

- **Entry to Premises**
There has to be reasonable grounds to suspect cruelty before RSPCA inspectors are authorised to enter property if you are not a commercial trader and, then, they can only enter the yard.
- **Animal Trade**
The description of “Animal Trade” has been changed to be very broad which now allows RSPCA Inspectors to obtain access to properties. Once you are classified as an “animal trader”, the RSPCA has authority to enter.

(Refer definitions of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act)
- **Compliance Audits**
The RSPCA is not allowed to undertake a compliance check on an individual - only on an animal trader. For a compliance audit, if an RSPCA attends your premises you can refuse entry until a time that is convenient to you.
- **Fire Extinguishers**
DOGS NSW believes that fire extinguishers are dangerous to dogs but the RSPCA insist we must have them.
- **Hints**
 - Ask: Why are you here? If the RSPCA Inspector responds that he is to conduct an audit, you should say you are not an animal trader. Do not let them in.
 - If they fine you DON'T PAY - take the fine to your local court and oppose it. Don't agree to anything
 - Don't be abusive or aggressive
 - Don't video without consent
(Otherwise, a Magistrate may not be amenable to you about that.)
- **The Way Forward**
Lobby the Government to have a definition of “Hobby Breeder” included in the Animal Welfare Code of Practice. The interpretation of the RSPCA of what is “commercial” and “animal trade” is unreasonably harsh and should be relaxed and tested in the court.
- **Animal Welfare Code of Practice**
There is a new Code of Practice ready to go – there is concern that it will not be one that DOGS NSW will be satisfied with.

Director L Brown recapped on what action has been taken and is ongoing:-

1. Meeting with Tanya Davies MP
2. Dr R Zammit BVSc has an appointment to meet with Mr Steve Coleman, RSPCA CEO
3. Dr R Zammit BVSc has an appointment with the Minister
4. DOGS NSW is asking members to write to their local MPs, Ministers & Shadow Ministers
5. A meeting was held with the Shadow Minister for Primary Industries, Jenny Aitchison MP, and the Committee is currently putting together a dot point list of issues for her to consider
6. Dr R Zammit BVSc is in contact with Current Affairs and radio
7. A complaint has been lodged with the Ombudsman who is currently looking at it, however, no response to date. Mr M Craig QC has been requested to serve a request for advice on the Ombudsman.
8. A Webinar is scheduled to be held on Monday 15 February 2021 @ 7pm to answer questions from members.

1. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - Electronic – 29 January 2021**

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Minutes of the Electronic meeting of the Board of Directors held on 29 January 2021 be **confirmed**.

CARRIED

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

2.1 **Executive Committee Decisions**

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED V Etherington OAM

THAT the decision of the Executive Committee in relation to ECD2/2021 to ECD4/2021, which read as follows, be **endorsed**:-

2.1.1 **ECD2/2021: Suspension of Publication of Litter Registrations**

THAT that DOGS NSW **suspends the publication of litter registrations** immediately and until further notice and until such time as there can be some rational review of DPI Regulations and, further, that DOGS NSW breeders who have a listing on the DOGS NSW Breeders Directory should be advised to consider removing their contact details and only display their email address.

2.1.2 **ECD3/2021: Puppy Audit Webinar**

THAT the **Media & Government Legislation Committee be approved to host a webinar** on Puppy Audits to be held on Monday 15 February 2021, with members questions to be submitted by 5.00pm Friday 12 February 2021 and invitations extended to Mr Scott Myers, Dr Kim Filmer and Directors Myron Arthur & Nancy Keck.

The President requested the **Notice in the Weekly Woof**, on DOGS NSW website and other media platforms be amended to include the names of each of the members of the Media & Government Legislation Committee - advise members why we need their names and membership numbers.

