

MINUTES of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held in the Amenities Building on Wednesday 14 April 2021 commencing @ 2.00pm

PRESENT: K Hedberg BVSc J Seary (RESIGNED)

> L Brown G Spagnolo J Sheppard N Keck L Brand C Rafton

M Arthur E Pickering (by Zoom)

R Britten R Harbin V Etherington OAM P Cutler

IN ATTENDANCE: V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary)

For part of meeting: A Khamis (Operations Manager), N DeSilva (Finance Team Lead),

N Matthews

**APOLOGIES:** A Lee

> **MOVED P Cutler** SECONDED L Brown

**THAT** the apologies be **received**.

**CARRIED** 

The meeting observed one minutes silence in respect of the recent passing of the Duke of Edinburgh.

A Khamis joined the meeting @ 2.00pm

# IN CAMERA

#### 1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - Electronic Meeting - w/e 26/3/2021

MOVED N Keck **SECONDED P Cutler** 

THAT the Minutes of the Electronic meeting of the Board of Directors held week ending 26 March 2021

be confirmed.

**CARRIED** 

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

#### 2A **Director J Seary – Resignation**

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED M Arthur

**THAT** the resignation of Ms Jan Seary as Southern Region Director be **received** with regret and she be thanked for her service on board over the many years.

CARRIED

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED M Arthur

**THAT** the Board **appoint the successful Candidate**, for the Region Ms J Seary was representing, in the forthcoming election and that successful Candidate take up the appointment on the Board immediately after the date of the election.

**CARRIED** 

L Brown against

#### 2.1 Executive Committee Decisions

#### 2.1.1 ECD14/2021: Rescheduled Show-British Bulldog Club of NSW Inc-Change of Date

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED N Keck

**THAT** the decision of the Executive Committee in ECD14, which reads as follows, be endorsed:-

**THAT** the British Bulldog Club of NSW Inc be given permission to change the date of their Championship Show (from the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday, ie, 28 March 2021) to the **16<sup>th</sup>** Sunday, ie, **18 April** for **2021** only. **Annexure A** 

CARRIED

#### 2.2 Operations Manager's Report

# 2.2.1 Matters for Noting

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED E Pickering

THAT the following items in the Operations Manager's report be noted:-

- Orchard Hills Lease & Other Government Related Matters
- Increase to Superannuation Contributions
- New Banner Signage for Events
- New & Renewed Membership Statistics
- Operational Statistics

**CARRIED** 

# 2.2.2 Recommendation 1 – Item 1.2: Grounds Hire Request – Yamaha Drone Training

**MOVED P Cutler** 

SECONDED N Keck

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

**THAT** the Board of Directors approve the use of the grounds by Yamaha on an ongoing basis.

**CARRIED** 

# 2.2.3 Recommendation 2 – Item 1.4: Digital Media Marketing Growth Proposal

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED C Rafton

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

**THAT** the Board of Directors approve a six (6) month trial of the digital marketing service.

**CARRIED** 

<u>For the Operations Manager</u>: Director M Arthur suggested that it might be beneficial to gauge the community attitude towards the name DOGS NSW vs Royal New South Wales Canine Council.

# 2.2.5 Recommendation 4 – Item 1.6: Dog Attack Whilst Breed Assessing

**MOVED C Rafton** 

SECONDED L Brown

**THAT** the Breed Assessment & Temperament Test Committee be **requested to draft up** a **standard procedure** for Breed Assessors when conducting assessments.

# 2.2.6 Installation of Power & Lighting to Rings

MOVED R Britten SECONDED P Cutler

**THAT** the quotation from A Class Electrical for the installation of power and lighting to the rings, be **accepted**.

CARRIED

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED P Cutler

**THAT** the **Executive Committee to approve the expenditure of funds** for confirmation at a future Board meeting in accordance with RNSWCC Articles of Association, Clause 50(b).

