



DOGS NEW SOUTH WALES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS held in the Amenities Building of The Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs, 44 Luddenham Road, Erskine Park on WEDNESDAY 12 March 2008 at **2.00PM**.

PRESENT: F Pieterse P Nordstrom
T Couchman B Daley
J Mulcahy E Daniels
C Mann F Hession
L Warren-Powell L Healy
M Parker

IN ATTENDANCE: C Davis (CEO), V Gagan-Wilson (Secretariat Co-ordinator)

APOLOGIES: W Richards

MOVED E Daniels SECONDED T Couchman
THAT Directors “unanimously” consent to all urgent items on the Late Agenda being dealt with at the meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED E Daniels SECONDED J Mulcahy
THAT the Directors receive all documents noted for receiving on the Agenda.

CARRIED

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CAMERA

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

1.1 Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on 16/01/08

MOVED T Couchman SECONDED E Daniels

THAT the Minutes of the February 2008 Board of Directors Meeting be approved as presented at Item 1.1 of these Minutes.

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

2.1 DNA Testing Working Party

(Refer Item 2.2 – BOD Minutes 13/2/08)

2.1.1 MOVED E Daniels SECONDED C Mann

THAT the Board endorses Dr K Hedberg’s recommendations for membership of the DNA Testing Working Party, as follows:-

Members

~~---~~ Ms Judy De Jong

~~---~~ Mrs Bernadette Merchant

~~---~~ Ms Lesley Thorpe

Consultants

?? Mr Alan Wilton – NSW University

?? Mr Frank Nicholas – Sydney University

?? Dr Bruce Robertson

2.1.2 MOVED E Daniels SECONDED C Mann

CARRIED

THAT the email dated 2/3/08 from Dr Karen Hedberg, BVSc, providing a brief resume of the above Consultants nominated for the DNA Testing Working Party and attaching a report, drafted by her, entitled “Pro-Active Approached to Dog Breeding”, be noted.

CARRIED

MOVED L Healy

SECONDED J Mulcahy

THAT the report entitled “Pro-Active Approach to Dog Breeding and drafted by Dr K Hedberg be published in the next available Dogs NSW Magazine (Gazette) and on the Dogs NSW website.

CARRIED

2.5 **Animals (Regulation of Sale) Bill 2007**
(Refer Item 10.2 – BOD Minutes 13/2/08)

2.5.1 **Clover Moore, Member for Sydney**

MOVED E Daniels

SECONDED T Couchman

THAT the letter dated 27/2/08 from Clover Moore, Member for Sydney, expressing her disappointment at the withdrawal of support for the Animals (Regulation of Sale) Bill 2007 by Dogs NSW, be forwarded to the Consultative Committee, comprising of Dr K Hedberg, Dr M Giles & Ms C Cunningham for consideration and advice as to an appropriate reply.

CARRIED

2.5.2 **Department of Primary Industries – Animals (Regulations of Sale) Bill 2007**
(Refer Item 9.3 – BOD Minutes 13/2/08)

MOVED E Daniels

SECONDED C Mann

THAT the letter dated 18/2/08 from the Chairman to Mr Steve Whan MP, Department of Primary Industries, be noted.

CARRIED

OPEN MEETING

7. **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

7.1 **Sporting Committee – 21/1/08**

(Refer Item 7.5 – BOD Minutes 13/2/08)

7.1.2 **Sheep Management Committee**

(Refer Item 2.4.1 – Sporting Minutes 21/1/08) (Refer Item 7.5.2 – BOD Minutes 13/2/08)

The Chairman met with Representatives and a summary has been forwarded to the Sporting Committee in the first instance.

MOVED E Daniels

SECONDED P Nordstrom

THAT if the Sporting Committee wishes to have a Sheep Management Working Party they must put a proposal to this Board with a nomination for a Convenor.

CARRIED

MOVED T Couchman

SECONDED J Mulcahy

THAT the Minutes of Sporting Committee of 21/1/08 be **DEFERRED**.

CARRIED

7.2 **Sporting Committee – 18/2/08**

MOVED L Warren-Powell

SECONDED E Daniels

THAT the Minutes of the Sporting Committee (18/2/08) be passed **subject to reviewing the Sheep Management Working Party items**.

