



2010 Presidents & Secretaries Meeting

Minutes of a Meeting held Sunday 6 June 2010 at the Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs

MEETING OPENED 11.00am

The Chairman, Frank Pieterse welcomed those Members in attendance, introduced those Directors present and provided a summary of the purpose of the day.

IN ATTENDANCE

Agility Dog Club of NSW	R Jones
Asian Breeds Club	J Mortimer
Australian Shepherd Assoc of NSW	M Tolar
Australian Silky Terrier Club Northern NSW	L Knight & J Ovens
Basenji Club of NSW	R & K Eldred
Basset Hound Club of NSW	J O'Flynn
Bearded Collie Club of NSW	K Finlayson & L Brandt
Border Collie Club of NSW	R Keniry & A Moy
Boxer Club of NSW	M Johnston & B Santas
Chihuahua Club of NSW	B Stepkovitch
Cocker Spaniel Society of NSW	R Thomas
Combined Northern Canine Committee	T Couchman
County of Cumberland Kennel Assoc	P Scales
Deer Bush Dog Training Club	D Potter & R Richardson
Dobermann Club of NSW	W Meier & K Fung
Eastern Suburbs Dog Training Club	G Moore
English Springer Spaniel Assoc of NSW	K Andrew-Jones
Flat Face Toy Dog Club	S Oliver & J Jones
Fox Terrier Club of NSW	R Preece-Harvey
German Shepherd Dog League	T & P Jarvis & F Stokes
Golden Retriever Club of NSW	G Moore & R Britten
Great Joint Terrier Show of NSW	V Regner
Greater Western All Breeds & Agility Club	P Sherman, R Cavanagh & E Sykes
Gundog Society	K Griffin
Hawksbury Kennel Club	C Baker & D Thorpe
Hills District Kennel & Training Club	R Pollock & V Gresser
Ku-Ring-Gai Kennel Club	D Price

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Ladies Kennel Association of NSW	B Stepkovitch
Liverpool Kennel Club	H Pedersen
Lowchen Club of NSW	L Shanahan & B Brown
Miniature Schnauzer Club of NSW	D Ritzau & R Hodder
Neapolitan Mastiff Club of NSW	B Wilson
Newfoundland Club of NSW	S Spence & M Rogers
NSW Herding Association	K Finlayson
Old English Sheepdog Club NSW	P Ellis
Parramatta & Districts All Breeds Kennel Club	J O'Flynn
Penrith Kennel & Obedience Club	Y Spek & H Mann
Pomeranian Club of NSW	L Bond
Poodle Club of NSW	L Boyd & L Perry
Rylstone Kandos & District Dog Club	K Keck
Scottish Terrier Club of NSW	M Foord & J Mayne
Shetland Sheepdog Club of NSW	M Young & I Ferguson
Siberian Husky Club of NSW	M Lette & A Peterson
St George District Kennel Club	T Couchman & B Stepkovitch
Sydney Kennel Club	K Eldred
T & G All Breeds Dog Club	B Stepkovitch
Tibetan Spaniel Club of NSW	D Warders
Tibetan Terrier Assoc of NSW	P Mortimer & P Ellis
Tuggerah Lakes Kennel & Obedience Club	M Arthur & T Couchman
Utility Dog Club of NSW	J Larven
Welsh Corgi Club of NSW	C Mann
Western Suburbs Dog Training Club	J Humphrey
West Highland White Terrier Club of NSW	V Regner & S Duncan
Working Dog Club of NSW	P Ellis

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Arthur M
Britten R
Couchman T
Gunter L
Keck N
Mann C
Mulcahy J
Parker M
Pieterse F

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Howie G

APOLOGIES:

