



**MINUTES** of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held in the Amenities Building on **Wednesday 8 June 2022** commencing at 2.29pm.

**PARTICIPATION:**

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

**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:** G Spagnolo

MOVED C Rafton  
**THAT** the apologies be accepted.

SECONDED K Hedberg

**CARRIED**

**1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – Electronic Meeting – 27 May 2022**

MOVED A McIlrath  
**THAT** the Minutes of the Electronic Board Meeting held on 27 May 2022 be **confirmed**.

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**CARRIED**

**1.1 Action Sheet as @ 2 June 2022**

The Board noted that the Action Sheet will be distributed to Directors by the end of the week.

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

**2.1 Executive Committee Decisions - NIL**

**2.2 Operations Manager's Report – May 2022**

MOVED C Rafton  
**THAT** the Operations Manager's Report for May 2022 be **received**.

SECONDED P Cutler

**CARRIED**

**2.3 Finance Committee – 25/5/2022**

**2.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 8.1.2: DOGS NSW Draft Budget – end FY2023**

MOVED V Etherington OAM  
**THAT** Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-  
**THAT** the DRAFT Budget for end of financial year 2023 be approved by the Board of Directors.

SECONDED R Harbin

**CARRIED**

*J Sheppard abstained*

**2.3.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 8.1.3: Financial Statements as @ 30 April 2022**

MOVED P Cutler  
SECONDED V Etherington OAM  
**THAT** Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-  
**THAT** the Financial Statements as @ 30 April 2022 be approved by the Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

*J Sheppard abstained*

**2.3.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 8.4.1: Regional Grant - Northern Region - Coffs Harbour District All Breeds Kennel Club**

MOVED V Etherington OAM  
SECONDED N Keck  
**THAT** Recommendation 3, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-  
**THAT** the request for a regional grant from Coffs Harbour District All Breeds Kennel Club for the purchase of a trailer for storage and transport of show equipment, be approved.

**CARRIED**

*J Sheppard abstained*

MOVED V Etherington OAM  
SECONDED E Pickering  
**THAT** the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 25 May 2022 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*J Sheppard abstained*

**2.4 Compliance Investigative Panel – 25/5/2022**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc  
SECONDED S Mills  
**THAT** the Minutes of the Compliance Investigative Panel meeting held 25 May 2022 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**2.5 Judges Committee – 1/6/2022**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

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

**2.6.2 Recommendation 2- Item i: Kennel Inspections – Acknowledgement of Co-operation & Compliance**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc  
SECONDED N Keck  
**THAT** Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-  
**THAT** the Board give consideration to authorising the issue of a letter to members acknowledging their co-operation with the inspection process and congratulating them on meeting compliance with DOGS NSW Regulations as at the Inspection date.

**CARRIED**

MOVED P Cutler  
SECONDED C Rafton  
**THAT** the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer's Report for May 2022 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

## 2.7 Company Secretary's Report

### 2.7.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 1.1: DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics – Deletion of Clause 8 (3 litters in 18 months)

#### 2.7.1.1 Recommendation 1A – Amend COE

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED G Vernon

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

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics, which currently reads:-

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.*

**Be amended to read:-**

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**

#### 2.7.1.2 Recommendation 1B – Office Policy

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Mills

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

**THAT**, for the purposes of Office Policy, should a litter be received that is in breach of the amended Clause 9, ie, a fourth litter in 2 years, then ***all puppies in the litter be registered on the Limited Register and flagged "never to be upgraded."***

**CARRIED**

#### 2.7.1.3 Recommendation 1C – Penalty Regime

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

**THAT** the current penalty regime for breaches of DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics, which reads as follows:-

1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	CAUTION
2 <sup>ND</sup> Offence	\$200
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence	\$500
4 <sup>th</sup> Offence	Member to Inquiry

**Be amended to read:-**

1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	<b>\$200</b>
2 <sup>ND</sup> Offence	<b>\$500</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence	<b>\$1,000</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Offence	Member to Inquiry

**CARRIED**

**2.7.1.4 Recommendation 1D – No Dispensations**

MOVED P Cutler  
**THAT** Recommendation 1D, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-  
**THAT** the Board **NOT** grant dispensations in respect of a breach of DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics, Clause 9, **effective 1 July 2022**.  
**CARRIED**