CARRIED

7.3 **Show Committee – 19/2/08**

7.3.2 **Entries at Shows**

MOVED J Mulcahy

SECONDED C Mann

- 8.2.1 email dated 5/2/08 from the ANKC attaching email dated 25/1/08 from Dr Bruce Robertson providing a response to questions raised in relation to clarification of fees being charged by ACES Vets and requesting all States provide their comments by no later than **COB Monday 7 April 2008**.
- 8.2.2 extract from the ANKC 2007 October (Main) Conference.
- 8.2.3 comments from Director L Healy.
- 8.2.4 letter dated 3/3/08 from The Border Collie Club of NSW Inc.
be moved to General Business.
- CARRIED**
- 8.3 **Recognition of the White Swiss Shepherd Dog**
MOVED T Couchman SECONDED C Mann
THAT Dogs NSW accept the proposal to recognise the White Swiss Shepherd Dog on the recommendation of the Chair of the Breed Standards Committee to accept this breed.
- CARRIED**
- 8.4 **Approval of the Whippet Breed Standard Extension**
MOVED T Couchman SECONDED C Mann
THAT Dogs NSW accept the Breed Standard Extension for the Whippet on the recommendation of the Chair of the Breed Standards Committee.
- CARRIED**
- 8.5 **SACA Motion – Electronic Recording of All ANKC Meetings**
MOVED T Couchman SECONDED E Daniels
THAT Dogs NSW approve the out of session motion received from SACA in respect of the electronic recording of all future ANKC meetings.
- CARRIED**
- 8.6 **Dogs NSW Motion – New Breeds of Dogs (Breed Name)**
(Refer Item 10.6 – BOD Minutes 14/11/07)
- MOVED T Couchman SECONDED L Warren-Powell
THAT advice that the Dogs NSW motion regarding new breeds of dogs (breed names) is approved, be noted.
- CARRIED**
- 8.7 **CCCQ – Implementation of Collection of New ANKC Levy**
(Refer Item 7.5 – BOD Minutes 16/1/08)
- MOVED E Daniels SECONDED B Daley
THAT Dogs NSW accept the advice from ANKC that the rescission motion was approved, therefore, the matter will be addressed at the next ANKC Conference
- CARRIED**
- 8.8 **Australian Cattle Dog – Breed Standard Referendum**
MOVED E Daniels SECONDED C Mann
THAT the matter of the Australian Cattle Dog – Breed Standard Referendum be deferred on the CEO's recommendation.
- CARRIED**
- 8.9 **ANKC Membership Statistics**
MOVED T Couchman SECONDED C Mann
THAT the ANKC Membership and Registration Statistics be noted.
- CARRIED**
- 8.10 **ANKC/FCI Associate Membership Agreement**
(Refer Item 7.3 – BOD Minutes 8/8/07)
- MOVED L Warren-Powell SECONDED B Daley
THAT Directors F Pieterse and C Rafton be nominated as members on the on the ANKC Working Party in relation to the Associate Agreement with the FCI
- CARRIED**
- 8.11 **ANKC Code of Practice of Responsible Dog Ownership – Amendment to Section 22**
Receive email dated 11/3/08 from CAWA submitting an out of session motion.

MOVED T Couchman

SECONDED E Daniels

THAT the out of session motion received from the CAWA in relation to amending Section 22 of the National Code of Practice of Responsible Dog Ownership be approved and that Dogs NSW second the motion.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

9.1 **Mrs Joy Schafer – Interbreeding of Bull Terriers & Bull Terrier Miniatures**

Receive undated letter, received in this Office on 11/2/08, from Schardale Kennels, in relation to the period approved for interbreeding Bull Terriers and Bull Terrier Miniatures.

MOVED T Couchman

SECONDED P Nordstrom

THAT Dogs NSW submits a Notice of Motion to the 2008 ANKC Conference, that the interbreeding for the Bull Terrier and Bull Terrier (Miniature) be extended for a further 5 years.

CARRIED

9.2 **Southern Region – Grant Application**

MOVED T Couchman

SECONDED L Warren-Powell

THAT the submission for fund grant, 2006/2007, from the Southern Region be approved.

CARRIED

9.3 **Children’s Cancer Charity Dog Club**

MOVED T Couchman

SECONDED J Mulcahy

THAT the application for affiliation from the Children’s Cancer Charity Dog Club be approved.

