



MINUTES of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held in the Amenities Building on **Wednesday 11 May 2022** commencing at 1.36pm.

Directors present at the meeting unanimously agreed that meeting commence earlier than the scheduled time of 2.00pm due to the early finish of the training session.

PARTICIPATION:

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

IN ATTENDANCE: V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary), L Hadley (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator)
A Khamis (Operations Manager), N DeSilva (via Zoom) for part of meeting

APOLOGIES: J Sheppard

MOVED P Cutler
SECONDED C Rafton
THAT the apologies be **approved**.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – Zoom Meeting – 20 April 2022

MOVED P Cutler
SECONDED A McIlrath
THAT the Minutes of the Zoom Board Meeting held on 20 April 2022 be **confirmed**.

CARRIED

1.1 Action Sheet – Zoom Meeting – 20 April 2022

1.1.1 Items 2.3.4.5 to 2.3.4.9-BOD Minutes 20/4/2022: Regional Grants Not Approved

Director R Harbin advised that Lake Wamboin District Kennel Club are currently re-assessing their application and it is anticipated it will be submitted

Director K Charnock advised that he too had contacted the Clubs and it is anticipated the reviewed applications will be received by next week.

1.1.2 Item 2.3.9-BOD Minutes 20/4/2022: Strategic Planning

Director R Harbin spoke to the Chair of the Finance Committee and it is proposed to engage the services of a Facilitator, John Peacock, who is experienced in not-for-profit strategic planning, however, he is currently overseas. It is proposed to hold a hook up either tomorrow or Friday at which time a way forward will be discussed and will incorporate the Board into the strategic planning process. It is also planned to hold a group strategic planning lesson within the next month or wait until Mr Peacock comes back.

Following a suggestion by Director K Hedberg BVSc, Director Harbin agreed it would be best addressed if Mr Peacock were to come in and explain to the Board what steps need to be taken. This can be done in one day. Director Harbin advised he has documents on the role of the Board and strategic planning that he can distribute.

Discussion ensued as to how and when the strategic planning day will be held.

At this stage, it was agreed that the normal Face to Face Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 June 2022 and further consideration be given to an appropriate date and time for the strategic planning meeting.

1.1.5 Item 2.10-BOD Minutes 20/4/2022: Twin Towns Canine Carnival - Membership

Director R Harbin advised he had spoken to Ms J Whitney who had indicated that they just collect all monies and divide into the three (3) clubs. On discussion with Ms C Paine, Convenor of the Constitution & Regulations Review Working Party, she advised that, under DOGS NSW Regulations, each new member needs to go before a Committee to be approved. It would be prudent to remind the three (3) Clubs of the Regulations, ie, membership forms should be singular. Director P Cutler added that the Articles state that each Club has to have their own membership form.

MOVED R Harbin

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Club Secretaries for three (3) Clubs involved be informed that membership applications should relate to singular all breeds or breed clubs and not multiple clubs. Further, that in accordance with DOGS NSW Regulations, all new members are to be approved by the existing Committee.

CARRIED

Director P Cutler requested the Office seek advice as to how the Clubs involved conducted their AGMs, ie, as one meeting or three (3) individual meetings.

1.1.8 Item 6.3.1-BOD Minutes 20/4/2022: The Cattle Dog Muster Budget

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Budget for the Cattle Dog Muster be **approved**.

CARRIED

1.1.9 Item 6.6.2-BOD Minutes 20/4/2022: Herding Maintenance

Director P Cutler advised that it is not possible to access the area at the moment due to the recent flooding. The meeting agreed to DEFER this matter to the June meeting.

1.1.10 Item 7.1-BOD Minutes 20/4/2022: Breeders Terms

MOVED K Charnock

G Vernon

THAT the Company Secretary be requested to distribute the Dogs Queensland sample of the Breeders Terms Agreement to all Directors.

CARRIED

1.1.11 Items 6.5.1 & 6.5.2-BOD Minutes 20/4/2022: Western Districts Boxer Club – Waiver of Late Draft Schedule Fee

Director R Harbin advised the meeting that the Show Administrator had provided him with a precis of dealings with the Club. The date of implement of the late fee was determined to be 28 February 2022 and dealings with the Club was prior to that date.

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the fee imposed on Western Districts Boxer Club for late submission of their Draft Schedule be waived.

CARRIED

1.1.12 **Item 10.1-BOD Minutes 20/4/2022: DOG NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics - AMENDMENTS**

The meeting noted that the proposed amendments to DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics are listed at Item 5.1 of this Agenda.