Aust Kelpie Club of NSW Inc
Dubbo & District Kennel Club
English Springer Spaniel Club of NSW
Fox Terrier Club of NSW
Golden Retriever Club of NSW
Gosford City Canine Club
Hunter Region Working Dog Club
Manly and District Kennel and Dog Training Club Inc
Neapolitan Mastiff Club of NSW
Newcastle & Merewether Combined Canine
Newcastle & Northern District K C
Newcastle Toy & All Breeds Club
NSW Samoyed Club
Pomeranian Club of NSW
Queanbeyan District Dog Training Club
Schnauzer Club of NSW
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Breed Club of NSW
Southern Highlands Kennel and Obedience Club Inc
Tweed River Canine Club
Utility Dog Club of NSW
Wagga Wagga All Breeds Kennel Club
Werriwa All Breeds Dog Training Club Inc
Working Dog Club of NSW

OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR TO DATE

The Chairman, Frank Pieterse then spoke to the meeting and gave a summary of the year to date, including the following points:

- 2009/2010 finances are in a good position
- Board is optimistic of obtaining a profit by end June 2010
- Overall the Company is in a strong financial position, with no debt
- Stage 2 – Online Services for Members is proving successful
- General misunderstanding concerning the lease arrangement on the Complex - the lease document has been signed and is with the Government for signature/completion
- The boundary fence has been replaced which is part of the lease agreement to maintain the property
- The road near the dam will be completely replaced and work is due to commence end of June. In the mean time the major potholes have been filled.

- Dogs NSW Open day, 12 June 2010, has approximately 52 Breed Clubs attending
- Show Committee is functioning well, no problems with dates of show, apart from the latest issue with the proposed Sydney Royal 2011 BIS date (Easter Sunday) conflicting with the Breed Specialties being held on the same day
- Show Committee are conducting an emergency meeting this coming Monday night, and have contacted the RAS to negotiate to move BIS to Easter Monday
- Litigation – currently being sued in Supreme Court by the owner of a Rottweiler over an incident earlier this year on the grounds of denial of natural justice. The impact of any decision may mean change of procedures in aggressive dog hearings
- Complaint to Human Rights Commission – member using mobility scooter to exhibit their dogs. The safety issues are being investigated
- Health issues in pure bred dogs - Dogs NSW should be out selling the benefits of pure bred dogs. The major issues from the BBC program concentrated on the health and welfare of pure bred dogs. Dogs NSW would like to work with the various Government authorities, however if they are going to criticise the pure bred dog they are going to have to produce the scientific evidence to substantiate their claims
- Dr Peter Higgins is out there selling Dogs NSW and pure bred dogs to the public on radio and TV. There is a proposal before the ANKC to make his work national, which is currently being considered by all ANKC Member Bodies.
- Herald article – number of unwanted pets that are being euthanased each year. Dogs NSW is trying to work on a rationale solution rather than the emotional debate from Animal Liberationists.
- Senior Vice Chairman, Tom Couchman then spoke on the issue of rescheduling the shows around Easter 2011 due to the RAS scheduling the Royal judging forward one week and BIS being held on Easter Monday

KEY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

1. Dogs NSW Regulations, Part II – Show, section 19, Extreme Weather & Safety Guidelines Regulations.

Senior Vice Chairman, Tom Couchman, spoke on the new Regulations, with the following points noted:

- a) Whose responsibility is it to police the non smoking regulations, as these extra tasks may be a burden on the small number of workers?
The affiliate conducting the show or the show officials will be responsible. The reasons for introducing the no smoking within the assembly area of a ring or within an area of 10 metres from the entrance to a ring is that many persons objecting to passive smoking
- b) To expect clubs to police this is unreasonable.
It was taken from the school policy of 10 m from gates.
- c) Will Dogs NSW be placing signs under the awnings of each ring?

Suggestion will be considered, however it should be noted that shows are not only held at Erskine Park, Castle Hill and Hillsborough but at many country venues.