CARRIED

9.4 **Mr Stephen Grace – Use of a Runner**

MOVED T Couchman

SECONDED C Mann

THAT the application from Mr Stephen Grace requesting permission to use a runner be approved.

CARRIED

9.5 **Northern Region (Coastal) Committee – General Meeting – 26/1/08**

MOVED T Couchman

SECONDED C Mann

THAT the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Northern Region (Coastal) Committee held on 26 January 2008 be noted.

CARRIED

10. BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

10.1 **Grounds Committee - Chair**

(Refer Item 10.6 – BOD Minutes 14/3/08)

MOVED T Couchman

SECONDED E Daniels

THAT the following members of the Ground Committee:-

?? Mr Brian Hanley

?? Mr George Render

?? Mr Ray Parker

?? Mr Garry Howie

?? Mr Steve Hadfield

be approved and the Committee be requested to draft a mission statement for approval by the Board.

CARRIED

10.2 **Regional Committee Policy**

(Refer Item 4.1.3 – BOD Minutes 16/1/08)

MOVED E Daniels

SECONDED B Daniels

THAT the submissions in relation to the Regional Committee Policy be deferred to the April 2008 Board meeting.

CARRIED

11. MOTIONS ON NOTICE FROM DIRECTORS

11.1 **Runner for Disabled - Proposal**

(Refer Item 9.6 – BOD Minutes 12/12/07)

11.1.1 MOVED T Couchman

SECONDED E Daniels

12.2.6.1 update from Dogs Victoria in regard to the Animals Legislation Amendments (Animal Care) Bill 2007.

be discussed together.

CARRIED

The Chairman made the following statement:-

“I would like to present a strategy to enable us to better control the outcome of major animal welfare issues both currently and in the future.

The approach now would be to engage in a positive proactive public relations program, which includes constructive dialogue with the Government so that we are not left behind on animal welfare issues in the manner that we and VicDogs have been in the past.

Such a proactive strategy or plan can be implemented in a number of ways. The important objective will be to prevent us from always being put on the defensive at potentially great cost.

In particular, I would like to suggest that we move forward immediately on the Breed Specific Legislation and hereditary diseases issues and engage in dialogue with the Government as well as conducting public relations activities to obtain the outcomes we want and avoid, yet again, fighting the issue after it has been legislated.

I would like to move the following resolution:-

THAT Dogs NSW engage in an active program of dialogue with the Government and public relations activities in respect of Animal Welfare issues with the immediate focus being on Breed Specific Legislation and hereditary diseases and with the aim of presenting Dogs NSW as a creditable resource to the legislators on these issues.

MOVED E Daniels

SECONDED L Warren-Powell

THAT Dogs NSW engage in an active program of dialogue with the Government together with public relations activities in respect of Animal Welfare issues with the immediate focus being on Breed Specific Legislation and hereditary diseases with the aim of presenting Dogs NSW as a creditable resource as a legislator on these issues.

CARRIED

12.3 **Item 8.2 - ACES**

12.3.1 MOVED L Healy

SECONDED L Warren-Powell

THAT the CEO be requested to obtain answers to the following questions:-

- (1) why cannot dogs which have been DNA tested be entered directly on ANKC computer instead of going through ACES, eg, why cannot a dog that has been DNA cleared for PRA be registered on the ANKC register without further ACES testing?
- (2) why is it recommended that all litters are subject to the ACES Scheme when there is no known eye condition in that breed?
- (3) confirmation is required of the Heads of Agreement of the ACES Scheme between AVA and ANKC as was requested in the 2007 October ANKC Conference Minutes.
- (4) does the ACES Scheme, as proposed in the two documents, breach the ACCC. and that this matter be again discussed at the April 2008 Board meeting.

CARRIED

12.3.2 MOVED L Warren-Powell

SECONDED P Nordstrom

THAT clearer notification be given to members that ACES is not compulsory and that Dogs NSW does not endorse the ACES Scheme.

Voting was by poll and on counting the votes the motion was

LOST

MOVED T Couchman

SECONDED L Warren-Powell

THAT Dogs NSW publish a notice reminding members that ACES Scheme is not compulsory.

CARRIED

MEETING CLOSED: 5.25pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 9 April 2008 @ 2.00pm