**CARRIED** 

#### 2.2.7 **Director Elections**

MOVED V Etherington OAM SECONDED G Spagnolo

**THAT** the proposed Directors Election Booklet be **approved** for posting to all members.

**CARRIED** 

# 2.2.8 The Limited Register

Directors noted the increase in registration of puppies onto the Limited Register and discussed the real purpose of the implementation of the Limited Register.

MOVED L Brand SECONDED P Cutler

**THAT** DOGS NSW submits a **Motion to the June 2021 ANKC Special Board meeting** for a Working Party to be convened to reconsider the proper purpose of the Limited Register and to consider implementing an Association Register for designer breeds and a Limited Register for breeds with disqualifying faults.

**CARRIED** 

MOVED L Brand SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** the Operations Manager's Report for end March 2021 be received.

**CARRIED** 

N De Silva joined the meeting @ 3.15pm

#### 2.3 Finance Committee – 31/3/2021

# 2.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 6.2.2: Costing on Refund of Draft Schedules

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED C Rafton

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

**THAT** DOGS NSW issue a refund of up to 100% of cost of the cost of the Draft Schedules and Gazette advertisements - as a one off - to those Clubs whose shows were cancelled due to COVID-19.

**CARRIED** 

The Board noted the application form, designed by the Operations Manager, for Clubs to formally apply for the refund, with a closing date of **1 June 2021** so that all refunds are paid before 30 June 2021 and suggested that a field be included for the Club's to indicate if they have previously received a refund or part refund and if they have refunded entry fees.

<u>For the Operations Manager</u>: To amend the form accordingly.

# 2.3.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 6.3: Supply of DOGS NSW Ribbons

It was agreed to <u>REFER</u> this matter back to the Finance Committee to review the situation regarding DOGS NSW Committees/Working Parties being required to only use a particular Ribbon Company and to submit a further recommendation to the Board.

# 2.3.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 6.8: Outsourcing of Disputes Assessment Matters

**MOVED L Brand** 

SECONDED C Rafton

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

**THAT** DOGS NSW does not proceed with outsourcing the Disputes Assessment Panel matters.

**CARRIED** 

#### 2.3.4 Recommendation 4A & 4B – Item 6.9: Sheep Purchase

**MOVED L Brand** 

SECONDED N Keck

THAT Recommendations 4A & 4B, which read as follows, be approved:-

#### 2.3.4.1 Recommendation 4A

**THAT** the request to purchase sheep be **DEFERRED** until such time as the appropriate repairs to the fencing is completed.

#### 2.3.4.2 Recommendation 4B

**THAT** a copy of the DOGS NSW P&L be furnished to the Livestock Manager and she be requested to attend the Office so that an explanation can be provided to her as to the correct accounting for the Herding area.

**CARRIED** 

# 2.3.6 Recommendation 6 – Item 8.1.1: Financial Statements as @ 28 February 2021

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED L Brand

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

**THAT** the Financial Reports as @ 28 February 2021 be **approved** by the Board of Directors.

**CARRIED** 

Discussion on the Finance Minutes be suspended @ 3.30pm to allow for Mr N Matthews to join the meeting to give a presentation in respect of Item 3.2, below

Meeting recessed @ 4.05pm Meeting resumed @ 4.30pm

# 2.3.7 Recommendation 7 – Item 8.1.2: Southern Region Budget

**MOVED P Cutler** 

SECONDED G Spagnolo

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

**THAT** the budget submitted by the Southern Region, for their shows scheduled for 19, 20 & 21 June 2021, be approved.

**CARRIED** 

The Board requested the Finance Committee consider drafting up a spreadsheet to put in place a formalised system submitting budgets for all Affiliates to use and this document be uploaded to the DOGS NSW website.