2. Affiliates Insurance.

Chairman, Frank Pieterse spoke on this issue, with the following points noted:

- Purchase of group insurance, Public liability and Voluntary Workers, to cover all Affiliates
- ASIC may determine that Dogs NSW is providing financial advice by the group purchase of these policies
- ASIC exemption under Group Class, however Dogs NSW needs to set up the mechanism to provide information to Affiliates, which includes:
 - Information to ensure that affiliates are fully aware that Dogs NSW have in fact paid the insurance
 - Affiliates do not need to do anything Dogs NSW need to organize
 - Advise all Affiliates that they can opt out of the Group Insurance however notice will have to be submitted to Dogs NSW by a date to be determined and provide proof of current insurance cover
 - Information needs to be published in the Gazette and on the website
- The current policies have been renewed as of 1 March 2010
- The current excess of \$2,500, if claim is successful, was raised and Dogs NSW was requested to obtain costs if the excess was reduced to \$0.
 - Some small Breed Clubs would not be able to pay the \$2,500 excess, would the Board look at each individual case?
- Vendors must have own Public Liability insurance
- Obedience Clubs are covered for both trials and training
- Voluntary workers policy covers Dogs NSW members or members of the Affiliate that are working in an official capacity for that Affiliate

3. Hearing of Complaints lodged on the day of a show

Senior Vice Chairman, Tom Couchman, spoke on the new Regulations, with the following points noted:

- Complaint against a person - \$50
- Complaint against a dog - \$20
- Complaint lodged by a Show Official on the day i.e. Judge/Steward – no fee
- Complaints must be lodged on the day of the event
- Complaints are to be forwarded to Dogs NSW within 3 days

4. Hearing of Aggressive Dog Matters on the Day of the Show.

Senior Vice Chairman, Tom Couchman, spoke on the new Regulations, with the following points noted:

- The proposed new Aggressive Dog regulations have been deferred
- Revised check list and guidelines are being drafted
- When complete the information will be published in Gazette
- The hearing should be held as soon as possible
- All activities in the ring should stop until the matter is heard
- The hearing on the day is an interim procedure and the binding decision is the one recorded by the Board within 2 months
- Inquiry must still be held, even if either of the parties are not available i.e. left the grounds
- The dog and owner must be able to be identified

5. RNSWCC Representative Reporting.

CEO, Christine Davis spoke on this issue, with the following points noted:

The person appointed as a RNSWCC Show Representative should not be:

- a member of the Affiliate or licensee conducting the show
- a relative of any member of the Committee of the Affiliate, Dogs NSW Committee or Licensee conducting such Show
- an Official or a relative of an Official other than a Steward of such Show
- a Junior Member

The Show Representative report is to be submitted to Dogs NSW within seven (7) days of the show

The RNSWCC Representative should attend and observe any inquiry in relation to an Aggressive Dog Incident for the purposes of reporting only.

6. Annual Reports – Submission to Dogs NSW.

CEO, Christine Davis spoke on this issue, with the following points noted:

The requirements for Affiliates to comply with the Regulations Part X were discussed and all of those present indicated that they were aware of what had to be submitted and when.

Question for consideration:

Is it possible for Dogs NSW to obtain a financial software program that can be used by all Affiliates to ensure that the accounts are maintained in the same format?

7. Returns after Shows.

CEO, Christine Davis spoke on this issue, with the following points noted:

What is required?

- Marked Catalogue (*required within 14 days of date of show*)
- Show Results (*required within 14 days of date of show*)
- Administration Levy (*required within 14 days of date of show*)
- Absenteeism Report is required only for those dogs that:
 - were awarded BOB and were absent from BIG judging and/or Class In Group without written consent
 - were awarded BIG and/or Class In Group and were absent from BIS or Class In Show without written consent

Any of the above absentees have their award, prizes & Challenges automatically cancelled

(required within 3 working days of date of show)

Suggestions for consideration:

- *Can the Show Results be formatted electronically?*
- *Is it possible to have the Draft Show Pack electronically on the website?*

7. Club Administration – Constitutional matters which affect members.

Chairman, Frank Pieterse spoke on this issue, with the following points noted:

- The mandatory objectives in each Affiliates Constitution can be added to but none are to be deleted
- Obedience clubs may add “to promote obedience and agility” however they should not be promoting cross breeds
- Proxy votes are not permitted unless they are defined in the Affiliates Constitution
- Affiliates were reminded that if they are an Incorporated Body they are required to comply with the Incorporations Act, their Constitution and Dogs NSW Regulations
- Complaints and issues within the Club need to be addressed and/or resolved by the Affiliate in the first instance. Dogs NSW will not provide advice or an opinion on internal club issues, unless any of Dogs NSW Regulations appear to be in breach
- New Incorporation Associations Act – able to be viewed from link below:
http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/Cooperatives_and_associations/Associations/Associations_legislation/Changes_to_associations_legislation.html
- Those present were advised that any information in regard to incorporated bodies could be obtained from the following link:
http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/Cooperatives_and_associations/Associations.html