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Action Sheet for items emanating from the Zoom Board Meeting held on 20 April 2022 be noted and the action items accepted **subject to removing the timeline "asap"** as a specific timeframe needs to be set.

CARRIED

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED G Vernon

THAT the Board continue to use the format of the Action Sheet going forward.

CARRIED

1.2 **Pointing Gundog Club of NSW – Application for Affiliation**
(Refer Item 6.1.1-BOD Minutes 20/4/2022)

Director G Vernon revisited the application for affiliation from the Pointing Gundog Club of NSW and whilst noting the decision of the Board at the December 2019 to not approve any further All Breeds Clubs for a period of 5 years, it should be noted that this is a Specialist Club. There are other Specialist Clubs affiliated with DOGS NSW that do not include all breeds in their Group.

Director G Vernon was requested to liaise with the Club to obtain a letter from them stating they do not wish to include the additional breeds, ie, Setter breeds, as part of their Club as advised the Board at its April 2022 meeting, and the reason therefore.

On receipt of the relevant advice and potential approval by the Board, the decision of the Board at its April 2022 (Item 6.1.1) would be over run.

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

2.1 **Executive Committee Decisions**

2.2 **Operations Manager's Report – NIL**

2.3 **Finance Committee – 27/4/2022**

2.3.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 6.9.1: Proposed Amended Fee & Implementation**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED E Pickering

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

THAT the fee for puppy registrations (for puppies under 6 months of age) be amended (from \$41.50 breeder fee and \$61.50 new owner fee) to a flat fee of \$55.00 to be implemented from 1 July 2022

CARRIED

2.3.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 8.1.2: Financial Statements as @ 31 March 2022

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED R Harbin

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

THAT the Financial Statements as @ 31 March 2022 be approved by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

2.3.4 Recommendation 4 – Item 8.2: Committee/Working Party Budgets

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

THAT the budget for the Agility Committee events, as follows, be recommended to the Board for approval:-

- Agility Committee - **2022 July Games Fundraiser**
- Agility Committee - **2022 May Fundraiser**
- Agility Committee - **2022 October Games Fundraiser**
- Agility Committee - **2022 State Titles**

CARRIED

2.3.5 Recommendation 5 – Item 8.4.1: Northern Region (Coastal) - Port Macquarie Dog Club Inc

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED N Keck

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

THAT the Regional Grant Application from Port Macquarie Dog Club Inc for the purchase of equipment necessary for ringside scribes to connect to K9entries be approved.

CARRIED

2.3.6 Recommendation 6 - Item 8.4.2: Western Region – Mudgee Kennel Club

MOVED S Mills

SECONDED N Keck

THAT Recommendation 6, that reads as follows, be **approved**:-

THAT the Regional Grant Applications (x3) from Mudgee Kennel Club for the purchase of the following equipment be approved:-

- Jumps
- Scent Equipment
- Storage

CARRIED

2.3.7 Recommendation 7 – Item 10.1.1: Upgrade of Main Rings Public Address System

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

THAT the Finance Committee recommend the upgrade of the public address system in the Main Rings area.

CARRIED

For the Company Secretary: To obtain re-confirmation from Directors of the above expenditure within 14 days, in accordance with the Article 50.

2.3.8 **Hunter Region Container**

Director C Rafton advised the meeting that the application for a Regional Grant for the Hunter Region for the purchase of a container could not be finalised until such time as the letter from the CNCC was received in respect of the delivery and storage of the container on the grounds.

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Vernon

THAT DOGS NSW **write to the CNCC** requesting they provide to this Office the correctly worded motion for the permission for the container to be delivered and stored on the grounds for usage by the clubs.

CARRIED

It was also noted the lawnmower purchased by the CNCC via a DOGS NSW grant is sitting on DOGS NSW depreciation register and, therefore, is owned by DOGS NSW.

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 27 April 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

2.4 **Compliance Investigative Panel**

The Board noted that the Compliance Investigative Panel did not meet.

2.5 **Judges Committee – 3/3/2022**

2.5.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 5.1: Representative Reports - Maitland District Kennel Club – 5/11/21**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

THAT a letter be sent to Maitland District Kennel Club asking why they saw fit to change the judging schedule for Weimaraners and Welsh Springer Spaniels. The letter to include the specific Regulation that refers in this instance, ie, correct judging schedule procedure.