MOVED A McIlrath  
**THAT** the Company Secretary's Report be **received**.  
**CARRIED**

**2.8 Aggressive Dogs – NIL**

**2.10 RPO Meeting 3/6/2020 – Report from K Hedberg BVSc**

MOVED C Rafton  
**THAT** the report from Director K Hedberg BVSc on the recent meeting of the Government's RPO Committee, held on 3 June 2022, be accepted and that Director Hedberg be thanked for her input and report be referred to the Media & Government Legislation Committee **as matter of urgency**.  
**CARRIED**

The Board noted that any future reports from this Committee be submitted directly to the Media & Government Legislation Committee for its consideration and any action/recommendations required.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**3.1 RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity - Directors**  
(Refer 3.2-BOD Minutes 11/5/2022)

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT** the information provided by the RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Trust in respect of the appointment of the Charity Directors be **noted**.  
**CARRIED**

**3.2 Continuing Candidates – Open Show Judges**  
(Refer Item 6.1.2-BOD Minutes 11/5/2022)

MOVED S Mills  
**THAT** the Company Secretary be requested to write to previously listed Open Show Judges to seek their advice as to whether they intend to progress in the Conformation Judges Education Program in the future.  
**CARRIED**

**3.3 Pointing Gundog Club of NSW – Application for Affiliation**  
(Refer Item 1.2-BOD Minutes 11/5/2022)

MOVED C Rafton  
**THAT** the application for affiliation from the Pointing Gundog Club of NSW be **approved** in line with the most recent list of breeds to be included as provided by the Club.  
**CARRIED**

3.4 **DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics – AMENDMENTS – Dr K Hedberg BVSc**  
(Refer Item 5.1-BOD Minutes 11/5/2022)

3.4.1 **Motion 1 – Item 5.1 – Board Minutes 11/5/2022**

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics, Clause 6(ii), which current reads:-

6. *A Member shall breed only with the intent of maintaining and/or improving the standard of the Breed and the health, welfare and soundness of their dogs by having regard to the following: -*
- (ii) A breeder shall not breed with dogs that have known serious genetic defects when the results exceed the breed's accepted applicable levels.  
**(07/21)**

**Be amended to read:-**

6. A Member shall breed only with the intent of maintaining and/or improving the standard of the Breed and the health, welfare and soundness of their dogs by having regard to the following: -
- (ii) ~~A breeder shall not breed with dogs that have known serious genetic defects when the results exceed the breed's accepted applicable levels.~~  
~~**(07/21)**~~
- (ii) **by striving to reduce the incidence and severity of the known hereditary diseases within their dogs and their breed. (05/22)**

**CARRIED**

3.5 **Breeders Terms Contracts**  
(Refer Item 1.1.10-BOD Minutes 11/5/2022)

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED V Etherington OAM

**THAT** DOGS NSW accepts the wording of the Non-Transfer Agreement as submitted by Dogs West.

**CARRIED**

*K Hedberg BVSc abstained*

*A Khamis left the meeting @ 3.43pm*

**4. JUDICIAL MATTERS**

4.1 **Judicial Co-ordinator's Report**  
4.1.1 **Inquiry Table**

#### 4.1.2 Disputes Assessment Panel Report – 1/6/2022

MOVED V Etherington OAM  
SECONDED A McIlrath  
**THAT** the Disputes Assessment Panel Report be **received**.

**CARRIED**

MOVED V Etherington OAM  
**THAT** the Judicial Co-ordinator's Report be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**OPEN MEETING**

## 5. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

## 5.2 Expression of Interest - Conduct of DOTY/POTY/NOTY - Public Relations Committee

### 5.2.2 MOTION 2

**Moved C Rafton**

**Seconded P Cutler**

**That** the DOTY/POTY/NOTY event be held on the **7<sup>th</sup> Saturday & Sunday, ie, 18 & 19 February 2023** and beyond.

**CARRIED**

### 5.2.3 MOTION 3

**Moved** P Cutler                                 **Seconded** N Keck  
**THAT** the election of the Chair of the Public Relations Committee be held in March of each year.

**CARRIED**

### 5.3 Removal of Judge's Signature on Certificates

MOVED G Vernon  
 SECONDED N Keck  
**THAT** the following Motion be placed on the Agenda, as a late item, for the Dogs Australia Special June 2022 Board Meeting scheduled for Saturday 18 June 2022:-

**THAT** certificates issued by State Member Bodies to those exhibits awarded in accordance with regulations pertaining to the various disciplines, no longer require the signature of the Judge.

