



Minutes of the RNSWCC Ltd Annual General Meeting 2 November 2016

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of Members held Wednesday 2 November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Amenities Building, The Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs, 44 Luddenham Road, Orchard Hills.

The Chair requested members be upstanding for 1 minute silence in memory of the Dogs NSW members lost in 2015/2016.

The Chair welcomed the Directors Elect who take up Office after tonight's meeting.

The Chair welcomed Mr Daniel Kuchta, Auditor.

The Chair welcomed Mr Steven Lewis of Mark O'Brien Lawyers.

1. PRESENT	Mrs E Gunter	Director
	Mr R Britten	Director
	Mr M Arthur	Director
	Mrs N Keck	Director
	Ms C Mann	Director (Outgoing)
	Mrs M Parker	Director (Outgoing)
	Mr L Wheeler	Director (Outgoing)
	Ms J Seary	Director
	Mrs M Wheeler	Director
	Mr J Sheppard	Director
	Mrs L Brown	Director
	Mrs L Brand	Director-elect (Incoming)
	Mr P Cutler	Director-elect (Incoming)
	Miss V Etherington OAM	Director-elect (Incoming)
	Mr E Pickering	Director-elect (Incoming)
	Mrs V Gagan-Wilson	Chief Executive Officer
	Mr D Kuchta	Auditor, Kelly & Partners
	Mr Steven Lewis	Mark O'Brien Lawyers

A total of 59 Members present, a list of whom appears in the Minute Book and which includes the above Directors and the CEO.

2. APOLOGIES	Director G Spagnolo
	Mr K Hammond
	Mrs N Hammond-Robertson
	Mr J Griffiths
	Mrs C Griffiths

MOVED W Wickens

SECONDED D Crofts

THAT the apologies be received.

CARRIED



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3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

MOVED K Griffin

SECONDED E Pickering

THAT the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Members held 4 November 2015, as published in the April 2016 Gazette, be confirmed.

CARRIED

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair reported to the meeting that our Constitution calls upon the Board of Directors to report on the activities of the Company during the last preceding financial year and on behalf of the Board I have pleasure in submitting that report for Members' consideration.

Financial Results

Our 2015/2016 Profit was \$160,851, which is down from the previous year, however, this result was still a satisfactory outcome in terms of our budget expectations. It is pleasing to see an increase again in income in a number of areas, and a reduction in expenditure in others. It is not an easy task to maintain profit to budgeted levels given the many variables that effect final results.

Membership numbers have increased again taking us over the "magic" 10,000 mark, and both registration and prefix income have increased which is always pleasing. We have again seen a significant reduction in Journal expenses, thanks to the new "in house" Journal arrangements. The Board of Directors and our Finance Committee will continue to examine strategies in an endeavour to supplement our income and reduce our expenditure into the future.

I thank our CEO for her very great personal contribution to maintenance of the profit level above budget throughout the year, and I also thank those who support our CEO so strongly, the Board, the Finance Committee and our Staff.

Dogs NSW Staff and Committees

The CEO and the staff are the Company's most valuable asset, and they deserve the grateful thanks of the Membership for their efforts over the past year.

To Virginia and the following 21 staff members, I extend the thanks of the Board and the membership for your outstanding contributions and devotion to duty throughout the past year.

Belinda Tutill, Assistant to CEO; Lisa Hadley, Committee Secretary, Kerry Christofi, Marketing & Public Relations, assisted by Cathy Lupton and Stephanie Lynch, Magazine Designer; Michelle Schembri, Accounts Manager, assisted by Ilinka Donn-Patterson; Linda Bonney, Website Manager/IT Co-ordinator; Judy Miller, Show Administration Officer; Shona Hofmeier, Processing Supervisor/Software Development, assisted by Data Processors Melissa Rangi and Jasmine Woods. Linda Bonney is also the Acting Customer Service Supervisor assisted by Customer Service Officers, Lorriene Van Praag, Shireece Buddee and Bianca Lupton, Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer, Deirdre Crofts, and Ground Staff Supervisor, Steve Hadfield, assisted by Ground Staff members Larry Purvis, Matthew Tyne and Barry Kroon.



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The Board of Directors relies heavily on the activities of a number of Committees and Working Parties to carry out delegated responsibilities to ease the workload which would otherwise choke the monthly Board agenda.

To the Chairpersons and members of all our Committees & Working Parties, I extend the very sincere thanks of both the Board and the membership.