CARRIED

2.5.4 **Item 5.3: Double Booked Judges as of 2 February 2022**

2.5.4.1 **Recommendation 4**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED V Etherington OAM

THAT Recommendation 4 be **referred back to the Judge Committee** to review DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.2 & 4.3, as they relate to the differing time/km/locality for contracted Judges, with a view to amending those Regulations to allow for one (1) consistent Regulation.

CARRIED

2.5.4.2 **Recommendation 5**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT Recommendation 5 be **referred back to the Judge Committee** to review DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.3(a)&(b).

CARRIED

2.5.4.3 **Recommendation 6**

MOVED V Etherington OAM SECONDED S Mills

THAT Recommendation 6 be **DEFERRED** until such time as the Judge Committee has reviewed DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges.

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Minutes of the Judges Committee meeting held on 3 March 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

2.6 **Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer's Report – April 2022**

2.7 **Company Secretary's Report**

2.7.2 **Item for Noting**

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED V Etherington OAM

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

CARRIED

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the Report from the Company Secretary be **received**.

CARRIED

2.8 **Aggressive Dogs**

2.10 **2022/2023 Aspiring Judges Examination – M O'Brien**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Mills

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

THAT all results achieved in the 2022/2023 Aspiring Judges Program stand.

CARRIED

P Cutler, G Spagnolo, E Pickering abstained

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

3.1 **Application for Affiliation – Regional NSW Australian Shepherd Club**

(Refer Item 6.1.2-BOD Minutes 20/4/2022)

(Refer Item 1.1.7, above)

For the Office: To confirm with Dogs Australia that there are two (2) affiliated Australian Shepherd clubs in either of the State Controlling Bodies and refer this matter to the June Board Meeting for finalisation.

3.2 **RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Minutes – 2/5/2022**

(Refer 3.3-BOD Minutes 20/4/2022)

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED N Keck

THAT the Minutes of the RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity meeting held on 2 May 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

**3.4 Cattle Dog Muster – Budget
(Refer Item 1.1.8, above)**

3.4.1 Cattle Dog Muster - Update

Director G Vernon advised the meeting that organisation of The Great Cattle Dog Muster is on track, as follows:-

1. Draft schedule, sponsor logos and Judges' contracts lodged with DOGS NSW.
2. Showground plan and layout complete.
3. Next week Director G Vernon will be locked in discussing information for the History exhibit, etc.
4. Director G Vernon has started working through the list of previously listed minor sponsors, checking their commitment and what, if any, product, etc, had been delivered prior to DOGS NSW appointing an Administrator.
5. Accommodation, flights for Judges booked and confirmed.
6. Vender contracts confirmed.
7. The supplier of equipment for Dog Sports has pulled out due to personal issues. Director G Vernon is now starting negotiations with local Dog Sport clubs to secure equipment.
8. DOGS NSW show bag approved for sale at The Muster.
9. Accommodation secured for all show and trial officials.
10. Information re official engagements, ie, dinners, etc, TBA.

NOTED

4. JUDICIAL MATTERS

4.1 Judicial Co-ordinator's Report

The Board noted that the Regulations need to be amended to include that the Board is not responsible for the approval of Judicial Panel members.

4.1.1 Inquiry Table

The Board **noted** the Inquiry Table.

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

CARRIED

OPEN MEETING

5. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

5.1 DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics – AMENDMENTS – Dr K Hedberg BVSc

MOTION 2

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED V Etherington OAM

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics, Clauses 8 & 9, which read as follows, be **deleted in their entirety:-**

8. *A Member shall not breed a bitch that results in it whelping more than twice in eighteen months without the prior approval of the Board of Directors. Application for registration of the litter may be considered by the Board of Directors where the application for registration must be accompanied by the following:-*
 - (i) *prior written approval of a Veterinary Practitioner certifying her fitness to carry and whelp the third litter, and*
 - (ii) *the breeder to provide written details of the extenuating circumstances for the litter. (12/18)*
9. *A Member shall not breed a bitch that results in it whelping more than twice in two years without the prior written approval of a Veterinary Surgeon certifying her fitness to carry and whelp the third litter.*

CARRIED

MOTION 3

The President drew to the attention of the Board the contradiction between DOGS NSW Code of Ethics and the Animal Welfare Code of Practice in respect of the timeframe for breeding a bitch and, therefore, DOGS NSW Code of Ethics requires a more thorough review. The AWCOP allows for “no more than 2 litters in 2 years” and, under our current Code of Ethics, we are providing a loophole to our members by stating “unless accompanied by a veterinary report”.

