



MINUTES of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held on **Wednesday 14 December 2022** commencing at **2.03pm**.

PRESENT:

L Brand	K Charnock
C Rafton	A McIlrath
R Harbin	S Mills
N Keck	G Vernon
J Sheppard	L Brown
G Spagnolo	S McFadden
K Hedberg BVSc	S Oliver
R Privett	

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

APOLOGIES: NIL

IN CAMERA

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED R Privett
SECONDED S Oliver
THAT the Minutes of the following Board Meetings, be **confirmed**
1.1 **Electronic Meeting – 25 November 2022**

CARRIED

2. GENERAL BUSINESS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CAMERA

2.1 Executive Committee Decisions

2.2 Operations Manager's Report – November 2022

MOVED G Vernon
SECONDED G Spagnolo
THAT the Operations Manager's Report for November 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

2.3 Finance Committee – 22/11/2022

2.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 8.1.2: Financial Statements as @ 31 October 2022

MOVED K Charnock
SECONDED A McIlrath
THAT Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-
THAT the Financial Statements as @ 31 October 2022 be approved by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

J Sheppard abstained

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2.3.2 Recommendation 2 Item 10.1.1: Australia Day 2023 – Staff Leave

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED L Brown

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

THAT the Office close on Friday 27 January 2023, being the day after the 2023 Australia Day public holiday, noting that Grounds staff will be exempt.

CARRIED

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 25 October 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

2.4 Compliance Investigative Panel – 16/11/2022

The Board noted that the Minutes of the Compliance Investigative Panel meeting held on 16 November 2022 have not yet been received in the Office.

2.5 Judges Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

2.6 Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report – November 2022

2.6.1 Ancillary Item 1: Current Bill before Parliament

Director L Brown sought advice as to the current status of advice to members in respect of the current Bill before Parliament.

The President advised that update information on the status of the Bill along with the names and contact details of Parliamentarians had been placed in Weekly Woof and DOGS NSW Magazine on a regular basis to encourage members to write to their members expressing their concern with the Bill.

The President advised that all members should be concerned and sought the support of Directors to encourage members in their areas.

MOVED J Sheppard

SECONDED G Spagnolo

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

CARRIED

2.7 Company Secretary's Report

2.7.1 Recommendations 1A & 1B – Item 1.1.1: DOGS NSW Regulations Part I-The Register & Registration, Sections 3 & 5 - AMENDMENT

2.7.1.1 Recommendation 1A

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Vernon

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part I-The Register & Registration, Section 3: Registraton – The Main Register, Clause 3.1, which currently reads:-

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SECTION 3

REGISTRATION - THE MAIN REGISTER

3.1 A dog shall only be eligible for registration in the main register if it is entire and true to type and:-

- (a) its sire and dam are each of the same breed and registered in the register, or
- (b) it is the progeny of a sire owned by a person not resident in the State and:
 - (i) it is registered in the register of a canine controlling body in the State or Territory in which such person resides;
 - (ii) its dam is registered in the main register;
 - (iii) there is delivered to the Secretary with the application for its registration in the main register a copy certified as such by such canine controlling body of the registered pedigree of such sire; and
 - (iv) such sire is registered in the main register; and
 - (v) the owner/s of such Main Registered sire is/are financial members of a Canine Controlling Body recognised by ANKC; or **(06/07)**

Be amended to read:-

SECTION 3

REGISTRATION - THE MAIN REGISTER

3.1 A dog shall only be eligible for registration in the Main Register if it is entire and true to type and:-

- (a) its Sire and Dam are each of the same breed and registered in the register
- ~~(b) it is the progeny of a sire owned by a person not resident in the State and:~~
 - ~~(i) it is registered in the register of a canine controlling body in the State or Territory in which such person resides;~~
 - ~~(ii) its Dam is registered in the Main Register;~~

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~~(iii) there is delivered to the Secretary with the application for its registration in the main register a copy certified as such by such canine controlling body of the registered pedigree of such sire; and~~

~~(ii)(iv) such~~ **its** Sire is registered in the Main Register; and

~~(iii)(v)~~ the owner/s of the Main Registered Sire is/are financial members of a Canine Controlling Body recognised by Dogs Australia; or