Luncheon Break - 12.40 pm

Meeting Reconvened - 1.15pm

8. Questions on Notice

8.1 Flat Face Toy Club of NSW

That Clubs be allowed to conduct Open Shows and Puppy Clinics on the same day as Championship Shows. This would allow Clubs to invite up and coming new Judges to gain experience in handling dogs on a competitive basis without the constraints of full competition.

This would allow both Clubs and exhibitors to interact in a friendlier atmosphere.

This practice was previously allowed but has been withdrawn without notice or understanding to the Clubs, who utilised this facility to interact with new judging personnel.

Points raised:

- *All clubs may conduct open shows or puppy clinics on the same day as their Championship shows.*
- *Breed clubs may only cater for their own respective breed*
- *What can be done to permit a breed club to conduct open shows for breeds other than that which they cater for?*
- *Answer: Requires a Special Resolution to change the RNSWCC Constitution, at an AGM, which requires 75% of those members present and proxy votes presented to be approved*

8.2 Australian Silky Terrier Club of Northern NSW

That the Limited Register to be policed more.

Rationale:

This is an idea on how this could be done, through the Companion Animal Act, but would really like to see the management come through Dogs NSW or in conjunction with both.

The following list of requirements that would not only help with:

- 1.) The spread of unwanted dogs,*
- 2.) Unwanted pregnancies.*
- 3.) Cross breeding.*
- 4.) Unregistered breeding / Back yard breeders*
- 5.) Unsafe breeding*

This would be long term, before all would be ideal but it must start soon. The sooner desexing of dogs on a LR is made mandatory and Breeders agree to All dogs going to a pet home be desexed the better for all breeds. Only entire MR dogs be sold to Prefixed registered breeders that also meet, Dogs NSW Code of Ethics.

As a registered Vet Nurse and have seen some bad breeding practices and shocking problems come from miss management from owners. I do believe that a lot of this could be fixed, if the problem is properly looked at.

Many of those present spoke against the above suggestion and the following points were noted:

- *This restriction would only reduce the intake of new members*
- *In doing so would only play into the hands of animal liberationists*
- *Pure bred numbers on decline and only account 2% of dogs in Australia*
- *Restricted sale agreements and contracts fundamentally restricts sale of pure bred dogs and promotes the purchase of designer dogs*
- *Sale of pure bred dogs should be more accessible*
- *We all start with the purchase of a pet with Main Registration then become involved in showing*

Limited register, how do I as a show secretary recognize that a LR dog is entered at a show?

All dogs on the Limited Register are indicated as 2100000000LR

Does Dogs NSW contact the breeder if a dog is being moved from the Limited Register to the Main Register?

No, all transactions and signatures are 'on trust'. Breeders can request, in writing, that a flag be placed on dog's record, if they want to be contacted if an application is received, to move the dog from the Limited to the Main or for any dog that is owned or co-owned for any transactions.

The matter of the Council requiring full registration fees to be paid for an entire male dog, where the owner does not have a registered prefix.

This is a Local Government requirement and not Dogs NSW.

Siberian Husky Club; the goal of breed rescue is to reduce the number of unwanted dogs. Breed Clubs need to take on the responsibility of owner education and to focus on this important aspect and follow through.

Any changes to the Limited Register restrictions would need to be approved by ANKC.

8.3 Tweed River Canine Club

- 8.3.1 A request that Dogs NSW provides a weekend Stewards training course here on the Tweed.

Rationale:

While we continue to grow in terms of numbers of Championship Shows (our beautiful Murwillumbah Showground now hosts 4 triple and one Ag Show each year), and in terms of numbers of entries to these shows, our loyal band of helpers is small.