Board of Directors

In this report it is customary to farewell retiring Directors and this year we say farewell and thank you to Marilyn Parker, Christine Mann, Laurie Wheeler & Garry Dryburgh, for their service to the membership as Directors. Marilyn, Christine, Laurie & Garry will be succeeded by Ms Vicki Etherington OAM, Mr Ted Pickering, Mr Peter Cutler & Mrs Lyn Brand, who will be welcomed to the Board at the conclusion of this meeting. We wish Vicki, Ted, Peter & Lyn a successful tenure, and look forward to their contribution.

The Bill Spilstead Complex

Although our lease arrangements over the Complex take us through to 2038, we continue to take any opportunity of getting the message across to the State Government that we are very anxious to discuss a much longer term arrangement, and to this end continue to involve our Politicians in our events and activities.

Health and Welfare

The Board of Directors continues to be pleased with the very high level of compliance by the Membership to the measures introduced in the last couple of years to address health and welfare issues.

These measures have been greatly welcomed by the Government and social commentators interested in animal welfare matters.

The work of our Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer has also been crucial to our profile and to ensure compliance by our members. Deirdre has carried out a number of property inspections over the year.

These measures show the organisation is concerned to ensure that any person wishing to breed registered dogs adheres to the appropriate codes, and has the proper care and welfare of their animals foremost.

Government & Industry Relations and the Media

The Government's Advisory Group still continues to work on some of the main recommendations from the report of the Companion Animal Taskforce which could affect our Members. Dr Karen Hedberg, BVSc, one of Dogs NSW Honorary Veterinarians, was appointed by the Board as our representative to that Group, and continues to represent us.

The result of the efforts of Dogs NSW and its submissions to the Joint Parliamentary Select Committee into Companion Animal Breeding Practices saw no breeder licensing imposed on our Members, a very pleasing outcome indeed. We were also very pleased to see that the Committee agreed with our contention that enhancement of the Companion Animal Register was the way forward for traceability of breeders.



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Our Media & Government Legislation Committee, chaired by Brian Crump, has continued its work throughout the year to keep a watchful eye for any need to respond to any media attack on our dog world, or any proposed legislation which could affect us, and was instrumental in the preparation of our presentation to the Select Committee. The Board has now approved the organization of a professional pet journalist, Caroline Zambrano, to prepare regular media releases for Dogs NSW.

Events

Every year we have a number of wonderful highlights in the promotion and celebration of Dogs NSW. First off after the last AGM was our annual party, the Christmas Show, which was its usual great success with the team of elves from “Stardust Kids” returning to keep the children entertained for hours. This was followed by our Library & Archives Committee shows, the Dog, Puppy, & Neuter of the Year event, and the Complex Fundraising Committee shows. Once again all of these events were highly successful.

At Easter each year we are part of the Sydney Royal Easter Show with our Dogs NSW Promotion Stand, and my sincere thanks go to our Staff members, Kerry and Cathy, who together with their band of volunteers, make this successful promotion every year.

“Dogs On Show” 2016 was again a successful presentation of Dogs NSW to the public with its Championship Show, Breed Club stands and demonstrations – and once again the PR work of Kerry and Cathy was outstanding. It was a memorable day as we welcomed our Patron, His Excellency General The Honorable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret’d), the Governor of NSW, and Mrs Linda Hurley, to open the show. The Governor and his wife thoroughly enjoyed the day, watching the Pageant of Breeds and having photos taken with several of our Members’ dogs.

Dogs NSW and many Breed Clubs once again took the opportunity to participate in the “Dog Lovers Show”, now a very successful event held annually in Sydney as well as in Melbourne. The Dogs NSW stand and the many Breeds in attendance were a great hit with the public.

The Festival of Agility was also a great success, with an entry of almost 1700.

The culmination of the year’s events was the highly successful Dogs NSW Royal Canin Spring Fair Dog Show which featured 9 Specialty Shows and events in multiple disciplines.

I congratulate all the organising Committees of these very successful events. Each one is a great achievement and a showcase for Dogs NSW.

Into the Future

I am very pleased to advise that our great association with our sponsor, Royal Canin, will continue with the signing of a new 3 year contract. Their product sponsorship for our events is extraordinary, and very much appreciated. On behalf of the Board, the membership and the exhibitors, I thank this world recognised leader in canine nutrition most sincerely for their continuing support for Dogs NSW.



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As my third consecutive year as Chairman of this wonderful organisation concludes, I stand down from this role very satisfied with the healthy position I leave the Company in, with our net assets increased by over \$550,000 in my term, despite the very low interest rates we have had to deal with.