# 2.3.9 Recommendation 9 – Item 9.1: Puppies on Neuter Register

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED E Pickering

THAT Recommendation 9, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** the Finance Committee recommends that the suggestion of placing desexed puppies on the Neuter Register at the time of register **not be endorsed** on health and welfare grounds

**CARRIED** 

M Arthur C Rafton, L Brand against

**MOVED L Brown** 

SECONDED N Keck

**THAT** DOGS NSW submits a **Motion to the June 2021 ANKC Special Board meeting** for consideration by the National Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee as to whether it is ethical to place desexed puppies on the Neuter Register at the time of registration.

**CARRIED** 

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED P Cutler

**THAT** the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 31 March 2021 be **received.** 

**CARRIED** 

# 2.4 Judges Committee - 7/4/2021

# 2.4.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 1: Amendment to DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 12.18(vi)

MOVED M Arthur

SECONDED L Brand

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

THAT Part II Show Regulations, clause 12.18(vi) be amended as per below:-

# **Currently reads:**

12.18(vi)

At any Championship Show, a person shall not enter, exhibit or handle under a Judge if that person has handled a dog owned or co-owned by that Judge in the period of six (6) months prior to a Show at which that Judge is officiating. (08/15)

# Be amended to read

12.18(vi)

At any Championship Show, a person shall not enter an exhibit or handle under a Judge if that person has entered, exhibited or handled a dog owned or coowned by that Judge or has had any proprietary interest in a dog solely or in partnership with the Judge within the period of twelve (12) months prior to a Show at which that Judge is officiating. (04/21)

#### **AMENDMENT 1**

**MOVED R Britten** 

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the wording in the amended Clause 12.18(vi) be shown as "any dog owned or co-owned by that Judge" and "any dog solely or in partnership with the Judge".

# **AMENDMENT 2**

MOVED M Arthur

**SECONDED P Cutler** 

**THAT** the amended Clause 12.18(vi) also make reference to DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.4(a).

**CARRIED** 

MOVED M Arthur

SECONDED P Cutler

**THAT** the amendment become the Motion and, therefore, the Motion to read as follows:-

**THAT** Part II Show Regulations, clause 12.18(vi) be amended as per below:-

# **Currently reads:**

12.18(vi)

At any Championship Show, a person shall not enter, exhibit or handle under a Judge if that person has handled a dog owned or co-owned by that Judge in the period of six (6) months prior to a Show at which that Judge is officiating. (08/15)

#### Be amended to read

12.18(vi)

At any Championship Show, a person shall not enter an exhibit or handle under a Judge if that person has entered, exhibited or handled any dog owned or coowned by that Judge or has had any proprietary interest in any dog solely or in partnership with the Judge within the period of twelve (12) months prior to a Show at which that Judge is officiating. (Refer also Regulations Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.4(a). (04/21)

**CARRIED** 

**MOVED P Cutler** 

SECONDED V Etherington OAM

**THAT** the Minutes of the Judges Committee meeting held on 23 February 2021 be **received.** 

**CARRIED** 

#### 2.5 Compliance Investigative Panel – 31/3/2021

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED P Cutler

**THAT** the Minutes of the Compliance Investigative Panel meeting held on 31 March 2021 be received.

**CARRIED** 

# 2.6 Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report – March 2021

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED N Keck

THAT the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer's Report for March 2021 be received.

# 2.10 Sale of Limited Register Puppies to Overseas Owners

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED P Cuter

**THAT** the Board approves for **puppies being sent Overseas for pet purposes only** and where the breeder has not ticked the endorsement "Not For Export" to be **processed on the Limited Register without requiring an Export Application**.

**CARRIED** 

#### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

# 3.1 2021 Strategic Planning Working Party – Appointment of Convenor

(Refer Item 3.1.1-BOD Minutes 10/3/2021)

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED R Britten

**THAT** Mr Nigel Matthews be appointed as Convenor of the Strategic Planning Working Party.

**CARRIED** 

#### 3.2 DPI/RSPCA Breeder Compliance Audits – Address by Mr N Matthews

The President advised the meeting that the Shooters, Fishers & Farmers Party had put forward a recommendation for an amended definition of "Animal Trade" to Parliament, however, that recommendation was not accepted but it was agreed to update the Codes by 21 May 2021 and that draft update will need to be brought back to Parliament to be endorsed by the Lower House and then, if endorsed, it will need to go to the Upper House. DOGS NSW needs to move quickly.

