



MINUTES of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held via ZOOM Conferencing on **Wednesday 10 August 2022** commencing at 2.05pm.

PARTICIPATION:

L Brand	E Pickering
C Rafton	K Hedberg BVSc
P Cutler	R Privett
R Harbin	K Charnock
V Etherington OAM	A McIra
N Keck	S Mills
J Sheppard	

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

APOLOGIES: G Spagnolo, **G Vernon, S Mills, E Pickering**

MOVED V Etherington
THAT the apologies be **received**.

SECONDED C Rafton

CARRIED

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1.1 Electronic Motion – 26 July 2022

MOVED C Rafton
THAT the Minutes of the Electronic Motion of 26 July 2022, regarding the Ukraine Donation, be **confirmed**.

SECONDED R Privett

CARRIED

1.2 Electronic Meeting – 29 July 2022

MOVED **
THAT the Minutes of the Electronic Meeting of 29 July 2022, be **confirmed**.

SECONDED **

CARRIED

J Sheppard joined the meeting @ 2.25pm

1.2.2 RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Minutes -18/7/2022
(Refer Item 3.16-BOD Electronic Minutes 29/7/2022)

MOVED R Privett
THAT the Minutes of the RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Trust meeting held 18 July 2022 be **received**.

SECONDED V Etherington OAM

CARRIED

2. GENERAL BUSINESS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CAMERA

2.1 Executive Committee Decisions - NIL

2.2 Operations Manager's Report – July 2022

The Board noted the following items in the Operations Manager's Report:-

- Orchard Hills lease & Other Government Related Matters
- Meeting with RAS of NSW
- 2022/2023 Membership Renewal Update

2.2.1 Upgrade of PA System at Main Rings on Orchard Hills Grounds

The Operations Manager advised the meeting that a problem had come to hand with the installation of the PA System, however, he would be meeting with the Engineer tomorrow as to a solution and will update the Directors via email at that meeting.

2.2.4 Recommendation 3 – Item 1.6: Quarterly Update to Members of Membership Classes by Region Counts

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED P Cutler

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

THAT the Board of Directors approve the publication of the member classes by Region.

CARRIED

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Operations Manager's Report for July 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

2.3 Finance Committee – 27/7/2022

2.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 8.1.2: Financial Statements as @ 30 June 2022

MOVED R Privett

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

THAT the Financial Statements as @ 30 June 2022 be approved by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

P Cutler abstained

2.3.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 8.2.1: Regional Grant - Wollondilly All Breeds Kennel Club Inc

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

THAT the application from Wollondilly All Breeds Kennel Club Inc for a Regional Grant in the amount of \$3,400.00 for the purchase of Agility Jumps be approved

CARRIED

P Cutler, K Charnock abstained

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

CARRIED

P Cutler abstained

A Khamis left the meeting @ 3.16pm

2.4 Compliance Investigative Panel

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

2.5 Judges Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

2.6 Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report – July 2022

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer's Report for July 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

2.7 Company Secretary's Report

2.7.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 1.3: Deletion of Complaint Administration Fee

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED C Rafton

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

THAT the policy of imposing a \$250.00 Complaint Administration Fee on respondents whose complaint matter has been made out be deleted.

CARRIED

2.7.4 Recommendation 4 – Item 1.4: Production of Board Election Brochure

(Refer Item 2.2.7-BOD Meeting 14/4/2021)

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED N Keck

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

THAT the Board approve the production of the 2022 Board Election Brochure.

CARRIED

P Cutler abstained

2.7.5 Recommendation 5 – Item 1.5: Amendment to DOGS NSW Regulations

(Refer Item 6.1.3-BOD Minutes 13/7/2022)

2.7.5.1 Recommendation 5A – Item 1.5.1: Part II-Show, Clause 2.1(b)

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED P Cutler

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations **Part II-Show, Clause 2.1(b)**, which currently reads as follows:-

2.1 Recognised Show

A Show shall not be conducted as a Recognised Show unless:-

(b) it is conducted in the State and under and in accordance with the regulations and in accordance with such Supplementary Regulations (if any) as the Board of Directors may approve;

Be amended to read:-

2.1 **Recognised Show**

A Show shall not be conducted as a Recognised Show unless:-

- (b) it is conducted in the State of New South Wales and, in extreme circumstances in the ACT, and under and in accordance with the regulations and in accordance with such Supplementary Regulations (if any) as the Board of Directors may approve; (08/22)

CARRIED

2.7.5.2 **Recommendation 5B – Item 1.5.2: Part II-Show, Clause 12.18(i)**

MOVED K Hedberg

SECONDED P Cutler

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations **Part II-Show, Clause 12.18(i)**, which currently reads as follows:-