In October 2014, I brought our magazine "in house", and as a consequence our Journal expenses have been reduced significantly from \$530,356 at the end of the 2014 year, to \$287,692 at the end of the 2016 year, a very substantial saving for the Company, whilst still providing the membership with an excellent product, and a magazine they want to read, and I am delighted to report that my efforts to have Wi-Fi available for the Complex may shortly reach fruition.

It has been rewarding to lead the Board to a position where it has an excellent relationship with the NSW Government, to the extent that the release of the report of the Companion Animal Taskforce by the Minister took place at our Complex, and, thanks to that relationship, and the respect the Government has for Dogs NSW, we succeeded in ensuring there would be no breeder licensing for our Members, and the Government now acknowledges Dogs NSW as the peak body for dogs in NSW.

I would like to record my very sincere thanks to my Senior Deputy Chairman, Russell Britten, the Executive, and all the Directors who have supported me in my role as Chairman since my election to this position in November 2013. Four of these Directors retire from the Board tonight, and I would like to congratulate them, and the remaining Directors on the successes we have achieved together for the Company and the membership in this last 3 years.

I would also like to thank our hard working and dedicated CEO, Virginia Gagan-Wilson, who has been of great assistance throughout my term since her appointment in May 2014.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve the membership as your Chairman, and I wish the Company continuing success, your next Chairman a successful tenure, all the Members happy showing, trialing and breeding in the next twelve months, and most of all continued enjoyment of the companionship that our wonderful dogs provide.

5. CONSIDERATION OF SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Company Secretary reported to the meeting as follows:-

Australian National Kennel Council Ltd

The RNSWCC Representative at the Annual General Meeting held on 17 October 2015 was Mrs E Gunter and the two Directors appointed by RNSWCC were Mrs E Gunter and Mr R Britten. Mr M Arthur was appointed by RNSWCC as an Alternate Director to attend the Annual General Meeting due to the inability of Mr R Britten.

Mrs E Gunter and Mr M Arthur attended the Board Meeting held on 17 and 18 October 2015.



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Mrs E Gunter and Mr R Britten attended the Board Meeting held on 14 May 2016. Mrs M Parker was appointed as an Alternate Director to attend part of the meeting held on 14 May 2016.

Mrs E Gunter and Mr R Britten were Directors for the whole of the year July 2015 to June 2016, with Mr M Arthur and Mrs M Parker being Alternate Directors for the meetings specified above.

New Affiliates

The following Clubs were granted affiliation during the year:-

- Tenterfield Terrier Club of New South Wales
- Italian Greyhound Club of NSW
- NSW Lure Coursing Association Inc

Inquiries, Investigations and Appeals

During the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, the RNSWCC received 43 new complaints which proceeded to the Chair of the Dogs NSW Disputes Assessment Panel, with the following outcomes:-

- 9 declined
- 27 proceeded to Inquiry
- 3 appeals
- 3 still under investigation
- 1 proceeded to mediation
- 3 withdrawn

Judges Training Schemes

Judges Training Schemes were conducted/are in progress for the following disciplines:-

Dances With Dogs

- Conformation
- Earthdogs
- Obedience & Tracking
- RAFT
- Herding

6. CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

MOVED T Comerford

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Chairman's, Company Secretary's & Directors' Reports, as published in the 2016 RNSWCC Ltd Annual Report, be received.

CARRIED



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7. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORT – FOR THE YEAR-END 30 JUNE 2016

The Chair welcomed the Auditor, Mr Daniel Kuchta, and sought questions from the floor.

The Financial Report for the year end 30 June 2016, as published in the 2016 RNSWCC Ltd Annual Report, was considered by the meeting.

MOVED M Boyd

SECONDED D Crofts

THAT the Financial Report for the year end 30 June 2016, as published in the 2016 RNSWCC Ltd Annual Report, be received.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

In accordance with advice received from the Dogs NSW Solicitor, in their present form, the wording of the following Motions are not considered to be appropriate for adoption by a general meeting:-

- 8.1
- 8.2
- 8.3
- 8.5
- 8.6

The Chair advised the meeting that a number of motions had been received for consideration at tonight's AGM and there is a notice in regards to advice from the Dogs NSW Solicitor as to the validity of those motions. Before considering the individual motions, the Chair gave some background why the motions are considered not appropriate for voting.