Director N Keck advised the meeting that she will be attending political events in Bathurst in the coming weeks and will require a briefing prior to those events.

Mr N Matthews joined the meeting @ 3.33pm

Mr N Matthews addressed the Board to discuss the issues DOGS NSW is dealing with in respect of the DPI/RSPCA Breeder Compliance Audits.

Mr N Matthews left the meeting @ 4.05pm

# 3.3 DOGS NSW Regions – Show Expenses Payments Request Form

(Refer Item 2.3.5-BOD Minutes 10/3/2021)

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the draft DOGS NSW Regions – Show Expenses Payments Request From be **approved**.

**CARRIED** 

# 4. **JUDICIAL MATTERS**

# 4.1 Judicial Co-ordinator's Report

**MOVED P Cutler** 

SECONDED G Spagnolo

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

# 5. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

5.1 DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 16: Misconduct, Clause 16.4 – AMENDMENT - M Arthur

MOVED M Arthur SECONDED C Rafton **THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 16: Misconduct, Clause 16.4, which reads as follows:-

16.4 A complaint alleging a breach of Regulation 16.1 shall be made to the Show Secretary at the show, shall be in writing and, if not made by an official of the Show, shall be accompanied by a lodgement fee of \$150 payable to DOGS NSW. (05/11)

Be amended by the inclusion of an additional clause, numbered 16.4.1, to read as follows:-

- 16.4 A complaint alleging a breach of Regulation 16.1 shall be made to the Show Secretary at the show, shall be in writing and, if not made by an official of the Show, shall be accompanied by a lodgement fee of \$150 payable to DOGS NSW. (05/11)
  - 16.4.1 Any fee referred to in Clauses 16.4 and 16.6 will be reimbursed should the complaint be referred to an Inquiry Hearing. (04/21)

**CARRIED** 

#### 6. MONTHLY REPORTS

- 6.1 Company Secretary's Report
  - 6.1.7 Section 2 Items for Noting

MOVED L Brand SECONDED V Etherington OAM **THAT** the Item for noting in the Company Secretary's Report be **noted**.

**CARRIED** 

MOVED L Brand SECONDED V Etherington OAM

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

**CARRIED** 

- 6.2 VACANT
- 6.3 **Agility Committee 15/3/2021** 
  - 6.3.1 Recommendation 1 Item 7: Application for Trial Dates

MOVED V Etherington OAM SECONDED P Cutler **THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-**THAT** the Committee's decisions in relation to Trial Dates be approved.

# 6.3.2 Item 8.7: Judges Committee

The Board requested the Agility Committee be advised that the Agility **Judges** Committee is an independent Committee to the Agility Committee and, therefore, the Agility Committee should not be dealing with matters that relate to the Agility Judges Committee.

**MOVED P Cutler** 

SECONDED V Etherington OAM

**THAT** the Minutes of the Agility Committee meeting held on 15 March 2021 be **received**.

**CARRIED** 

# 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.

# 6.8 Conformation Judges Training Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

# 6.9 Constitution & Regulations Working Party

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

# 6.10 Dances With Dogs/Trick Dog Committee – 6/3/2021

#### 6.10.1 Issues with Venue Hire

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the Dances With Dogs/Trick Dog Committee **booking be upheld** and those Clubs that moved to the date because of flooding be required to make other arrangements for Judges' lunches as the Amenities was previously booked and, therefore, is not available to them.

**CARRIED** 

**MOVED L Brown** 

SECONDED G Spagnolo

**THAT** Gayroslyn Catering and the Clubs affected by the change of date due to flooding be advised that the **kitchen in the Amenities Building will not be available** to them on the weekend 16-18 April 2021.