(12/22)

(b) it is the progeny of a Sire owned by a person not resident in the State and:-

(i) it is registered in the register of a Canine Controlling Body in the State or Territory in which such person resides;

(ii) the application for its registration in the Main Register is accompanied a copy certified by the Canine Controlling Body of the registered pedigree of the Sire; and

(12/22)

CARRIED

2.7.1.2 Recommendation 1B

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED S Oliver

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part I-The Register & Registration, Section 5: Registration – The Limited Register, Clause 5.1, be amended by the inclusion of additional Clauses (indicated in red text below) as follows:-

REGISTRATION - THE LIMITED REGISTER

5.1 A dog shall only be eligible for registration in the limited register if it is:-

- (a) ineligible for exhibition at a conformation show, or*
- (b) for any reason, not to be used for breeding purposes, or*
- (c) not entire or has been desexed, and*
- (d) not registered in the main register or the supplementary register, and*

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(e) *there is submitted a duly completed application for registration in such form accompanied by such fee as the Board of Directors may from time to time require.*

(f) **its Dam is registered in the Main Register; (12/22)**

(g) **its Sire is registered in the Main Register; and (12/22)**

(h) **the owner/s of the Main Registered Sire is/are financial members of a Canine Controlling Body recognised by Dogs Australia. (12/22)**

CARRIED

**2.7.2 Recommendations 2A, 2B, 2C & 2D – Item 1.1.2: DOGS NSW Regulations Part XI-
Inquiries, Investigations & Appeals, Section 7: Appeals, Clause 7.1 - AMENDMENT**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED L Brown

THAT Recommendations 2A, 2B, 2C & 2D, which read as follows, be **approved:-**

2.7.2.1 Recommendation 2A

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part XI-Inquiries, Investigations & Appeals, Section 7: Appeals, Clause 7.1, which currently reads:-

7.1 A member defendant or complainant may appeal to an Appeal Committee appointed by the Disputes Assessment Panel against the decision of the Committee pursuant to Section 6 of this Part of the Regulations within 7 days after a copy of the report is received by the member (as provided in Regulation 6.6 by lodging with the DOGS NSW Secretary a notice to that effect, provided that an appeal shall lie only on the grounds that:- (12/09)

Be amended to read:-

7.1 A ~~member~~ defendant or complainant may appeal to an Appeal Committee appointed by the Disputes Assessment Panel against the decision of the Committee pursuant to Section 6 of this Part of the Regulations within 7 days after a copy of the report is received by the member (as provided in Regulation 6.6 by lodging with the DOGS NSW Secretary a notice to that effect, provided that an appeal shall lie only on the grounds that:- (12/22)

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2.7.2.2 **Recommendation 2B**

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part XI-Inquiries, Investigations & Appeals, Section 7: Appeals, Clause 7.2(b), which currently reads:-

7.2(b) *Such appeal shall be commenced by the issue of a notice to that effect by the DOGS NSW Secretary and a copy of the Notice of Appeal shall be sent to the Member concerned within 7 days of its issue. (12/17)*

Be amended to read:-

7.2(b) Such appeal shall be commenced by the issue of a notice to that effect by the DOGS NSW Secretary and a copy of the Notice of Appeal shall be sent to the **Member defendant and complainant** concerned within 7 days of its issue. ~~(12/17)~~ **(12/22)**

CARRIED

2.7.2.3 **Recommendation 2C**

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part XI-Inquiries, Investigations & Appeals, Section 7: Appeals, Clause 7.4, which currently reads:-

7.4 *In the case of a decision of the Committee orally announced pursuant to paragraph (a) of Regulation 6.8, a member may appeal to an Appeal Committee appointed by the Disputes Assessment Panel against the decision of the Committee within 7 days of the date upon which the decision was announced by lodging with the DOGS NSW Secretary a notice to that effect, and subject also to the proviso set out in Regulation 7.1. (02/05), (12/09)*