The Corporations Act dictates that the Constitution is the organisation's fundamental document and amendment can only be made by members voting by 75% to changes and that is why notice must be given for proposed changes and not on the run because the Constitution has been framed it has it is not a simply matter of simple change as nearly every amendment will have impact on other sections of the Constitution.

8.1 H Gent OAM, on behalf of The Labrador Retriever Club of NSW Inc, to move by Special Resolution:-

THAT Regulations Part II-Show, Section 6, 6.1, which currently reads as follows:

- 6.1 The total number of General Classes at a Show for any one breed shall not exceed the maximum number approved from time to time by the Board of Directors. Until otherwise determined such number shall be seven (7) including Classes 11 and 11(A).*



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Be amended to read:-

- 6.1 The total number of General Classes at a Show for any one breed shall not exceed the maximum number approved from time to time by the Board of Directors. Until otherwise determined such number shall be ten (10) including Classes 11 and 11(A).

RATIONALE:

Previous applications by our club to the Board of Directors for an exemption to Regulation 6.1 to conduct extra classes at our Championship Shows have been rejected by the Dogs NSW Show Committee, who assert that if we want to hold classes such as 6 & 6A - Novice, to encourage new members, we have to drop one of our other classes, therefore the only avenue left to our club to have this Regulation changed is to bring the subject to an AGM for the membership to consider. It is not envisaged that this amendment would see an increase in classes offered by All Breeds Clubs but would be embraced by Speciality Clubs. Dogs NSW and Dogs ACT are the only ANKC Ltd Member Bodies to restrict the number of classes that can be chosen from those listed in Regulation 6.3.

In regards to **Item 8.1**, which was inadvertently left off the published items that were not considered suitable for noting, this motion is considered not suitable for voting as it refers to the Regulations and the making of Regulations is a power of the Board under Article 87, and, consequently Item 8.1 is ruled out of order.

Mr H Gent OAM spoke on this motion advising that it was not submitted as a Special Resolution. It was submitted a simple Resolution as it is noted that a Special Resolution requires a 75% majority. In accordance with Article 63(e)(i)(e):-

“A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting shall give notice in writing of that business to the Secretary who shall:

- (i) if the business referred to in the notice is not, in the opinion of the Secretary, in a form appropriate for adoption by a general meeting, advise the member of areas of inappropriateness and suggest possible amendments.”*

The advice received from the Dog NSW Solicitor given to me by the CEO by telephone the day before the Journal came out stating that my motion was not considered suitable was that my resolution was not appropriate for a General Meeting as it was a matter for the Board. Despite the legal advice, I can find no other Regulation that states Regulations cannot be amended by a General Meeting. This is taking away our rights. Mr Gent referred the meeting to the Rationale for his motion.



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Mr Gent requested an explanation from the Show Committee as to why every other State (except the ACT) has extra classes.

The Chair responded by noting Mr Gent's comments and advising that notice in regards to the motions was sent in writing in to Mr Gent by the CEO not just given to you by telephone.

Mr Gent refuted that statement.

8.2 H Gent OAM to move by Special Resolution:-

THAT the Board of Directors amend Article 39 to allow for the election by the members, of a President and Vice President, the amendment be finalised in time for the initial President and Vice President to assume office for a period of three years commencing on the day following the date of the 2017 Annual General Meeting **and** thereafter every third year from that date.

RATIONALE:

A President elected by the membership are accountable to that membership not just to the Board of Directors; a three year term will enable them to concentrate on providing continuous guidance to the Board without the annual anxiety as to whether they will be elected for a further term. This method of Election of President is already used by five of the ANKC Ltd Member Bodies, Dogs Vic, Dogs SA, Dogs WA, Dogs NT and Dogs ACT.

In regards to **Item 8.2**, the Chair advised the meeting this motion is ruled out of order as there are many Articles that are affected by consequential changes, mentioned earlier, and it is because of the impact of other Articles that this motion and that the motion is not in the proper form for voting it is, therefore, ruled out of order.

Mr H Gent advised the meeting that the amended motion before the General Meeting he had not received any advice as to why this motion is inappropriate.

The Chair advised that this motion impacts on many other Articles, eg, 44, 45(b), 46, 47, 65, 66, 67, 69 and so on, which have not been addressed and, therefore, causes inconsistencies in the Constitution.