There are few trained stewards, making the work load over a 3 day event quite heavy for those who are available.

We have a number of people interested in becoming stewards if training is available.

We are sure that we can attract a large number of trainees from clubs in neighbouring areas. We can provide a course venue and any audio-visual aids necessary to assist run the course.

Request to be forwarded to the Stewards Committee for consideration.

- 8.3.2 To encourage young people to enter the sport we ask Dogs NSW to provide personnel to conduct Junior Handler Workshops over the weekend of our March 2011 Championship Shows.

Request to be forwarded to the Junior Handlers Working Party.

8.4 Scottish Terrier Club of NSW

- 8.4.1 Review fee structure.

The fees particularly for associates are too high. The only people who join Dogs NSW are those who have to either show dogs or register litters. There is evidence that many who enter the show ring aren't members either. The smaller the membership, the larger the fees to cover Dogs NSW expenses.

- 8.4.2 Fees for non exhibiting members are too high. Barrier to broader membership.

- 8.4.4 Exhibitor fees are very high. A barrier to new exhibitors. Consider a first year reduced fee to encourage new people into the ring.

The following points were raised:

- Trial membership
- Breeder join new puppy owner at discounted price
- Any reduction would affect the Annual budgets

- Expenses do not reduce i.e. staff, maintenance, grounds, day to day operational costs etc.
- All members receive a monthly journal
- Fee for Associate membership is set in the RNSWCC Constitution

8.4.5 Faster processing of paperwork

No example given as to the instigation of this matter, currently processing time is 5 working days.

- 8.4.6 The process for clubs when submitting a complaint. Our club recently alerted Dogs NSW to a registered breeder who was advertising that whilst a registered breeder, the pups were not. Initially the response was positive; however the formal outcome was disappointing. Then we were told that we would have to pay the \$50 complaint fee if we raised issues in future. The \$50 was to prevent personal abuse of the complaints process by individuals. It should never be apply to a Breed Club who is raising a serious legitimate issue.

The current Dogs NSW Regulations Part IX, clause 3.4 (a) determines that a fee is applicable:

- 3.4 (a) *Until the Board of Directors otherwise determines, a lodgement fee of \$50.00 is payable upon the lodgement of a complaint with the Dogs NSW Secretary. (02/05)*
- (b) *The Board of Directors may determine that in particular circumstances the fee referred to in (a) shall be waived.*

- 8.4.7 Dogs NSW must focus on Cross Breeds and breeders who are not registering their litters. The sale of dogs on the web and through pet shops is rapidly increasing threatening some breeds existence. If this trend continues, there will be little incentive to import stock or semen and it will result in the gene pool shrinking with associated health consequences.

F Pieterse spoke on this issue and stated that we need to promote what we do and that we do it well. This is one of the goals of the voluntary accredited breeds program. This is one of the goals of the voluntary accredited breeds program.

Request put forward to have an additional watermark on the Limited Register certificate "Not for breeding or export".

8.5 Tweed River Canine Club, Coffs Harbour and Lismore

Suggest the rotation of the location for the Presidents and Secretaries meetings each year.

- *The above suggestion will be considered by the Board along with the suggestions of video or phone conferences*
- *Meetings could be held in each Region before the Metropolitan meeting*

8.6 Penrith Kennel & Obedience Club

American Staffordshire Terrier or Pit Bull Terrier?

How do Kennel & Obedience Clubs stand with respect to accepting American Staffordshire Terriers and crosses thereof, and refusing membership to Pit Bulls and crosses thereof?

Rationale:

Penrith Kennel & Obedience Club used to have a lot of Pit Bull crosses wishing to join the club for obedience training. Since Pit Bulls have become a restricted breed and are required to be muzzled in public Penrith Kennel & Obedience Club declines membership to that breed, both for the safety of that dog if it is attacked whilst muzzled, and also for the ease of the general membership who are nervous of the breed. Being a restricted breed it is illegal to breed Pit Bulls, Penrith Kennel & Obedience Club has therefore taken the view Pit Bull crosses are an illegal dog and we do not except them in the club.