**CARRIED** 

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the Operations Manager be advised that there **needs to be a more cohesive liaison** between the Clubs booking the Amenities kitchen and Gayroslyn Catering in respect of the booking of grounds and the kitchen.

# 6.10.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 7: Application for Competition Date

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED L Brand

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

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

**CARRIED** 

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the Minutes of the Dances With Dogs/Trick Dog Committee meeting held on 6 March 2021 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

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

#### 6.14 Members Education Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

# 6.15 Obedience & Tracking Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

# 6.16 Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

# 6.17 Public Relations Committee – 15/3/2021

# 6.17.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7.2: Dogs on Show

MOVED C Rafton

**SECONDED P Cutler** 

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

**THAT**, due to COVID-19, the "Dogs On Show" event be closed to the general public as per the Public Relations February Minutes. The Committee to re-assess the COVID situation in May and should the limits apply, the Committee is to purchase/hire signage for the roadway.

**CARRIED** 

It was confirmed at the meeting that maximum number of people officially allowed on the grounds is under 5,000.

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED R Harbin

**THAT** the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on 15 March 2021 be **received**. **CARRIED** 

# 6.17.2 Dog Lovers Agreement

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED L Brown

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

**THAT** DOGS NSW attend the Dog Lovers Show in August.

**CARRIED** 

Directors expressed some concern with Clause 4 which states that the DSL will "personally invite all DOGS NSW Breed Clubs" and "DLS will be responsible for contacting/following up all Breed Clubs via telephone".

It was agreed that instead of providing DLS contact details of DOGS NSW Affiliates, a notice be placed in the Weekly Woof and on the DOGS NSW website inviting Affiliates to express their interest in participating in the event.

# 6.18 Retrieving & Field Trials Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

#### 6.19 RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Limited

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

# 6.20 Show Committee - 17/3/2021

# 6.20.1 Recommendation 2 – Item 7.4: Application for Show Dates

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED P Cutler

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

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

**CARRIED** 

# 6.20.2 Recommendation 3 – Item 8.2: Amendment to DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 5.6(a) - Emailed Catalogues

MOVED C Rafton

**SECONDED P Cutler** 

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 5.6(a), which currently reads:-

# **Currently reads:-**

5.6(a) For the purposes of Clause 5.4 and 5.5, an Affiliate may issue catalogues one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the show. **(02/16)** 

# Be amended to read:-

5.6(a) For the purposes of Clause 5.4 and 5.5, an Affiliate may issue catalogues one (1) hour 24 hours prior to the commencement of the show. (04/21)

# 6.20.3 Recommendation 4 – Item 8.5: Amenities Building – Specialty Weekends

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED L Brown

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

**THAT**, for Specialty weekends, the Amenities Building be blocked out on the DOGS NSW booking system, as on Specialty weekends this building is used by various Clubs to serve the Judges lunches.

**CARRIED** 

#### 6.20.5 Recommendation 6 – Item 9.5: Camping

**MOVED C Rafton** 

SECONDED L Brown

**THAT** Clubs be **entitled to charge for camping** at their shows according to what they deem the fee to be worth after negotiating an appropriate agreement with the ground hirer.

**CARRIED** 

#### 6.20.6 Cancellation of Show/Ground Hire

<u>For the Office</u>: Please place a notice in the next available Weekly Woof advising Affiliates that when they cancel their shows, they also need to cancel the grounds hire.

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED R Britten

**THAT** the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17 March 2021 be received.

**CARRIED** 

# 6.21 Sporting Committee - 24/3/2021

# 6.21.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7: Application for Trial/Test Date

MOVED V Etherington OAM

**SECONDED C Rafton** 

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

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

**CARRIED** 

#### 6.21.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 8.2.4: Earthdog Judges Training Scheme – 2021

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED L Brown

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

**THAT** the DOGS NSW Earthdog Working Party commence the 2021 Earthdog Judges Training Scheme.

**CARRIED** 

# 6.21.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 8.6.2: Draft Webpage for Scent Work Working Party

MOVED L BROWN

SECONDED R Britten

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

**THAT** the Board of Directors approve the DRAFT webpage for Scent Work Working Party.

# 6.21.4 Recommendations 4 & 5: Scent Work Documentation

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED E Pickering

THAT Annexures C & D of Recommendations 4 & 5, being as follows:-

- Recommendation 4 Annexure C Affiliates Guide for Scent Work
- Recommendation 5 Annexure D Draft Paper Entry Forms for Scent Work be **forwarded to ANKC Ltd for approval**.