8.3 H Gent OAM to move by Special Resolution:-

THAT Article 32 of the Constitution, which currently reads as follows:-

Election of Board of Directors

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(b) The regions, the component parts of which appear in the Regulations and their entitlement to representation on the Board of Directors shall be:-

<i>Metropolitan Region</i>	<i>8 Representatives</i>
<i>Illawarra and South Eastern Region</i>	<i>2 Representatives</i>
<i>Hunter Region</i>	<i>2 Representatives</i>



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Western Region	1 Representative
Northern Region	1 Representative
Southern Region	1 Representative

Be amended to read:-

Election of Board of Directors

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(b) The regions, the component parts of which appear in the Regulations and their entitlement to representation on the Board of Directors shall be:-

Metropolitan Region	6 Representatives
Illawarra and South Eastern Region	2 Representatives
Hunter Region	2 Representatives
Western Region	1 Representative
Northern Region	1 Representative
Southern Region	1 Representative

RATIONALE

The reduction of the number of Metropolitan Directors by 2 (two) will make the number of Members represented by a Metropolitan Director compatible with those represented by a Regional Director.

In regards to Item 8.3, the Chair advised the meeting that, again, this motion impacts on other Articles, which have not been addressed and, therefore, causes inconsistencies in the Constitution.

8.4(a) P M Bennett to move by Special Resolution that Article 37 of the Constitution, which currently reads as follows:-

37. If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.

Be amended to read

37. If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled to represent any Region, ballots shall be held to elect the required number of Directors to represent the Region or Regions for which vacancies are to be filled.

8.4(b) P M Bennett to move by Special Resolution that Articles 38A, 38B & 38C of the Constitution, which currently reads as follows:-

38A. Only persons who are members as at 30th June shall be eligible to vote in the ballot for the Board of Directors.

38B. The ballot for election to the Board of Directors shall be declared by the Secretary immediately upon conclusion of



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*the counting of votes (which shall be "first past the post").
Votes shall be counted by an electoral roll officer from the
State Electoral Office appointed for the purpose by the
Board of Directors.*

- 38C. *A Director who is elected pursuant to Articles 34, 36 or 38(b)
shall take office at the conclusion of the annual general
meeting next following their election.*

Be replaced with the following new, revised or amended Articles:-

- 38A. Only persons who are financial members as at 30th June shall be eligible to vote in ballots for the Board of Directors.
- 38B. All members determined by Article 38A, irrespective of the Region in which they themselves reside, are eligible to vote in every ballot conducted to elect Directors to represent the Region or Regions for which vacancies are to be filled.
- 38C. No earlier than 1st July, and not less than 28 days prior to the date determined for closing of the required ballot/s (which shall not be a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday), the Secretary shall prepare and forward to each financial member of the Company a separate ballot paper in respect of the ballot for each of the Regions for which vacancies are to be filled. Each ballot paper shall specify the number of vacancies to be filled to represent the Region to which it applies and, in the order determined by lot, the names of all candidates nominated. Each financial member shall be entitled to vote for all vacancies that are to be filled by marking the ballot paper with a tick, a cross or a number (eg, 1–5) in the box of their preferred candidate/s up to the number of vacancies to be filled to represent each particular Region and every such vote shall be of equal weight and counted as one vote for the candidate so indicated. Any ballot paper which indicates an intention to vote for more than the number of vacancies to be filled shall be declared invalid. Completed ballot papers shall be returned to the Returning Officer designated by the Secretary to be received no later than 12.00noon on the date determined for closing of the ballot/s.
- 38D. Votes shall be counted by an electoral roll officer from the State Electoral Office appointed for the purpose by the Board of Directors. The ballot/s for election to the Board of Directors shall be declared by the Secretary immediately upon conclusion of the counting of votes (which shall be "first past the post").



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- 38E. A Director who is elected pursuant to Articles 34, 36 or 38(D) shall take office at the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following their election.



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RATIONALE:

The Constitution provides that the Board of Directors shall have the entire control and management of the affairs of RNSWCC. This is an onerous responsibility and includes a duty to exercise powers and duties in good faith and in the best interests of the company and for a proper purpose. Their primary duty, however, is to the shareholders and, in the case of the RNSWCC, that means the Members. It is not only appropriate but in my view essential, that each one of those Members has the right to participate in the election for each one of those Directors whilst still maintaining the existing principal that Directors shall reside in a Regional spread.

In regards to Items 8.4(a) & 8.4(b), the Chair advised the meeting that the original motion was considered appropriate to vote on, however, following further investigation and legal advice this motion provides us with a motion that cannot be moved tonight because it impacts on another Article, ie, there is no mention of what happens to the vacancy created on the Board. Consequently 8.4(a) & 8.4(b) are ruled out of order.