Be amended to read:-

7.4 In the case of a decision of the Committee orally announced pursuant to paragraph (a) of Regulation 6.8, a **member defendant and complainant** may appeal to an Appeal Committee appointed by the Disputes Assessment Panel against the decision of the Committee within 7 days of the date upon which the decision was announced by lodging with the DOGS NSW Secretary a notice to that effect, and subject also to the proviso set out in Regulation 7.1. ~~(02/05), (12/09)~~ **(12/22)**

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2.7.2.4 **Recommendation 2D**

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part XI-Inquiries, Investigations & Appeals, Section 7: Appeals, Clause 7.10, which currently reads:-

7.10 A copy of the report of the Appeal Committee shall be sent to the member concerned by the DOGS NSW Secretary. (02/05)

Be amended to read:-

7.10 A copy of the report of the Appeal Committee shall be sent to the ~~member~~ **defendant and complainant** concerned by the DOGS NSW Secretary. ~~.(02/05)~~ **(12/22)**

CARRIED

2.7.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 1.1.3: DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics – Inclusion of an additional Clause**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Spagnolo

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics, be amended by the inclusion of an additional Clause, numbered Clause 32, to read as follows:-

32. No member has permission to contact Dogs Australia directly

and any breach of this Regulations will incur a penalty in accordance with DOGS NSW current penalty regime.

CARRIED

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED S Mills

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

CARRIED

2.11 **CJEP Examinations Committee – 19/11/2022**

2.11.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 6.1: Sub Group 4 Theory Examination Date**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Mills

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

THAT the Sub Group 4 Theory Examination timetabled for Tuesday 24 October 2023 be moved to Tuesday 15 October 2023 due to the World Dog Show and the CJEP Timetable to be updated with the new date.

CARRIED

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2.11.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 6.2: DOGS NSW Regulations Part III-2022/2023 Conformation Judges Education Program, Clause 9.3 - AMENDMENT**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Mills

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part III-2022/2023 Conformation Judges Education Program, Clause 9.3, which reads as follows:

9.3 *Where there is an FCI approved breed that is rarely seen in the show ring and has few or nil registrations (eg Caanan dog, Eurasier, Canadian Eskimo Dog, Shikoku), after attending a breed lecture, Trainees will sit an online open book exam for the selected breeds to be completed by the end of the relevant Sub Group. These breeds will not form part of the examined breeds in the Sub Group Theory Examination.*

Be amended to read:-

9.3 Where there is an FCI approved breed that is rarely seen in the show ring and has few or nil registrations (eg Caanan dog, Eurasier, Canadian Eskimo Dog, Shikoku), after attending a breed lecture, Trainees will sit an online open book exam for the selected breeds to be completed by the end of the relevant Sub Group **no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled Sub Group Theory Examination**. These breeds will not form part of the examined breeds in the Sub Group Theory Examination

CARRIED

2.11.4 **Recommendation 4 – Item 6.3: DOGS NSW Regulations Part III-2022/2023 Conformation Judges Education Program – NEW CLAUSE 10.14(a)**

MOVED S Mills

SECONDED C Rafton

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part III-2022/2023 Conformation Judges Education Program, be amended by the inclusion of an additional Clause, numbered 10.14(a), to read as follows:-

10.14(a) *Trainees will be notified of the breeds they will be examined on 30 minutes before the Practical Examination is scheduled to start. Trainees may revise their standards and make their own notes during this time. The Practical Examination commences when Trainees step into the examination ring and time is started. The Practical Examination for that breed or Group is completed when the last Trainee has been questioned by the Assessor Panel.*

CARRIED

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2.11.5 **Recommendation 5 – Item 6.4: : DOGS NSW Regulations Part III-2022/2023
Conformation Judges Education Program – NEW CLAUSE 10.19**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Charnock

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part III-2022/2023 Conformation Judges Education Program, be amended by the inclusion of an additional Clause, numbered 10.19, to read as follows:-

