW may obtain approval to conduct a third Championship Show on either a casual or on a permanent basis.  ~~, provided that such show is held in conjunction with at least one of that Affiliate or Committee's existing Championship Shows and is held on a weekday in the immediately preceding week or the immediately following week, or on the same day as that of an existing Championship Show.~~ Applications to conduct such a 3<sup>rd</sup> Championship Show on either a casual or permanent basis will only be considered by the Board where a written application is lodged with the DOGS NSW Secretary more than nine months prior to the date upon which it is proposed to conduct the 3<sup>rd</sup> Show.

**(04/26)**

**CARRIED**

8.8.3 **Recommendation 2 – Item 9.9: Agricultural Show/Dog Section - Venue**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** Agricultural Societies be granted permission to hold their Agricultural Show (Dog Section) at a different location, on the same day as their show but within the town limits and only if the show ground area is not fit for purpose.

**CARRIED**

*J Bryson ABSTAINED*

8.9 **Sporting Minutes – 17/3/2026**

8.9.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 6.1: Proposed Amendment to Rules for the Conduct of Draft Test – Eligibility Criteria**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** Recommendation 1 be **REFERRED** back to the Sporting Committee for re-wording as it was considered the inclusion of the word “Sporting” was too wide.

**CARRIED**

*V Harris AGAINST*

**CARRIED**

8.9.4 **Note for Board – Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates**

*The Board noted the Committee's decisions in relation to the approval of Trial dates.*

8.9.5 **Recommendation 4 – Item 8.5: Listing of Lure Coursing Operators, Trainee Lure Operators, Classes & Huntmaster/s**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** Recommendation 4, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** Affiliates conducting Lure Coursing Competitions in NSW are required to list the Lure Operator/s, Trainee Lure Operators and the classes they will be driving for and list the Huntmaster/s on both the Draft Schedule and all advertisements. A statement must also be provided stating:-

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*The Club reserves the right to replace an advertised Lure Operator or Huntmaster due to unforeseen circumstances or to engage an additional Lure Operator or Huntmaster to ensure the smooth running of the event. Affiliates are to notify the office of any changes to the advertised Lure Operator/s or Huntmaster/s and once approved communicate any changes to the participants.*

**CARRIED**

**8.9.6 Recommendation 5 – Item 8.7: Approval of Scent Work Judges Training Applications**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** Recommendation 5, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the following five (5) Scent Work Judges Training applications be approved as they have met all the entrance criteria to become Scent Work Judges Training Aspirants and progress to the DOGS NSW Rules and Regulations Examination:-

- Veronica Sewell
- Beth Manefield
- Becc Johnson
- Felicity McIntyre
- Monika Kaweck

**CARRIED**

**8.9.7 Recommendation 6 – Item 8.7: Approval of Scent Work Judges Training Application – Ms A Wynn**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** Recommendation 6, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** Alanna Wynn be accepted into the Scent Work Judges Training Scheme, as she meets all the criteria except for being a member for the required three (3) years.

**CARRIED**

**8.9.8 Recommendation 7 – Item 8.7: Scent Work Judges Training – Rules & Regulations Examination Results – Advice from Office**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED N Curwen

**THAT** Recommendation 7, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** if the above Aspirants pass their Rules & Regulation Examination, they are advised by the DOGS NSW Office that they have been successful and can commence the Scent Work Judges Training Scheme as a Scent Work Trainee Judge; or, if they fail the Rules & Regulations Examination, they are advised by the DOGS NSW Office that they have failed and cannot commence the 2026 Scent Work Judges Training Scheme at this time.

**CARRIED**

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8.9.10 **Recommendation 9 – Item 8.7: Purchase of Scent Work Merchandise**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** the Board agrees in principle with the purchase of the following Scent Work merchandise, however, Recommendation 9, be **REFERRED** back to the Committee for pricing and quantity of items to be purchased and the Company Secretary and Operations Manager be authorised to approve if they consider the pricing and quantities to be reasonable:-

- Two Banners (on the stands) for DOGS NSW Scent Work to be put up for official photography at DOGS NSW Scent Work Working Party or DOGS NSW Promotional Events
- DOGS NSW Sporting Committee Merchandise for DOGS NSW members and regular Volunteers to wear at DOGS NSW Scent Work Working Party Trials and DOGS NSW Events. This will be in the form of:
  - CAPS (with DOGS NSW SWWP LOGO)
  - Shirts (Sleeve and Sleeveless polo shirts) with log in DOGS NSW Colour
  - Vests
  - Jackets

**CARRIED**

8.9.11 **Recommendation 10 – Item 8.7: Scent Work – Use of Amenities Building**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** Recommendation 10, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** DOGS NSW allow the following:-

- **Amenities Trials evening usage – Hire from 3.00pm to set up and Trial commencement 6.00pm**  
For evening trials due to the kitchen being locked that DOGS NSW purchase a microwave for the kitchenette to allow our Judges to heat up a warm meal or milk for hot drinks late the evening prior to driving home.
- **Amenities Building Day time usage (weekdays)**  
That the Amenities Building be available for Judges Training and Workshops during the day with toilets available as they do not need a pristine environment,

**CARRIED**

8.9.11 **Recommendation 11 – Item 8.8: Approval of Herding Judges Training Applications**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED N Curwen

**THAT** Recommendation 11, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** the following two (2) applications for the Herding Judges Training Scheme be approved as they have met all entrance criteria to become Herding Judges Training Aspirants and they progress to the DOGS NSW Rules & Regulations Examination:-

- Bree Carter
- Elton D’Souza

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**8.10 RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity – Appointment of New Director**

The Board **noted** the appointment of Ms Melissa George as a Director of the RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Board.

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED N Curwen

**THAT** the Board receives all reports on the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

*S Hannigan & K Charnock left the meeting @ 6.15pm*

**9. DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED N Curwen

**THAT** Items 9.1 & 9.2, as follows, be **noted**:-

9.1 **Dogs Australia February 2026 Special Board Meeting – Minutes Confirmed**

9.2 **Dogs Australia February 2026 Special Board Meeting – Summary**

**CARRIED**

9.3 **Introduction of Champion Class – Survey**

The Board agreed for DOGS NSW to take no action in relation to this matter at this time.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1 **CSU Veterinary Science Association – 2026 Sponsorship Opportunities**

The Board agreed to **REFER** this matter to the Finance Committee.

10.2 **German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc – Photographers Agreement**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED G Vernon

**THAT** the request for clarification from the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Inc in relation to DOGS NSW Photographers Agreement be forwarded to the Honorary Solicitor, Mr Malcolm McDonald, for advice.

**CARRIED**

**MEETING CLOSED: 6.43pm**

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 13 May 2026 commencing @ 2.00pm**

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