8.5 Representation by Regions

In regards to **Item 8.5**, the Chair advised the meeting that the original motion, on legal advice, was considered to be inappropriate but with further legal advice, it is now regarded as able to be moved tonight and because it is not a special resolution but a recommendation for the Board to be reviewed and only needs to be passed by a simple majority.

MOVED K Keck

SECONDED T Mangan

THAT the Board of Dogs NSW commence, as soon as possible a review of Board members' representation by Regions to consider whether a more fair and more equitable distribution of Directors by Region shall be instituted by the next time elections for five Metropolitan Directors next occurs in 2019. Subject to the outcome of such review, a motion to amend the Articles of Association no later than the AGM in 2018 could then be presented to members and a subsequent election be conducted to redistribute Board Members to Regions in accordance to the results of the review.

RATIONALE:

Currently the Board of Directors consists of 8 members from the Metropolitan Region (53.3% of the Board) who represent only 39.3% of persons who are members. The other 7 Board members represent 60.7% of persons who are members. The Illawarra-South East is under-represented, Hunter also, but not as badly. Northern Region is grossly under-represented. Several years ago, there was motion to split Northern Region into Coastal and Inland Regions and introduce an extra Board member, but this Motion was strongly fought against by the many Board members, largely on the basis of the cost of an extra Board member, but which argument deliberately ignored the unfair and inequitable distribution of Board members by Region that existed even then. It is now worse. This motion would require the Board of Dogs NSW to review the distribution of Board Members by Region so that all of persons who are members can be more evenly represented on our Board. There would be no need to increase



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*the number of Board Members. On current membership numbers by Region, a more fair distribution of Board Members **by Region** would be:-*

<i>Metropolitan Region:</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Illawarra-South East:</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Hunter Region:</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Southern Region:</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Western Region:</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Northern Region:</i>	<i>2 (This could/should be split into Coastal and Inland Regions)</i>

CARRIED

8.6 Special Resolution – Amendment to Article 45(a) of the Constitution

In regards to **Item 8.6**, the Chair advised the meeting that this motion was also included on initial advice as not being suitable for voting tonight, however, further legal advice and investigation has declared the motion suitable to be moved tonight and as it is a special resolution it will require 75%.

Discussion ensued.

MOVED M Gunter
THAT the Motion be put.

SECONDED T Mangan

CARRIED

MOVED N Keck
THAT, by Special Resolution, Article 45(a) of the Constitution, which currently reads as follows:-

SECONDED H Spence

Meetings and Quorum

45(a) The Board of Directors shall meet at least 9 times in each period of twelve months at such place and time as the Board of Directors may determine. Members of RNSWCC shall be entitled to attend as observers, but not to participate in or vote at, meetings of the Board of Directors unless the Board of Directors determines that, for reasons of confidentiality, members shall not be entitled to attend a specific meeting or meetings.

Be amended to read:-

Meetings and Quorum

45(a) The Board of Directors shall meet at least 9 times in each period of twelve months at such place and time on a Saturday or Sunday as the Board of Directors may determine. Members of RNSWCC shall be entitled to attend as observers, but not to participate in or vote at, meetings of the Board of Directors unless the Board of



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Directors determines that, for reasons of confidentiality, members shall not be entitled to attend a specific meeting or meetings.



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RATIONALE:-

The reason for this motion is twofold. Firstly many members are unable to attend as observers on weekdays and by holding Board Meetings at weekends members would feel more included in the organization. A second benefit would be that younger members and others who work during the week may be encouraged to run for Board positions.

LOST

8.7 Cancellation of Shows due to Saturday/Sunday Board Meetings

M Parker to move by Special Resolution:-

THAT, If the motion relating to moving the Board meeting to a weekend is successful, then on that day (Board meeting whether it be Saturday or Sunday) any show scheduled for that day including all disciplines except Agricultural Society Show be cancelled.

RATIONALE

It was quite apparent from the Directors page on Face book that members wished to attend the Board meeting if they were scheduled on a weekend. By cancelling all scheduled Dogs NSW Affiliated shows of all disciplines, therefore leaves the day free for any member to attend the Board meeting.

As a consequence of Motion 8.6 being lost, this Motion was

OVER RUN

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the staff for staying back. The Chair also thanked the Auditor, Daniel Kuchta and Solicitor, Steven Lewis, for their assistance.

9. MEETING CLOSED 8.32pm