*10.19 Should a Trainee Judge provide documentation such as a medical certificate, to the satisfaction of the Member Body CJEP Examinations Committee, that they were incapacitated or medically unfit causing inability to attend on the date of a scheduled Practical Examination, the CJEP Examinations Committee may then permit the Trainee Judge to complete a Post Examination at a time to be scheduled by the CJEP Examinations Committee. The Trainee Judge must notify the CJEP Examinations Committee as soon as practicable but **no later** than the commencement time of the Trainee's Practical Examination.*

CARRIED

Director R Privett left the meeting @ 4.50pm

2.11.6 **Recommendation 6 – Item 6.5: DOGS NSW Regulations Part III-2022/2023
Conformation Judges Education Program, Clause 12.2 - AMENDMENT**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED J Sheppard

THAT legal advice be sought as to what is considered to be a reasonable timeframe for an appeal.

CARRIED

2.11.9 **Recommendation 9 – Item 6.8: 2023 Practical Examinations**

MOVED S Mills

SECONDED L Brown

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

THAT the published time frame for the 2023 Practical Examinations becomes Tuesday 17 October - Tuesday 7 November 2023.

CARRIED

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED SW Mills

THAT the Minutes of the CJEP Examinations Committee meeting, held on 19 November 2022, be received.

CARRIED

Director K Charnock left the meeting @ 5.05pm

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3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

4. **JUDICIAL MATTERS**

4.1 **Judicial Co-ordinator's Report**

4.1.1 **Inquiry Table**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED G Spagnolo

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

CARRIED

4.1.2 **Disputes Assessment Panel Report – 27/10/2022**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Report of the Disputes Assessment Panel meeting held on 27 October 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

OPEN MEETING

5. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

5.1 **Removal of Tail Docking Reference – Dogs Australia Breed Standards – R Privett**

THAT all references to "Tail Docking" be removed from the Dogs Australia Breed Standards website or at least a disclaimer to state that Tail Docking is not permitted in Australia.

Director K Hedberg BVSc advised that the Motion should include the words "*with due recognition to Natureal Bob Tails*".

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED L Brown

THAT the above Motion be forwarded to as an **Agenda Item for the Dogs Australia February 2023 Special Board meeting**.

CARRIED

5.2 **Update of Dogs Australia Breed Standards – R Privett**

THAT all Dogs Australia Breed Standards be updated as soon as practical after submission and an Action Sheet be implemented as a way for members to view progress through the process.

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED L Brown

THAT the above Motion be forwarded to as an **Agenda Item for the Dogs Australia February 2023 Special Board meeting**.

CARRIED

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6. MONTHLY REPORTS

6.1 Conformation Judges Training Committee – 3/11/2022

MOVED S Mills

SECONDED N Keck

THAT the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 3 November 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.2 DOGS NSW Health & Welfare Committee

6.2.1 Committee Appointment

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED N Keck

THAT Professor **Claire Wade** be **appointed** as a member of the DOGS NSW Health & Welfare Committee.

CARRIED

6.3 Members Education Committee – 6/12/2022

6.3.1 Recommendations 1 to 3 – Item 7.1: Members Education Course Commencement & First Theory Examination Dates

6.3.1.1 Recommendation 1

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED S Oliver

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

THAT the Members Education Course begin from 16 January 2023 as an ongoing “rolling scheme” with the first examination date to be in March 2023. The examination dates to coincide with the Prefix examinations, being the 4th Tuesday of each month.

CARRIED

6.3.1.2 Recommendation 2

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Vernon

THAT the issue of the relevant fee for the 2023 Members Education Course be **REFERRED** to the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

6.3.1.3 Recommendation 3

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Vernon

THAT the issue of the relevant fee for the 2023 Members Education Course be **REFERRED** to the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

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MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Minutes of the Members Education Committee meeting held on 6 December 2022 be received.

