



MINUTES of a SPECIAL MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held via ZOOM CONFERENCING on
Wednesday 19 January 2022 commencing @ **6.30pm**

PARTICIPATION: L Brand (**by Zoom**) E Pickering
C Rafton K Hedberg BVSc
P Cutler R Privett (**by Zoom**)
R Harbin K Charnock
V Etherington OAM A McIlrath (**by Zoom**)
N Keck G Vernon
G Spagnolo (**by Zoom**) S Mills (**by Zoom**)

IN ATTENDANCE: V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary), L Hadley (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator)

APOLOGIES: J Sheppard

MOVED A McIlrath SECONDED G Spagnolo
THAT the apologies be **received**.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

1. Minutes of Media & Government Legislation Committee Meeting – 14/1/2022

1.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 6.1: Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED P Cutler
THAT Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-
THAT an extension be given to DOGS NSW and all stakeholders to review this Draft Animal Welfare Bill, given that the document was not distributed until January with a deadline of 13 February 2022.

CARRIED

1.2 Recommendation s 2 & 3: Item 6.3: Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022

1.2.1 Recommendation 2

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED G Spagnolo
THAT Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-
THAT the DPI be requested to clarify many of the areas in the paper such as:-

- 1) Banning of surgical artificial insemination (this was not included in the DPI Consultation Paper and is now listed as a banned procedure)
- 2) Road transport/dogs live animals - needs to be clearly defined
- 3) Exhibition animals - requires more detailed definition
- 4) Definition of cruelty - specific activities not defined (refer Prohibited Restricted Procedures Proposal) 7.
- 5) Tethering of “farm animals” or dogs in particular? Prohibited items “mechanism” (underground fencing)
- 6) Court orders/charging for compliance check, etc

and all other areas of the Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022 that are considered important or are of concern.

CARRIED

1.2.2 **Recommendation 3**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED C Rafton

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

THAT a Strategic Political Plan be instigated to be proactive rather than reactive.

CARRIED

Director C Rafton advised the meeting that on 21 January 2022 will be by-Elections in 5 separate areas (Bega, Holsworthy, Monaro, Willoughby & Strathfield), ie, in 8 days, with the probability that the Animal Justice Party will have a nominee, and, therefore, we need to encourage our members to lobby the nominees not associated with the Animal Justice Party.

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT Director **N Keck be authorised to organise a meeting** with the new Minister for Agriculture as well as seeking members' assistance in organising meetings with their Local Members and invite the President, the Regional Director, Director K Hedberg BVSc and the DOGS NSW Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer (if available) to attend.

CARRIED

For the Company Secretary: To provide Directors with the contact details of the current NSW Minister for Agriculture.

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Vernon

THAT a **Notice be placed in this week's Weekly Woof** containing 10 major points of concern with the Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022, urging all members to lobby all Political Parties in their areas, particularly the nominees in the by-Election areas (Bega, Holsworthy, Monaro, Willoughby & Strathfield), and voice their opinions/concerns in respect of the Draft Bill.

CARRIED

Director N Keck suggested that members be encouraged to join political parties so that they can submit Motions of concern to the respective Annual General Meetings.

For Director N Keck: To forward her suggestion regarding members joining political parties to the President for including in the Weekly Woof notice.

Director C Rafton also advised that this is also an option that can be pursued through the Greens Party.

Director K Charnock advised that he is aware that there are members in his Region that are politically involved in their area and DOGS NSW should seek their approval to have their contact details listed and included in the Weekly Woof notice for other members in that area to contact them for assistance in contacting Political Parties/Members in their area.

It was agreed that this should be expanded to all Regions.

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the following be actioned as a matter of urgency:-

- Director K Hedberg BVSc to provide the 10 major dot points
- Mrs C McGregor be requested to draft a strategic plan/plan of attack in respect of contact with by-Election nominees, including the names and contact details of those nominees
- Notice be place on all Community Boards, Facebook Pages/Groups
- Director A McIlrath to liaise with Mrs C McGregor to draft a notice to be placed on local Social Media platforms

CARRIED

1.2.3 Item 6.3.1 – Engagement of a Lobbyist

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED C Rafton

THAT DOGS NSW give consideration to the engagement of a Lobbyist as a Stage 2 initiative.

CARRIED

1.2.4 Pollie Packs

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED N Keck

THAT Director **N Keck** be delegated to update the current **Pollie Packs** to focus on an animal welfare approach, prefix requirements/approvals and members education.

CARRIED

For the Company Secretary: To provide Director N Keck with a copy of the current Pollie Pack.

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED V Etherington OAM

THAT the Minutes of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting held on 14 January 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

2. Conformation Judges Education Program

2.1 2022/2023 Aspiring Judges Training Program

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the following Item be **DEFERRED** to the Feb 2022 Board Meeting.

2.2 2022/2023 CJEP

2.2.1 CJEP Sub Group Application Form

2.2.2 Conformation Judges Training Manual 2022

2.3 CJEP Examinations Committee Report & Recommendations

CARRIED

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Vernon

THAT a meeting be held with the Chairs of the Conformation Judges Training Committee and the CJEP Examinations Committee, the members of those Committees (excluding the Group Co-ordinators), along with the President and Senior Vice President to consider and collate Sections 8 to 14 of the 2022/2023 CJEP Regulations and the manner in which the amendments should be presented.

CARRIED

The meeting agreed that the Committee Secretary should also attend the meeting for the purposes of taking the Minutes.

Director K Hedberg BVSc raised concern at the proposal to remove the requirement for a pass in the Members Education Program as a prerequisite in entering the Conformation Judges Education Program. It was confirmed that, in accordance with the resolution of the Board, at its Special Meeting on 20 December 2022, the removal of the Members Education requirement was for the 2022/2023 CJEP ONLY.

4. **Future Voting Procedures**

Director R Harbin raised the issue of the need to consider moving to determining the Electoral Regions via postcode.

It was noted that Director C Rafton will be submitting a Motion on Notice in respect of this issue to the February 2022 Board Meeting.

For the Company Secretary: To urgently follow up on the request for legal advice as per Item 5.3 of the December 2021 Board meeting.

MEETING CLOSED: 4.30PM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 2 February 2022 commencing @ 2.00pm