12.18(i) An exhibitor shall not permit the entry or exhibition of a dog under any Judge who has at any time during the six (6) months prior to the first day of the show, been owned or co- owned directly or indirectly or been handled by that Judge, his spouse, his children, parents, brothers, sisters, or their children or the parents of his spouse, their children or grand children, or other Members who are members of the Judge's household;

*Notwithstanding the forgoing, in accordance with Regulations Part IV–Judges, Clause 4.3, at any exhibition at which he is officiating as a Judge, a Judge shall not enter, exhibit or handle any dog.
(11/14)*

Be amended to read:-

12.18(i) An exhibitor shall not permit the ~~entry or~~ exhibition of a dog under any Judge who has at any time during the six (6) months prior to the first day of the show, been owned or co- owned directly or indirectly or been handled by that Judge, his spouse, his children, parents, brothers, sisters, or their children or the parents of his spouse, their children or grand children, or other Members who are members of the Judge's household;

Notwithstanding the forgoing, in accordance with Regulations Part IV–Judges, Clause 4.3, at any exhibition at which he is officiating as a Judge, a Judge shall not ~~enter~~, exhibit or handle any dog.
(08/22)

CARRIED

2.7.5.3 **Recommendation 5C – Item 1.5.3: Part II-Show, Clause 12.18(vi)**

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED C Rafton

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations **Part II-Show, Clause 12.18(vi)**, which currently reads as follows:-

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 co-owned 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)

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 co-owned 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). **(08/22)**

CARRIED

2.7.5.4 **Recommendation 5D – Item 1.5.4: Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.4(a)(iv)**

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED C Rafton

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations **Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.4(a)(iv)**, which currently reads as follows:-

*4.4(a) At an exhibition at which he is officiating as a judge, a Judge shall not:-
(iv) judge an exhibit which has been entered, exhibited or handled contrary to Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 12.18. (07/15)*

Be amended to read:-

4.4(a) At an exhibition at which he is officiating as a judge, a Judge shall not:-
(iv) judge an exhibit which has been ~~entered~~, exhibited or handled contrary to Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 12.18. **(08/22)**

CARRIED

2.7.5.5 **Recommendation 5E – Item 1.5.5: Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.4(b)**

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED N Keck

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations **Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.4(b)**, which currently reads as follows:-

4.4(b) Notwithstanding the above (a), a Judge officiating only at an Obedience or Agility Trial may enter and exhibit in a Conformation Show being held in conjunction and vice versa.

Be amended to read:-

4.4(b) Notwithstanding the above (a), a Judge officiating only at an Obedience or Agility Trial may ~~enter and~~ exhibit in a Conformation Show being held in conjunction and vice versa. (08/22)

CARRIED

2.7.5.6 **Recommendation 5F – Item 1.5.6: Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.14**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED P Cutler

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations **Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.14**, which currently reads as follows:-

4.14 If a Judge has judged, or is contracted to judge, with a panel of Judges at a Championship Show, whether in NSW, Interstate or Overseas, they must not enter, exhibit or handle a dog under any of those Judges for a period of 9 days after such appointment. (08/15)

This regulation does not apply in a situation where a Judge only judges a heat/s of a Junior Handler Competition. (12/14)

Be amended to read:-

4.14 If a Judge has judged, or is contracted to judge, with a panel of Judges at a Championship Show, whether in NSW, Interstate or Overseas, they must not ~~enter~~ exhibit or handle a dog under any of those Judges for a period of 9 days after such appointment. (08/22)

This regulation does not apply in a situation where a Judge only judges a heat/s of a Junior Handler Competition. (12/14)

CARRIED

2.7.6 **Items for Noting**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Board **notes** the Items for Noting in the Company Secretary's Report.

CARRIED

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

CARRIED

K Charnock left meeting @ 3.45pm

K Charnock returned to the meeting @ 3.48pm

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.2 DOGS NSW Logo

(Refer Item 10.5-BOD Minutes 13/7/2022)

Directors agreed that the intention for the revamp of the DOGS NSW Logo was to seek the assistance from members who were up with the modern technologies and social media platforms.

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the matter of the DOGS NSW Logo be **DEFERRED** to the next meeting.

CARRIED

3.3 Governance Training

(Refer Item 10.7-BOD Minutes 13/7/2022)

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED N Keck

THAT the Board **move directly to the Strategic Planning** aspect of the Training Program with Chris Scott of Turner Scott Consulting.

AMENDMENT

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED C Rafton

THAT the above Resolution be **subject to obtaining a quote**.