CARRIED

6.4 Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee

6.4.1 Meeting 4/11/2022

6.4.1.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 2: New Judges

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED N Keck

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

THAT the following people be placed on the appropriate Judges List:-

Catherine Crouch	CCD
Alison McCann	CCD
Kaye Arkins	CD
Jake Blight	Open
Sandra Gluck	Open
Phill Evans	UD

CARRIED

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED L Brown

THAT the Minutes of the Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee meeting held on 4 November 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.4.2 Meeting 4/12/2022

6.4.2.1 Recommendations 1 & 2 – Item 7.9: DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI: Judges-Performance Disciplines - AMENDMENT

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED N Keck

THAT Recommendations 1 & 2, which read as follows, be **approved**:-

6.4.2.1.1 Recommendation 1

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI: Judges – Performance Disciplines, Section 2 – Entrance Qualifications, which currently reads as follows:-

2.1.8.5 have personally trained a dog to Rally Excellent Title, applied and been granted the dog's title and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors.

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Be amended to read:-

- 2.1.8.5 have personally trained a dog to Rally ~~Excellent~~ **Master** Title, applied and been granted the dog's title and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

6.4.2.1.2 **Recommendation 2**

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI: Judges – Performance Disciplines, Section 5 - DOGS NSW Obedience Judges Training & Examination Scheme, which currently reads as follows:-

Section 5.6: Eligibility

- 6.4.2.3 *The applicant must have judged at, at least, three (3) recognised Community Companion All Breeds Obedience Club Trials and supply details prior to the Practical Examination.*

Be amended to read:

Section 5.6: Eligibility

- 6.4.2.3 The applicant must have judged at, at least, ~~three (3)~~ **six (6)** recognised Community Companion All Breeds Obedience Club Trials and supply details prior to the Practical Examination.

CARRIED

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Minutes of the Obedience & Tracking Judges Committee meeting held on 4 December 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.5 **Public Relations Committee – 17/11/2022**

6.5.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 6.1: Committee Membership**

MOVED S Mills

SECONDED S Oliver

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

THAT the following two (2) new members be approved to join the Public Relations Committee:-

- Mrs T Donnelly
- Ms S Kearnes

CARRIED

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MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on 7 November 2022 be received.

CARRIED

6.6 Regional Committees Working Party

6.6.1 Committee Appointments

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED AMcIlrath

THAT the following persons be appointed as members of the Regional Committee Working Party:-

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Sandra Taylor | Illawarra & South East Region |
| • Vickie Harris | Northern Region |
| • Simon Mills | Southern Region |
| • Michelle Beyier | Southern Region |
| • Nancy Keck | Western Region |
| • Gail Keegan | Western Region |

CARRIED

6.7 Show Committee – 6/12/2022

6.7.1 Recommendations 1A & 1B – Item 3.5: Aggressive Dogs

6.7.1.1 Recommendation 1A

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

THAT all entry platforms record the microchip numbers of dogs, so that if an aggressive dog incident occurs the Office can have the correct records for that particular dog.

CARRIED

6.7.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 3.9: The Great Cattle Dog Muster Report & Request for Sponsorship in 2023

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

THAT:-

- (I) The Australian Cattle Dog Society of NSW and the Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog Club of NSW be approached and given permission to hold a Championship Show in conjunction with the Cattle Dog Muster for 2023.
- (II) No Challenge Certificates to be issued by Tamworth Kennel Club Inc or Blacktown Kennel & Training Club Inc for Australian Cattle Dogs or Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dogs for 2023 as they are being held on the same weekend as the Cattle Dog Muster.

CARRIED

C Rafton abstained

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6.7.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 5.3: Complex Fundraising Working Party – 2023 Show Dates

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED S Oliver

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

THAT the DOGS NSW Complex Fundraising Working Party be given permission to conduct 4 x Championship Shows on the June Long weekend at Orchard Hills, being 1 x Friday 9 June 2023, 2 x Saturday 10 June 2023 & 1 x Sunday 11 June 2023.

CARRIED

6.7.5 Recommendation 9 – Item 9.3: Agricultural Shows

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Mills

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

THAT no further Agricultural shows be approved to hold 2 shows. If approved by the Board a Weekly Woof Notice to be completed.

CARRIED

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 6 December 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

6.8 Sporting Committee

6.8.1 Appointment of Convenor, Lure Coursing Working Party

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT Jacki Louise Winders be **appointed** as Convenor of the Lure Coursing Working Party.