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED N Keck

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics, be amended by the **IMMEDIATE** inclusion of the following new Clause:-

8. A member shall not breed a bitch that results in it whelping more than twice in two (2) years ~~without the prior written approval of a veterinary surgeon certifying her fitness to carry and whelp the third litter.~~
~~(i) the breeder to provide written details of the extenuating circumstances for the litter. (05/22)~~

CARRIED

6. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

****Monthly Reports received to date were distributed to Directors via the next Electronic Board Agenda with the following exceptions:-**

6.1 **Conformation Judges Training Committee – 31/3/2022**

6.1.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 5.2: Amendment to Regulations – 2022-2023 CJEP**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED N Keck

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

THAT the 2022-2023 CJEP Regulations clause 6.1.2.2 be amended as follows:

Currently Reads:

6.1.2.2 *Examine and critique fifty (50) dogs from the relevant Group. The breeds critiqued must be from as wide a range as possible, but MUST include at least five (5) critiques from each of the five (5) Major Breeds as determined by the Member Body CJTC. This may be achieved by attending field events or shows. All critiques are to be countersigned by a licensed Judge for that breed who have, themselves, examined the dogs being critiqued, and who have discussed the dog and critique with the Trainee.*

Be amended to Read:

6.1.2.2 Examine and critique fifty (50) dogs from the relevant Group. The breeds critiqued must be from as wide a range as possible, but MUST include at least five (5) critiques from each of the five (5) Major Breeds as determined by the Member Body CJTC. This may be achieved by attending field events or shows. All critiques are to be countersigned by a licensed Judge for that breed who have, themselves, examined the dogs being critiqued, and who have discussed the dog and critique with the Trainee.
Once the critique sheet is signed by the Trainee and Mentor, the form is to be sent to the Co-ordinator or Assistant Co-ordinator for signing

CARRIED

P Cutler, G Spagnolo, E Pickering abstained

6.1.2 **Recommendation 2 - Item 5.5: Continuing Candidates**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT Recommendation 2 **NOT** be approved until the Office has provided an updated list of Open Show Judges.

CARRIED

P Cutler, G Spagnolo, E Pickering abstained

For the Office: To review previous Open Show Judges lists and update accordingly and provide a copy of the updated list to the Board.

Director S Mills agreed to put together a proposal for the DOGS NSW President to discuss options for joining forces with Dogs ACT in respect of Judges Training and other functions.

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED V Etherington OAM

THAT the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 31 March 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.2 Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee – 21/4/2022

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee meeting held on 21 April 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.3 Public Relations Committee – 13/4/2022

6.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7.1: Afghan Hound Club of NSW

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

THAT the Afghan Hound Club of NSW be approved to hold a Club specialty in conjunction with Dogs on Show on Sunday 12 June 2022.

CARRIED

6.3.2 Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2: QR Code for the “find the breed for you”

MOVED S Mills

SECONDED G Vernon

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

THAT the metrics from the QR code for the “find the breed for you” from Sydney Royal be shared with the Committee. Should the QR code not be tracked then a dynamic QR code be set up using google analytics to provide metrics for the campaign.

CARRIED

6.3.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 7.3: Images - Formal Approval Process

MOVED S Mills

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

THAT all images that are used for marketing purposes have a formal approval process that includes the PR Committee.

CARRIED

6.3.4 Recommendation 4 – Item 7.5: Dog Lovers

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S Mills

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

THAT the contract for the 2022 event be forwarded to the PR committee for perusal prior to signing.

CARRIED

6.3.5 Recommendation 5 - Item 7.6: Pet Insurance

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED S Mills

THAT Recommendation 5, that reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT DOGS NSW liaise with a pet insurance company which would be a benefit to DOGS NSW itself rather than an advertisement for others with no financial or branding outcomes for DOGS NSW.

CARRIED

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED S Mills

THAT the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on 13 April 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

Meeting recessed @ 4.17pm

Meeting resumed @ 4.35pm

6.4 Retrieving & Field Trials Committee – 21/4/2022

6.4.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 3.1: Entries to Ability Test for Utility Gundogs

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT this matter be **DEFERRED** to the next meeting so that verbal communication can be made with the Chair of the RAFT Committee to clarify what the actual preferred recommendation of the Committee is, as the recommendation put to today's meeting conflicts with the previous recommendation of the Committee.