2.1.3 **ECD4/2021: Declaration on Membership/Judges Renewals**

THAT the Operations Manager **log a case with Membee** with a view to including the following Declarations on Membership/Judges Renewals:-

MEMBERSHIP DECLARATION

*I/We hereby apply for Renewal of Membership and agree to be bound by the Constitution and Regulations of the Royal NSW Canine Council Ltd trading as DOGS NSW and ANKC Ltd Regulations. As the Royal NSW Canine Council Ltd is a registered public company it is required that this application **MUST** be signed by **ALL MEMBERS** to whom it relates.*

JUDGES DECLARATION

"I declare that I am physically fit and capable of judging in accordance with the Rules and if required I am prepared to undergo a medical fitness test and/or vision test at the discretion of the Member Body of ANKC Ltd. I further accept that my Member Body may at its absolute discretion refuse to grant any renewal of licence and may cancel or suspend for any period or vary in any way any licence already granted or to be granted."

CARRIED

2.2 Operations Manager's Report

2.2.1 Office Opening Hours

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED R Britten

THAT the Office hours for re-opening to members on Monday 15 February 2021 be **from 10am to 2.00pm**, until the Operations Manager returns from leave.

CARRIED

2.2.1 Items for Noting

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the following Items in the Operations Manager's Report be **noted**:-

2.2.1.1 Item 1.1: Orchard Hills Lease & Other Government Related Matters

- Site Boundaries
- Site Rent Valuation
- COVID Rent Relief
- NSW Government Security Grants to Small Business

2.2.1.2 Item 1.2: Update: Solar System Installation

2.2.1.3 Item 1.3: Bio-Security Hazard

2.2.1.4 Item 1.4: General Insurance Renewal – Professional Risk Assessment

2.2.1.5 Item 1.5: GSDL Club Lighting Upgrade Donation

2.2.2 Recommendation 1 – Item 1.6: Christmas 2021 Office Closure

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED P Cutler

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

OPTION 1: Close Tuesday 21 December 2021, at 4.00pm to Members. Office to work the following day and leave at 12.00 noon. Staff return on Monday 10 January 2022, with the Office open to Members on Wednesday 12 January 2022.

CARRIED

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED L Brown

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

2.3 Finance Committee – 27/1/2021

2.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 6.12: DOGS NSW Facebook Page

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED L Brand

THAT Mrs Dianne Wright be appointed as Convenor of the DOGS NSW Facebook Page Working Party.

CARRIED

The meeting agreed that Mrs Wright will select the Working Party members herself.

2.3.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 8.1: Financial Statements as @ 30 November 2020 & 31 December 2020**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED R Britten

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

THAT the Financial Reports as @ 30 November 2020 & 31 December 2020 be **approved** by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

2.3.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 10.1.3: 2021-2022 Membership Renewals**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED M Arthur

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

THAT the recommendation of the Operations Manager, which reads as follows, be **endorsed**:-

THAT the Finance Committee **endorse** the running of a promotion to encourage Members to renew their memberships before 1 June.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 27 January 2021 be **received**.

CARRIED

2.3.4 **Item 6.5 - Online Entry System**

Director J Seary raised a number of issues being experienced by Regional members and Cataloguers when using the DOGS NSW Showdog Online Entry System.

The meeting noted that Director N Keck will be meeting with the Finance Team Lead in relation to entry fees that are being banked in DOGS NSW General Account, which should be going into a trust account to enable better reconciliation.

MOVE L Brown

SECONDED L Brand

THAT Director J Seary to forward a list of issues/suggestions in respect of improvements to the DOGS NSW Showdog Online Entry System to Director N Keck for consideration and recommendation to the Board.

CARRIED

2.4 **Judges Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

2.5 **Compliance Investigative Panel**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

2.6 **Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report – December 2020/January 2021**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED E Pickering

THAT the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer's Report for December 2020 & January 2021 be **received**.