It seems now the general public has cottoned on to the illegality of Pit Bull crosses, and as a result Penrith Kennel & Obedience Club now has many people wishing to join with Am Staffs without papers (pure breed but the breeder wanted extra for the papers, or they weren't registered) or Am Staff crosses.

We currently have a dog which is supposed to be an American Stafford without papers (breeder wanted extra for papers) that is lifetime registered on the C.A.R. as a Staffordshire Bull Terrier (which it is not).

Pounds and rescue organisations are also selling the public these dogs as Am Staffs or Am Staff crosses and also some very suspect Staffordshire crosses.

Does DOGS NSW know where clubs stand in trying to decide whether a dog is an American Stafford without papers, a cross there of, or a Pit Bull or cross thereof.

- *As a pit bull is not to be bred from, a pit bull cross is an illegal dog, the club will not accept any pit bull crosses for training, however since then the club has had an influx of Amstaff crosses or Staffy crosses.*
- *Can Dogs NSW do anything to try and stop the rehoming establishments selling dogs as Amstaff or Staffy crosses?*

- The Chairman advised that Dogs NSW would need to investigate the possible legal aspects of stating that a particular dog was a pit bull cross, therefore a legal opinion would be required.
- **The breed should be that which is stated on the microchip documentation.**
- If the Council issues a Notice of Intent then the owner of the dog is required to undertake a breed assessment in order to identify the breed or cross breed of his/her dog. If the dog in question has been assessed as a pit bull or pit bull cross then a temperament test is required.
- Training clubs are not dealing with dogs that have been the subject of a breed assessment.

8.7 Hills District Kennel & Training Club

That the Obedience and Tracking Committee have 2 open meetings a year for Triallers and/or clubs to attend, to discuss problems or make suggestions to improve our sport.

Request to be forwarded to the Obedience & Tracking Committee for consideration.

8.9 Cattle, Kelpie, Border Collie and German Shepherd Dog Club

Discuss the condition and plans to repair the exit road at the Complex.

CEO's Note: the Board of Directors have approved the expenditure to replace this road structure and the contractors has advised that the work is to commence end June. The major pot holes in the existing road have been filled.

Noted.

8.10 Bearded Collie Club of NSW

The current Dogs NSW Office policy which sees items not included on the Agenda for consideration of a Committee if they arrive less than a week before the scheduled meeting.

Rationale:

Many Clubs only meet bi-monthly - often because they have a small membership and do not have many members residing close to each other. Club official are volunteers, who have jobs, families & homes to attend to, and these need to take priority over Club business. So when the correspondence from a meeting is finally attended to, it may arrive at the DNSW Office before the meeting of the relevant Committee, but if it is not over a week before, it will not be included in the agenda for that month's meeting and will wait another month. Once a Committee deals with an issue, the Club is not notified of the outcome until after the Committee's minutes are presented and approved by the next Board meeting. Hence the answer the Club is seeking may take many months to arrive and

finally be presented to a meeting, by which time the voluntary workers are thinking "why do we bother". This policy is causing unnecessary and frustrating delays.

Committee Meetings:

The CEO advised that the current policy is for any item which is under the auspices of a Dogs NSW Committee is referred to the relevant Committee in the first instance.

If the Committee agenda has already been circulated then the item will be placed in the 'Late Items' folder for the meeting.

All Committees act as advisories to the Board and no recommendations may be acted upon by the office until the recommendation and minutes are approved at the next available Board meeting.

Board Meetings:

If an item is received after the closing date for the agenda, but prior to the agenda being finalised and distributed, if urgent it will be included on that agenda.

If an item is received after the agenda has been distributed, if urgent it will be included as a late item for the meeting, with Board's consent.

Any item received after the closing date of the agenda, which are not urgent will be held over until the following month's agenda.

8.11 Working Dog Club of NSW

Review Dogs NSW current policy on sponsors being able to have a worthwhile presence at a show. Currently, in order for a sponsor to sell product at a sponsored show, that sponsor must pay a fee to Dogs NSW which can exceed any financial takings made during the actual show.