CARRIED

6.4.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 8.3: Judges - Retrieving and Field Trials and RATG

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED P Cutler

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

THAT the Board approve Mr Bill Frew's application to undertake examination to be appointed to the Novice Retrieving Judges' Panel.

CARRIED

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on 21 April 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.5 Show Committee – 27/4/2022

6.5.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 5.1: Junior Handler Working Party

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

THAT the following Members be approved for the Junior Handler Working Party to assist the Convener Mrs T Buckley:-

- Mrs Debra Cummings
- Mrs Deborah Neumann
- Mrs Melissa Hallworth-Craig

CARRIED

6.5.3 **Recommendation 4 – Item 9.2: Showdog/Puppy/Neuter of the Year**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

THAT there be an Expression of Interest put out to see if anyone is willing to run this event in the future.

CARRIED

6.5.4 **Recommendation 5 – Item 9.5: Ground Closures**

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT Recommendation 5, that reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT the DOGS NSW Extreme Weather Policy be amended to add Wet Weather and Lightning policies. As attached in Annexure C

CARRIED

6.5.5 **Item 9.12: Free Weekends – Due to Show Cancellations**

6.5.5.1 **Recommendation 6**

MOVED R Harbin

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

THAT when Clubs cancel their event and the Grounds at Orchard Hills are available, DOGS NSW should be running shows.

CARRIED

6.5.5.2 **Recommendation 7**

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED N Keck

THAT Recommendation 7, that reads as follows, be approved:-

THAT where applicable Clubs notify DOGS NSW 5 Months prior to the show date if are not holding their show except for unforeseen circumstances.

CARRIED

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 27 April 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.6 **Sporting Committee**

6.6.1 **Meeting 7/4/2022**

6.6.1.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 8.6.1.2: Scent Work Judge’s Training Scheme – Criteria judge’s Training Scheme NSW**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED S Mills

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

THAT the Committee’s decision in relation to the above Scent Work Judge’s criteria be approved.

CARRIED

6.6.1.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 8.6.2: Scent Work Judge’s Training Scheme – Judge’s Training Program – NSW Program Timeline**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED N Keck

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

THAT the Committee’s decision in relation to the Scent Work Judge’s Training Program be approved.

CARRIED

Director K Charnock requested that the Committee keep in mind that Ms Donna Puttock will be doing two (2) examinations, which may clash with the current schedule.

MOVED E Pickering

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Sporting Committee meeting held on 7 April 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.6.2 **Meeting 21/4/2022**

6.6.2.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 8.11: Dogs Australia Matters**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED G Vernon

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

THAT with the possibility of a national DOGS ON SHOW 2023, contact is made with Dogs Australia to ensure a suitable date is chosen, ie, seek consultation with State calendars and also consideration be taken on board for winter sports.

CARRIED

For the Office: To seek advice from Dogs Australia if they have undertaken any research on this matter, in respect of winter sports and the timing of events.

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the Minutes of the Sporting Committee meeting held on 21 April 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.6.2.2 **Item 7.2: Newcastle All Breeds Dog Training Club – Scent Work Trial – 25/6/2022**

The Board noted that it appeared the Draft Schedule for the Newcastle All Breeds Dog Training Club Scent Work Trial had only been received in the Office one (1) month ago.

For the Office: To check when the Draft Schedules for Scent Work Trials are being received.

6.7 **Spring Fair Dog Show Committee**

Director C Rafton advised the meeting that pursuant to a motion last year that Judges scheduled for the now cancelled 2021 Spring Fair Dog Show and for International Judges to be contracted, eight (8) Judges have been approved by Dogs Australia with four (4) of those persons travelling to Australia for the first time. Three (3) have judged interstate, in Western Australia and Victoria 2018 and one (1) replacement to a Judge from the UK, who requested to be transferred to 2024. Hence at the eleventh hour, due to schedule lodgement timing, a Judge who officiated in Sydney in 2019 was, after six (6) or seven (7) attempts, able to accept for this year.

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the Board grant dispensation to Specialty Clubs from late schedule fines in respect of the 2022 Spring Fair Dog Show.

CARRIED

7. **DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS**

7.1 **Recognition of Miniature American Shepherd**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the proposed Motion from Dogs Australia Director, Mr David Sales, in respect of the recognition of the Miniature American Shepherd be **noted**.