CARRIED

6.9 Spring Fair Dog Show Committee – 30/11/2022

6.9.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 5.1: Show Budget – Bunnings BBQ

MOVED S Mills

SECONDED N Keck

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

THAT the Spring Fair Dog Show Committee be authorised to apply to run Bunnings BBQ.

CARRIED

6.9.2 Recommendations 2 & 3 – Item 6: Specialty Shows

6.9.2.1 Recommendation 2

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

THAT a notice be placed in the Weekly Woof advising Clubs of the opportunity to hold a 3rd Championship Show on the Thursday prior to the Spring Fair utilising a sub contract of one of the Spring Fair Judges.

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6.9.2.2 Recommendation 3

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED G Spagnolo

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

THAT Club/s wishing to move their existing Breed or Group Specialty and using an already contracted Judge be permitted to change that Specialty date to the Thursday prior to the Spring Fair as a means of holding a major 'cluster' of Championship shows to contribute to a larger Spring Fair entry.

CARRIED

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Minutes of the Spring Fair Dog Show Committee meeting held on 30 November 2022 be **received**.

CARRIED

7. DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS

7.1 Dogs Australia October 2022 Board Minutes – Items for consideration/noting

7.1.1 FCI Youth Group – refer to Jnr Kennel Club

The meeting agreed that this Item be referred to the Junior Kennel Club for input.

7.1.2 Infectious Diseases or Viruses – NOTED

7.1.3 Proprietary Interest – NOTED

7.1.4 National Lure Coursing Delegate

The Board noted the National Lure Coursing Delegate will be Ms Jacki Louise Winders as per Item 6.8.1, above.

7.1.5 National Obedience Delegate

The Board confirmed that the National Obedience Delegate will now be Mrs Pauline Hartwell.

7.1.6 National RAFT Delegate

The Board confirmed that the National RAFT Delegate will now be Mr Paul Hamson.

7.1.7 National Show Judges Training Delegate

The Board confirmed that the Nation Show Judges Training Delegate is Mr Peter Cutler.

7.1.8 National Code of Practice – Clause 13

The Board requested Clause 13 of the National Code of Practice include a reference to the differing legislation in the various States.

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7.1.9 Reserve In Group Points

The Board requested that the Regulations governing Reserve In Group Points include the words “must be a challenge winner”.

7.1.10 Overseas Judges Application Form - NOTED

7.2 Notice of Dogs Australia February 2023 Special Board Meeting

The Board noted the advice of the Dogs Australia February 2023 Special Board Meeting and that the Agenda closes Friday 16 October 2022.

7.4 Electronic Motion #204 – National Judges Code of Practice – New Clause 22 - **APPROVED**

The Board noted the approval of Electronic Motion #204 – National Judges Code of Practice New Clause 22.

7.5 Best of Breed & Challenge Certificates – Interstate Exhibitors

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED J Sheppard

THAT those Clubs on the Victorian Border be advised that they will need to **have a stock of Dogs Australia official Best of Breed Certificates** available at their shows and provide hard copy certificates to Interstate exhibitors.

CARRIED

7.6 Media Alert – RFS Program

The Board noted the Media Alert for the RFS Program Presentation and that this information had been published in the DOGS NSW Weekly Woof, on the website and other media platforms.

8. CORRESPONDENCE – NIL

9. BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – NIL

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.3 Advice to Member via Facebook

Director R Harbin questioned whether the DOGS NSW Weekly Woof and Magazine were reaching a sufficient portion of our membership and suggested a more suitable and reliable method might be via Facebook.

The President drew to the attention of the Directors that the fee for the months of November and December payable to Llewellyn Communications can be used for Ms Sheridan Cook to develop a Social Media Strategy and build awareness to our members and the public.

Director L Brown suggested an online webinar to distribute important information to members may be an option.

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MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Board accepts Ms Sheridan Cook's offer that she is prepared to start to create a Facebook Page for consumers as well as members over the December/January period, particularly with the Puppy Farm Bill being held over to March next year, she has the time to work on other areas of DOGS NSW to build our profile.

CARRIED

MEETING CLOSED

6.41pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday in February, ie, 1 February 2023 commencing @ 2.00pm

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