The Amendment became the Motion and the Motion now reads:-

THAT the Board move directly to the Strategic Planning aspect of the Training Program with Chris Scott of Turner Scott Consulting - **subject to obtaining a quote**.

CARRIED

Directors K Charnock & R Harbin were requested to speak to Chris Scott to advise what is expected of the Program.

3.5 **U Greenwood – Use of Electronic Devices whilst Judging**

(Refer Item 5.2.2–BOD Minutes 13/7/2022)

Directors considered the request from Dogs Queensland Judge, Mrs U Greenwood for clarification of DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.4(v), which reads:-

4.4(v) *use a mobile phone, iPad, iPod or any other electronic device whilst he is carrying out his judging appointment in the ring. (07/18)*

as Judges often use their electronic devices to confirm breed standards or when critiquing.

Directors agreed that consideration should be given to amending the Regulations to refer only to “electronic devices” in general and include “not to be used for communication purposes. Once DOGS NSW Regulations have been amended, Dogs Australia should be requested to also amend its Regulations accordingly.

MOVED P Cutler

SECONDED R Privett

THAT the request by Dogs Queensland Judge, Mrs U Greenwood, in respect of the clarification of DOGS NSW Regulations Part IV-Judges, Clause 4.4(v) **be referred to the Judges Committee** for consideration of an amendment to those Regulations and a suitable Motion for submission to the Dogs Australia October 2022 Conference.

CARRIED

The Company Secretary reminded the Directors that the Agenda for the Dogs Australia October 2022 Conference closed on Friday 12 August 2022.

3.6 **Engagement of Llewellyn Communications**

(Refer Item 2.3.3-BOD Minutes 13/7/2022)

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the Board **accepts** the proposal by Llewellyn Communications, for a **period of three (3) months** for an ongoing campaign to further enhance awareness of DOGS NSW, particularly with regards to the ongoing puppy farming issue.

CARRIED

4. **JUDICIAL MATTERS**

OPEN MEETING

5. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE** - NIL

6. MONTHLY REPORTS

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

6.1 Constitution & Regulations Review Working Party – 18/7/2022

6.1.1 Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of New South Wales Inc – Revised Constitution

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the revised Constitution of the Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of New South Wales Inc be **accepted**.

CARRIED

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Report from the Constitution & Regulations Review Working Party dated 18 July 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.2 Obedience & Tracking Committee – 14/7/2022

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Minutes of the Obedience & Tracking Committee meeting held on 14 July 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.3 Retrieving & Field Trials Committee – 20/7/2022

6.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 8.4: Novice Retrieving Judge Practical Assessment – S Hodges

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED P Cutler

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

THAT the Board approve Ms Sandra Hodges to be added to the Novice Retrieving Judges Panel.

CARRIED

6.3.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 8.6: New RAFT Committee Members

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED P Cutler

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

THAT the following members be appointed to join the RAFT Committee:-

- Mr B Leggett
- Mr S Jay
- Mr J Hodgson

CARRIED

MOVED V Etherington OAM

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Minutes of the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee meeting held on 20 July 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.4 Show Committee – 22/7/2022

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 22 July 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.5 Spring Fair Dog Show Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

6.5.1 Neuter Class at CACIB Shows

Director C Rafton advised the meeting that advice has been sought from Dogs Australia regarding the conduct of Neuter Classes at the Spring Fair CACIB Show on the Friday requesting an expedient decision as the notices to all exhibitors, should the Class not be allowed to proceed, will require a notice almost immediately given the date of the show is around 3 weeks away.

The Spring Fair Committee relied upon the Regulations published on the DOGS NSW site as follows:-

DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 8B “ANKC/CACIB” Shows

ANKC Ltd, from time to time, authorise FCI/CACIB Shows and prescribe Regulations for their conduct which are found at Section 6 of ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 5 Show.

That Section, as amended from time to time, has been adopted in its entirety as a Regulation of DOGS NSW and will apply to the conduct of any FCI/CACIB show held in NSW.