CARRIED

8. **CORRESPONDENCE** – NIL

9. **BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS** – NIL

10. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

10.1 **Media & Government Legislation Committee – Media Person**

Main mention is that the Media & Government Legislation Committee Media Person has managed to get our Articles into two (2) editions of the Sydney Morning Herald and one edition of the Sunday Telegraph, plus [News.com.au](https://www.news.com.au).

NOTED

10.2 Meeting with Tanya Davies MP

The DOGS NSW President & Director Peter Cutler met with Tanya Davies MP on 2 May 2022 and she agreed to take the details of the change of lease and area to the actual Minister as she feels that it may have only passed across his table but bureaucrats have given us the actual report.

In addition, the question of State Government possibly considering funding for DOGS NSW was also put to Ms Davies.

NOTED

10.3 Dog Food Advertising

Concern has been raised in respect of the advertising in the DOGS NSW Gazette by way of promotion of free food from other dog food companies other than our current sponsor, Royal Canin. This issue has been raised in the past. These advertisements are paid advertisements and clearance has been given by Royal Canin advising that as long as it is not for a DOGS NSW Event they have no issue.

NOTED

10.4 Orchard Hills – Shows in May/June/July

Concern has been raised at the number of calendar events, which leave Orchard Hills vacant during the May/June/July period, and numerous shows being held in the Hillsborough Region.

Director R Harbin, as Chair of the Show Committee offered to consider the Show Calendar with a view to contacting those shows who have fallen away to see if they can join with another club, etc.

10.5 Orchard Hills Shows v Newcastle Shows

(Refer BOD Electronic Motion-31/3/2022)

Director R Harbin sought confirmation as to whether the legal advice, as requested in Electronic Motion of 31 March 2022, in regards to The Gundog Society Inc being approved to conduct a show at Orchard Hills which was in conflict was the approval of show/s in Newcastle had been sought.

The meeting agreed that although historically, the traditional practice was not to approve shows at Orchard Hills that conflicted with shows being held in Newcastle, there was no Regulations to govern this practice and, therefore, there was nothing stopping shows being approved to be conducted at Orchard Hills that may conflict with shows approved to be conducted in Newcastle.

10.6 Dogs On Show v Dances With Dogs

Director V Etherington OAM raised concern that previously Dogs On Show was on the long weekend in June but was given away to the Weimaraner Club due to lack of attendance as a result of people going away and now it falls on the long weekend again this year. The issue is that Dances With Dogs/Trick Dog Judges have signed contracts to judge at the Brush Farm Dog Training Club Inc Competition on the long weekend believing that Dogs On Show would be on the week prior and, therefore, the Dances With Dogs/Trick Dog people will not be in attendance.

10.7 Ladies Kennel Association – New Year’s Eve Show

Director G Vernon raised concern in respect of the issues surrounding the Ladies Kennel Association conducting a New Year’s Eve Show on 31 December 2022, stating that the Club is a paid affiliate and DOGS NSW should provide the grounds for that date and staff should be made available to assist and moving forward, in future one staff should be rostered on each year with would require those staff only working once in every 3 years.

The Company Secretary advised the meeting that, under normal circumstances, if the Office was aware prior to being approved for leave at Christmas and the Grounds closure that there was a show at Orchard Hills during that Christmas break, arrangements could have possibly been made to have staff available for that Show. It should be noted that the Christmas closure is included in staff contracts and that there were no shows booked over this period and, therefore, no reason for staff to be working during this period.

The Board, at its February 2022, meeting approved for the Grounds to be closed from Tuesday 21 December 2022 to Wednesday 11 January 2023 – although the Ground staff and a skeleton staff in the Office generally return a few days earlier than this. The staff were advised of the Board’s approval and, therefore, made holiday arrangements during that period.

It should be noted that the Ladies Kennel Association request for a change in show date to 31 December 2022 was received by the Office on 9 March 2022, ie, after the staff had been advised of their leave and, therefore, it would be unfair to expect them to cancel their arrangements. Notwithstanding that, it is understood that an offer has now been made to the Ladies Kennel Association for staff to be available.

Director C Rafton suggested that a Notice be placed in the Weekly Woof advising that DOGS NSW is willing to accommodate any Club wishing to conduct a New Year’s Eve event, however, they must contact the Office and make application to the Show Committee in sufficient time and, in accordance with the Regulations for submitting Draft Schedules, for the approval and organisation of the event.

MEETING CLOSED

5.18pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 8 June 2022 @ 2.00pm in the Amenities Building