**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**

6.1.1 **Meeting – 5 & 12/5/2022**

6.1.1.3 **Recommendations 1 to 6**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Mills

**THAT** Recommendations 1 to 6 of the Conformation Judges Training Committee Minutes of meetings 5 & 12 May 2022 be **noted** and **referred back** to the Committee for consideration when developing the Regulations for the next Program.

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED C Rafton

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

**CARRIED**

6.1.2 **Meeting – 26/5/2022**

6.1.2.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 5.1: Closure of Orchard Hills**

MOVED S Mills

SECONDED N Keck

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

**THAT**, in the event of Orchard Hills ground closures and show cancellations, if a Field Event cannot be conducted in metropolitan Sydney, Trainees not be penalised but attend an extra Field Event at the earliest possible opportunity.

**CARRIED**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED P Cutler

**THAT** the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held 26 May 2022 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

6.2 **CJEP Examinations Committee – 8/5/2022**

6.2.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 6.6: Open Shows**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

**THAT** the DOGS NSW Show Committee look into opportunities on the Show Calendar where Open Shows may be an option to run with another show weekend and encourage All Breeds Shows to add an Open Show where practical.

**CARRIED**

*R Harbin abstained*

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held 8 May 2022 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**6.3 Media & Government Legislation Committee – 13/5/2022**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Minutes of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting held 13 May 2022 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**6.4 Members Education Committee – 1/6/2022**

**6.4.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7.2: Proposal to put Future Courses Online**

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

**THAT** the Members Education Course be moved online in the same way as the Prefix Program, with the lecture notes provided in a Dropbox for Candidates to study.

**CARRIED**

MOVED S Mills

SECONDED P Cutler

**THAT** the Minutes of the Members Education Committee meeting held 1 June 2022 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**6.5 Public Relations Committee – 3/5/2022**

**6.5.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 6.1: 2023 National Dogs on Show**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED P Cutler

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

**THAT**, once Dogs Australia confirms the 2023 date for the National Dogs on Show, the Office to advise all Committees, including the Public Relations Committee, of the date so that they may keep this date free for demonstrations and assistance.

**CARRIED**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED P Cutler

**THAT** the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held 3 May 2022 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**6.6 Show Committee – 18/5/2022**

**6.6.1 Item 5.1: Junior Handler Working Party**

**6.6.1.1 Recommendation 1 – Facebook Group**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Mills

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

**THAT** the Junior Handler Working Party set up a closed Facebook Group just for Junior Handlers.

**CARRIED**



**6.6.1.3 Recommendation 3 – 2022 Junior Handler State Final**

MOVED S Mills  
SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT** Recommendation 3, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-  
**THAT** the Junior Handler State Final be conducted on 17 July, 2022  
at North of the Harbour ABKC Inc and not at the Junior Kennel Club  
for 2022 only

**CARRIED**

**6.6.2 Recommendation 4 – Item 5 4.1: Stewards Rep Working Party - Manual & Online Exam**

MOVED P Cutler  
SECONDED C Rafton  
**THAT** Recommendation 4, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-  
**THAT** the Stewards & Representatives Committee look into a developing an  
online Training Session or Workshop for Stewards to complete or updating  
their education.

**CARRIED**

**6.6.4 Recommendation 6 - Item 9.6: Judges Contracts – Draft Schedules**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc  
SECONDED A McIlrath  
**THAT** Recommendation 6, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-  
**THAT** DOGS NSW remind Show Secretaries that Judges' contracts must  
accompany the Draft Schedules. There will be a fine if the Draft Schedule is  
not fully completed including all Judges' Contracts, this will come into effect  
on 1 January 2023.

**CARRIED**

MOVED V Etherington OAM  
SECONDED E Pickering  
**THAT** the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held 18 May 2022 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**6.7 Sporting Committee – 18/5/2022**

MOVED P Cutler  
SECONDED E Pickering  
**THAT** the Minutes of the Sporting Committee meeting held 18 May 2022 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*Meeting recessed @ 4.47pm*

*J Sheppard left the meeting @4.47pm*

*Meeting resumed @5.02PM*

**7. DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS**

**7.1 June 2022 Special Board Meeting – AGENDA**

**7.1.1 Item 5.2 – Ramp Use Policy**

MOVED P Cutler  
SECONDED E Pickering  
**THAT** DOGS NSW **supports** the Motion by Dogs Victoria in respect of a Ramp Policy.