CARRIED

2.7 **Aggressive Dog Reports – NIL**

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.2 RAFT Recommendation 2 – Item 7.2: Formation of an Emeritus Obedience, Tracking & Retrieving Judges Panel

(Refer Item 6.18.2-BOD Electronic Meeting w/e 29/1/2021)

MOVED R Britten

SECONDED J Sheppard

THAT Recommendation 2 of the RAFT Minutes of 21 January 2021 **NOT** be approved.

CARRIED

3.4 Dobermann Club of NSW Inc – Updated Constitution

(Refer Item 3.2-BOD Minutes 9/12/2020)

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Board **endorses** the updated Constitution of the Dobermann Club of NSW Inc.

CARRIED

3.6 Orchard Hills – Update

(Refer Item 2.1-BOD Minutes 9/12/2020)

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Board **notes** the Orchard Hills update from the Department of Planning.

CARRIED

Meeting recessed @ 4.07pm

Meeting resumed @ 4.39pm

4. JUDICIAL MATTERS

4.1 Judicial Co-ordinator’s Report

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED E Pickering

THAT the Judicial Co-ordinator’s Report be **received**.

CARRIED

P Cutler abstained

5. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

5.2 Refund of Draft Schedule Fees

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED J Seary

THAT the Motion put forward by Director J Seary in respect of refund of Draft Schedule fees be **REFERRED** back to the Finance Committee for a further recommendation to the Board.

CARRIED

The Honorary Solicitor, M McDonald, joined the meeting @ 4.59pm

(Refer Item A, above)

The Honorary Solicitor, M McDonald, left the meeting @ 6.30pm

6. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

6.1 **Company Secretary's Report**

6.1.3 **Recommendation 2 – Item 1.3: Sapphire Coast Kennel & Obedience Club – Position of Secretary**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED P Cutler

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

THAT the Board grants dispensation to Mrs R Fazey to continue as Secretary of the Sapphire Coast Kennel & Obedience Club, whilst residing in Queensland, **for a period of 3 months to allow the Club to find a replacement.**

6.1.4 **Recommendation 4 – Item 1.4: Restriction of Entries to “Online Only”**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED G Spagnolo

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

THAT the Board confirm that Affiliates are not able to restrict the entry to their Shows/Trials, etc, to “Online Only” and that a notice be published in the next available Weekly Woof, DOGS NSW Magazine, and other media platforms advising Affiliates of this decision.

6.1.5 **Recommendation 5 – Item 1.5: ANKC Ltd Regulations vs DOGS NSW Regulations**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED N Keck

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

THAT ANKC Ltd Regulations be incorporated into “ALL” DOGS NSW Regulations and the cover page of each of those DOGS NSW Regulations be amended to reflect this decision and include a link to the specific ANKC Ltd Regulation.

CARRIED

6.1.6 **Section 2 – Items for Noting**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED L Brand

THAT the Item for noting in the Company Secretary's Report be **noted.**

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED E Pickering

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

CARRIED

6.2 VACANT

6.3 **Agility Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

6.4 **Agility Judges Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

6.5 **Breed Assessment & Temperament Test Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

6.6 **Breed Standards Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

6.7 **Complex Development Working Party**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

C Rafton & P Cutler left the meeting @ 6.45pm

6.8 **Conformation Judges Training Committee – 4/2/2021**

6.8.1 **Recommendations 1, 2 & 3: Item 7.1: Completion of the 2019/2020 Conformation Judges Education Program**

J Seary left the meeting @ 6.54pm

C Rafton & P Cutler returned to the meeting 7.03pm

MOVED R Britten

SECONDED L Brown

THAT DOGS NSW proceed with the 2019/2020 CJEP Program for field works, as per Annexure A of the Conformation Judges Training Committee Minutes , **subject to changes considered necessary by the individual Group Co-ordinators**, and provided Trainee undertaking **a minimum of 10 field works** prior to the Practical Examinations being conducted in September 2021.

CARRIED

C Rafton, P Cutler, J Sheppard abstained

For the Office: Please advise the Trainees as a matter of urgency of the commencement of the field works.