- 8.1 (a) The following order for the judging of Breed, Group and General Special Classes shall be adopted wherever practicable: Best Exhibit; Runner-Up to Best Exhibit; Baby Puppy; Special or Minor Puppy; Puppy; Junior; Intermediate; Novice; Graduate; Limit; State Bred; Australian Bred; Open; **Neuter, Runner Up to Best Neuter Exhibit, Best Puppy Neuter, Junior Neuter, Intermediate Neuter, Open Neuter.**
(12/16)

- (b) The judging of General Special Classes at any Recognised Show shall not commence until 10 minutes after the completion of all General Classes.
(11/02)

The Spring Fair Committee also relied upon the Regulations published on the ANKC site as follows:-

Section 8.1: Alternative In-Group and In-Show Placing System

Refers to Alternate in-Group and In-Show Placing System , which follows the FCI format and includes “Neuter”

NB: same methodology for judging as per FCI system

Dogs Australia Regulations Part 5: Conformation Shows, Section 9.1: Rules for the Conduct of FCI/CACIB Shows:

- 9.6.1 Breeds not recognised by FCI to be awarded a CACIB
- American Hairless Terrier;
 - Anatolian Shepherd Dog;
 - Tenterfield Terrier
 - Bluetick Coonhound

NB: we did not adhere to the above as it is an **incomplete list**

- 9.7.1 there is only a list of classes:
- Classes in which the CACIB **cannot** be awarded
 - Classes in which a CACIB **can** be awarded

Nowhere in the Regulations does Dogs Australia state the Classes listed that can be held as being the only ones allowed.

Observation:

It would appear that perhaps both DOGS NSW and Dogs Australia published Regulations are not up to date.

Please note:

- The judging of “Neuter” has always been separate to the judging of the other Classes of each.
- The CACIB will not be on offer to the Neuter class.

Hence: The option that may be able to accommodate the Exhibition of Neuters, which we are supposedly trying to promote amongst our members for exhibition could be:

- The competition for Neuter at the Friday show, which also awards Dogs Australia (ANKC) certificates and points, will be held in accordance with the Section 8 as a ‘Separate Show’ to align itself to the methodology of judging at the FCI CACIB show.
 - **All Neuter exhibits in each Group will be judged at the end of all other breeds in that Group and after the Group Specials for the Classes exhibited in the CACIB section.**
 - **Accordingly, the In-Show awards will follow that same pattern.**

The Executive Committee of Dogs Australia has now confirmed that a separate show for Neuters can be run in accordance with Dogs Australia Regulations.

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED R Privett

THAT the suggestion of the Chair of the Spring Fair Dog Show Committee to conduct Neuter Classes at the 2022 Spring Fair CACIB Show on the Friday be **endorsed**.

CARRIED

6.5.2 2022 Spring Fair Update

Director C Rafton gave an update on the arrangements for the Spring Fair as follows:--

- once the current Lithuanian Judges has been granted a visa, however, her Husband has not. The Committee is currently sourcing a replacement and contact with be made with the proposed replacement Judge tonight to take over that section of the judging.
- There are four (4) different ovals required for Lure Coursing and although St Ives was available the conditions of the grounds was unsuitable as a result of the recent Circus held there. Therefore, the Lure Coursing has had to be cancelled.
- Herding has also been cancelled due to inability to secure suitable grounds.
- Agility and Obedience –the Luddenham Showground can be used for the Saturday and Sunday and be shared with the GSD Fun Day. Booking has been made for the Saturday for Agility and the Sunday for Obedience, however, on the Sunday the dogs in the GSD Fun Day will be exhibited off leash and temperament tested with a starter pistol. A determination by the Obedience people is required as to whether they wish to proceed under these conditions.

Director K Hedberg BVSc agreed to speak with the GSD people to ascertain what time they will be doing the Gun Tests.

Director V Etherington requested advice be sought from the Operations Manager as to whether the GSDL grounds at Orchard Hills will be suitable for use for the Spring Fair Obedience in three (3) weeks' time.

6.6 Media & Government Legislation Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

6.6.1 DPI Puppy Purchasing/Social Research Project

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED P Cutler

THAT the Board **notes** the information provided by Dr Kim Filmer, Chief Animal Welfare Officer DPI in respect of the development of an education and awareness campaign to help safeguard the welfare of dogs, enhance buyer awareness in NSW and increase knowledge of the Breeding Code.

The President advised the meeting that she will be consulting with the Media Company appointed by the DPI next week and requested advice as to whether Directors knew of any unregistered breeders for comparison to DOGS NSW breeders.

6.6.2 Government Responsible Pet Ownership Meeting

Director K Hedberg BVSc advised the meeting that she will be attending the Government's Responsible Pet Ownership meeting next Friday 12 August 2022.

7. DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS – NIL

8. CORRESPONDENCE – NIL

9. BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – NIL

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Action List as @ 5 August 2022

For the Company Secretary: To ADD the appointment of Charity Directors to the Action List for future reference.

V Etherington left the meeting @ 4.56pm

MEETING CLOSED 5.00pm

**NEXT MEETING: Electronic Meeting Friday 26 August 2022
Face to Face Meeting Wednesday 14 September 2022 commencing @ 2.00pm**