**CARRIED**

**7.1.2 Item 5.3 – Standardisation of Dogs Australia Breeder**

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** DOGS NSW **supports** the Motion from Dogs West for the standardisation of the Dogs Australia Breeder, however, requirements to be in line with DOGS NSW current Program which requires 6 months continual membership and pass a theory examination.

**CARRIED**

**7.1.3 Item 5.4 – Regulations Part I-The Register & Registration – Deletion of Clause 3.2.8**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED E Pickering

**THAT** DOGS NSW does **not support** the Motion from Dogs South Australia in its current form and they be requested to advise of what plans they have for a replacement clause.

**CARRIED**

**7.1.4 Item 5.5 – Regulations Part I-The Register & Registration – New Clause 3.11c**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** the Motion from DOGS NSW in respect of the New Clause 3.11c, as it relates to Miniature Pinschers (Merle/Harlequin) **be referred to Professor Claire Wade** for an opinion.

**CARRIED**

**7.1.5 Item 5.6 – Regulations Part I-The Register & Registration – Amendment to Clause 6.9**

MOVED E Pickering

SECONDED R Harbin

**THAT** DOGS NSW **supports** the Motion from Dogs South Australia to amend Clause 6.9 of Regulations Part I-The Register & Registration.

**CARRIED**

**7.1.6 Item 5.7 - Regulations Part I-The Register & Registration – Amendment to Clause 9.13(c)**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** DOGS NSW seeks **more explanation** in relation to the Motion from Dogs Tasmania in respect of the amendment to **Regulations Part I-The Register & Registration, Clause 9.13(c)**.

**CARRIED**

**7.1.7 Item 5.8 - Regulations Part I-The Register & Registration – Amendment to Section 10**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** DOGS NSW believes **a redefinition of those breeds** to be excluded.

**CARRIED**

**7.1.8 Item 6.1 – NBT Rottweilers**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED P Cutler

**THAT** DOGS NSW **supports** mandatory Limited Register for NBT Rottweilers.

**CARRIED**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S Mills

**THAT** the above decision of the DOGS NSW Board of Directors in respect of the Dogs Australia June 2022 Special Board meeting Agenda be **accepted**.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Preliminary Notice of Meeting – October 2022 – AGM & Board Meeting – **AGENDA CLOSING 8 AUGUST 2022****

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED P Cutler

**THAT** the Preliminary Notice of the Dogs Australia October 2022 AGM & Board Meeting and the closing date for Agenda Items be **noted**.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 Electronic Motion #200 - Ukraine Donation – **MOTION LOST****

The Board noted that this Electronic Motion was lost.

**7.4 Electronic Motion #201 – Regulations Part 6-The Register & Registration, Addition of New Clause 3.11(c) – **WITHDRAWN****

The Board noted that this Electronic Motion was withdrawn.

**7.5 National Registration Statistics**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED P Cutler

**THAT** the National Registration Statistics be **noted**.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1 N Rushforth – Queries on Board Decisions**

The Board considered the issues raised in the correspondence from Mr N Rushforth and agreed to reply in detail and thanking he and his wife, Mrs Lee Rushforth, for all their work and contribution in their area. It should be noted that DOGS NSW has not control over Agricultural Shows and the dispensation to conduct two (2) Championship Shows was only for a short period. The Board will investigate the other issues raised and advise further.

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED S Mills

**THAT** the Company Secretary be requested to draft a suitable letter to Mr N Rushforth including points of accreditation.

**CARRIED**

*E Pickering left the meeting @ 5.41pm*

**8.2 The Japanese Inu & Akita Club of NSW – Change of Name**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED V Etherington OAM

**THAT** the request for a change of name from the Japanese Inu & Akita Club of NSW be **approved**.

**CARRIED**

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

**10. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 10.1 Dances With Dogs/Trick Dog Judges Training Scheme  
(Refer Item 2.13, above)

**MEETING CLOSED**            5.57pm

**NEXT MEETING:**            Wednesday 29 June 2022 @ 2.00pm in the Amenities Building