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED L Brand

THAT the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 4 February 2021, be **received**.

CARRIED

P Cutler/C Rafton/J Sheppard abstained

6.9 **Constitution & Regulations Working Party**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

6.10 **Dances With Dogs/Trick Dog Committee – December 2020**

6.10.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 7: Application for Competition Date**

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED G Spagnolo

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

THAT the Committee's decisions in relation to Competition Dates be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED I Brown

THAT the Minutes of the Dances With Dogs/Trick Dog Committee held in December 2020 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.11 **Grounds Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

6.12 **Library & Archives Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

6.13 **Media & Government Legislation Committee – 1/2/2021**

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED N Keck

THAT the Minutes of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting held on 1 February 2021 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.13.1 **Email from A Baker – DPI/RSPCA Breeder Compliance Audits**

Director R Britten read an email he had received from DOGS NSW Member Ms Amelia Baker in respect of the DPI/RSPCA Breeder Compliance audits.

The meeting agreed that Ms Baker's email should be referred to the Media & Government Legislation Committee and to the Honorary Solicitor, Malcolm McDonald.

6.13.2 **Zoom Webinar**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED L Brand

THAT the Board **approve for DOGS NSW to purchase the Webinar** feature for its current Zoom account for a maximum on 500 attendees at a cost of \$196.00.

CARRIED

6.14 **Members Education Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

6.15 **Obedience & Tracking Committee – 28/1/2021**

6.15.1 **Application for Trial Date**

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED C Rafton

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

THAT the Committee's decisions in relation to Trial Dates be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED L Brand

THAT the Minutes of the Obedience & Tracking Committee meeting held on 28 January 2021 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.16 **Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee – 28/1/2021**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Minutes of the Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee meeting held on 28 January 2021 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.17 **Public Relations Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

6.18 **Retrieving & Field Trials Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

6.19 RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Limited – 1/2/2021

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED L Brand

THAT the Minutes of the RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Limited meeting held on 1 February 2021 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.20 Show Committee – 20/1/2021

6.20.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7: Application for Show Dates

MOVED P Cutlet

SECONDED R Britten

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

THAT the Committee's decisions in relation to Show Dates be approved.

CARRIED

6.20.5 Recommendation 5 – Item 9.5: Changes to Dogs NSW Regulations Part V-Judges, Section 4, Clause 4.2

MOVED J Sheppard

SECONDED P Cutler

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges, Section 4, Clause 4.2, be **amended** as follows:

Currently reads:

4.2 *A Judge who has judged a Breed or Breeds or Classes of Breed or Breeds (other than Special Prize Classes) at a Show recognised by any Member Body of ANKC shall not, (except in Classes of Special Prizes) or, otherwise with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors):-*

(a) *Judge the same Breed or Breeds or Classes of the same Breed or Breeds of dogs at another Show held in NSW within 200 kilometres by the shortest road of the first mentioned Show sooner than three (3) months thereafter. (The distance reference to be taken from <https://www.google.com/maps>). This Regulation applies to Judges Contracts received before 1 July 2020 and does not apply in the case of a person who has been appointed as an Emergency Judge. (08/19)*

(i) *Judge the same Breed or Breeds or Classes of the same Breed or Breeds of dogs at another Show held in NSW within 250 kilometres by the shortest road of the first mentioned Show sooner than four (4) months thereafter. (The distance reference to be taken from <https://www.google.com/maps>). This Regulation applies to Judges Contracts received by the Office of DOGS NSW after 1 July 2020 and does not apply in the case of a person who has been appointed as an Emergency Judge. (02/20)*

Be amended to read:

4.2 A Judge who has judged a Breed or Breeds or Classes of Breed or Breeds (other than Special Prize Classes) at a Show recognised by any Member Body of ANKC shall not, (except in Classes of Special Prizes) or, otherwise with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors):-