**CARRIED** 

# 6.21.5 Item 8.7: Herding Working Party – Rules Review 2021 – DOGS NSW Submission

MOVED R Britten

**SECONDED P Cutler** 

**THAT** the DOGS NSW Submission for the 2020 Herding Rules Review be approved and forwarded to ANKC Ltd.

**CARRIED** 

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED R Britten

**THAT** the Minutes of the Sporting Committee meeting held on Wednesday 24 March 2021 be **received**.

**CARRIED** 

# 6.21.6 Recommendation 1 – Scent Work Judges

The Board agreed that a meeting is to be convened between the Convenor of the Scent Working Party, the DOGS NSW President & Senior Vice President and the Company Secretary to determine the correct procedures for the conduct of Scent Work and Scent Work Judges Training.

<u>For the Company Secretary</u>: to obtain relevant information/documentation from ANKC Ltd prior to the meeting.

# 6.22 Spring Fair Dog Show Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

# 7. ANKC LTD MATTERS

# 7.1 Special ANKC Ltd Board Meeting – 19 June 2021 – DOGS NSW Agenda Items

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the DOGS NSW Agenda Items for the Special ANKC Ltd Board Meeting, scheduled for 19 June 2021, be **approved** and forwarded to ANKC Ltd by the due date, ie, Friday 23 April 2021.

**CARRIED** 

#### 7.2 National Business System-ADD Alert to Titles

**MOVED L Brown** 

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** DOGS NSW **approves** the addition of the Alert to Titles to the National Business System along with the associated payment.

# 8. CORRESPONDENCE

# 8.1 The Cocker Spaniel Society of NSW Inc – Updated Constitution

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the updated Constitution of The Cocker Spaniel Society of NSW Inc be **approved**.

**CARRIED** 

#### 8.2 Manly & District Kennel & Dog Training Club – Updated Constitution

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the updated Constitution of Manly & District Kennel & Dog Training Club be approved.

**CARRIED** 

# 8.3 Governor of NSW – Prince Philip Condolence Book

<u>For the Committee Secretary</u>: to send a message of condolence via the Official Prince Philip Condolence Book via the online option.

# 9. BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS - NIL

# 10. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 10.1 Trademark Issues with Gumtree Advertisements

Director L Brand advised the meeting that she had been approached at the Sydney Royal by a breeder who advised that there had been a Gumtree advertisement for the sale of the same breed of puppies as she breeds and using her breeders prefix.

Advice from a legal professional specialising in Trademarks is as follows:-

A trade mark is the best way for members of your group to protect their names. Company names, business names and domain names have no real proprietary rights attached to them. A registered trade mark gives its owner a statutory monopoly in a particular word or phrase and the owner can stop others from using that word or phrase — or any word or phrase which is deceptively similar to it — in relation to the same or a similar business.

My only warning is that descriptive trade marks (THE BEST DOG BREEDERS or GUARANTEED BEST DOGS, etc.) or names which contain geographic names (LAKE MACQUARIE BREEDERS or DUBBO GREAT DANES, etc.) will be difficult to register.

We would be happy to give your members a 20% discount off of our fees (we cannot discount official fees).

<u>For the Office</u>: to include a Notice to the above effect in the next available Weekly Woof alerting members to this situation.

MEETING CLOSED 7.25pm

NEXT MEETING: Electronic Meeting week ending 30 April 2021

Face to Face Meeting on Wednesday 12 May 2021 commencing @ 2.00pm