(a) ~~Judge the same Breed or Breeds or Classes of the same Breed or Breeds of dogs at another Show held in NSW within 200 kilometres by the shortest road of the first mentioned Show sooner than three (3) months thereafter. (The distance reference to be taken from <https://www.google.com/maps>). This Regulation applies to Judges Contracts received before 1 July 2020 and does not apply in the case of a person who has been appointed as an Emergency Judge. (08/19)~~

(i) Judge the same Breed or Breeds or Classes of the same Breed or Breeds of dogs at another Show held in NSW within 250 kilometres by the shortest road of the first mentioned Show sooner than four (4) months thereafter. (The distance reference to be taken from <https://www.google.com/maps>). This Regulation applies to Judges Contracts received by the Office of DOGS NSW after 1 July 2020 and does not apply in the case of a person who has been appointed as an Emergency Judge. (02/20)

(ii) Judge the same Breed or Breeds or Classes of the same Breed or Breeds of dogs at another Show held in NSW within **200 kilometres** by the shortest road of the first mentioned Show sooner than three (3) months thereafter. (The distance reference to be taken from <https://www.google.com/maps>). This Regulation applies to Shows held before 31 December 2021 and does not apply in the case of a person who has been appointed as an Emergency Judge. (02/20)

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED L Brand

THAT the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on Wednesday 20 January 2021 be received.

CARRIED

6.20.6 **Updated DOGS NSW COVID-19 Plan**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED L Brand

THAT the updated DOGS NSW COVID-19 Plan be **endorsed**.

CARRIED

6.21 **Sporting Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

6.22 **Spring Fair Dog Show Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

7. ANKC LTD MATTERS

7.1 ANKC Ltd Special Board Meeting – 13 February 2021 – AGENDA

Directors considered the Motions on Notice in the Agenda for the ANKC Ltd Special Board Meeting scheduled for 13 February 2021 and resolved as follows:-

7.1.1 Item 5.1: Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Section 3 – Imported Dogs, Clause 3.2 - Amendment

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED E Pickering

THAT the DOGS NSW Motion to amend Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Section 3 – Imported Dogs, Clause 3.2, be **endorsed**.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Item 5.2: Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Section 6 – Clause 6.2.4.8 - Amendment

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED N Keck

THAT the DOGS NSW Motion to amend Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Section 6 – Clause 6.2.4.8 be **endorsed** and that DOGS NSW propose at the meeting to **include this amendment in the Breed Standards** for Pugs, British Bulldogs and Boston Terriers with possible consideration for Neapolitan Mastiffs as well.

CARRIED

7.1.3 Item 5.3: ANKC to lobby FCI – Global Association of International Sports Federations

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED M Arthur

THAT DOGS NSW **votes in favour** of the Dogs SA Motion for ANKC Ltd to lobby the FCI to become a member of Global Association of International Sports Federations until such time as we can become considered a Sporting Organisation.

CARRIED

7.1.4 Item 5.4: Regulations Part 8 – Member Bodies & Membership, Section 2: Inclusion of New Clauses

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT DOGS NSW Motion to amend Regulations Part 8 – Member Bodies & Membership, Section 2 by the inclusion of new clauses, numbered 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 & 2.4, be **endorsed**.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Eastern Suburbs Dog Training Club – Invitation to Chair Annual General Meeting

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED L Brand

THAT Director **C Rafton** be **nominated to attend the Annual General Meeting** of the Eastern Suburbs Dog Training Club.

CARRIED

L Brown left the meeting @ 7.31pm

L Brown returned to the meeting @ 7.38pm

8.3 Chihuahua Club of NSW Inc – Updated Constitution

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED C Rafton

THAT the Board **approve** the updated Constitution of the Chihuahua Club of NSW Inc.

CARRIED

9. BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – NIL

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

MEETING CLOSED 7.39PM

**NEXT MEETING: Electronic Meeting week ending 26 February 2021
Face to Face Meeting Wednesday 10 March 2021 commencing @ 2.00pm**