Rationale:

Sponsors can have a presence at a sponsored show where no fee is payable to Dogs NSW but they are then not allowed to sell product on the day. This does not make the sponsorship worthwhile and means that sponsors may not wish to continue sponsorship as they cannot gain financial benefits on the day of the show, when the product(s) advertised are at the forefront of exhibitors minds, and therefore the urge to purchase is greater.

The Board needs to look at changing the licenced agreements with permanent vendors. Clubs were invited to submit any suggestions, in writing, to the Board for consideration.

8.12 Tibetan Terrier Association (NSW)

8.12.1 Incorporation.

Dogs NSW to obtain legal advice suitable for publication on this subject as an aid for clubs to decide whether to incorporate. It should state the benefits to be expected and the problems involved and dispel myths regarding protection to members etc.

All information is available NSW Office of Fair Trading website, link set out below:

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/Cooperatives_and_associations/Associations.html

In the light of the new Act the Dogs NSW template needs to be checked to ensure if it complies, link set out below:

http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/Cooperatives_and_associations/Associations/Associations_legislation/Changes_to_associations_legislation.html

8.12.2 Inherited Diseases Procedure.

Are there procedures in place to enable inherited diseases to be on registration pedigrees?

- If so are the procedures published?
- What about pronounced clear due to clear parents?
- Is there a difference between local and overseas testing and certification?
- Assistance to clubs who wish to implement policies

The CEO explained the procedure as outlined in ANKC Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, section 8 (extract set out below):

Litter Registration Limitations

Guidelines for Developing Litter Registration Limitations (10/08)

- i) A National Breed Council (NBC) or Breed Specialty Club(s) (where an NBC does not exist) must agree that the disease(s) is/are a problem in the breed.
- ii) Once agreed they should develop a proposed breed survey rationale, with questions that must be answered and a proposed date of commencement (after the Breed Survey (BS) is completed).
- iii) The proposed BS should then be sent to the ANKC Canine Health Committee (CHC) for comment, advice and assistance in the final wording and understanding (including any ramifications of their decisions). This is then sent back to the NBC/Breed Club.
[If it is a Breed Specialty Club(s), they must work through their State Controlling Body.]
- iv) Once the final wording has been accepted, the BS sent out to all owners and breeders of the breed involved Australia wide.
- v) If the survey results are in the affirmative, it is then published in Member Bodies Journals/Gazettes.

- vi) *The LRL is then applied, with commencement dates usually 6 months in advance of publication.*

The following links to Dogs Victoria website information, "DEVELOPING CLUB BREEDING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES" were put forward for Club's information:

<http://www.dogsvictoria.org.au/assets/pdf/heritable-diseases-sylvia-power-presentation.pdf>

<http://www.dogsvictoria.org.au/assets/pdf/heritable-diseases-dr-tate-presentation.pdf>

The Chairman advised that DNA Protocols were currently being considered by ANKC Member Bodies for approval.

Members also asked when DNA Parentage profiling would become mandatory as a requirement prior to litter registration.

The CEO advised that this could be put forward as an item at the yearly National Breed Councils Conference for consideration and a recommendation to the ANKC Main Conference each October.

9. General Discussion.

9.1 RAS Royal Easter Show – Breed Club Specialty Shows. Bearded Collie Club

Why was Dogs NSW opposing the recent offer from the RAS to permit Breed Clubs to conduct their Specialty Show at the Royal on the same day as breed judging?

The Chairman advised that the current mandatory requirement i.e. entry to the Breed Specialty Show in on the condition that the dog is also entered in the Royal Show undermines a member's privileges under the Club's Constitution as set out below:

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

15. Subject to the restrictions and limitations prescribed by or pursuant to the Constitution, the privileges of a Member shall be:

- (d) to exhibit at any exhibition or show conducted by the Club and compete for prizes (including trophies) available for members of the Club.

If the invitation came with free entry to the Royal, free benching and no restrictions to exhibit at the breed specialty show, there would be no issues in regard to a member's rights being taken away from them.

9.2 Breed Standards - Amendments.

The questions was raised how to amend current Breed Standards.

The CEO advised that the majority of breed standards are adopted from the country of origin, Kennel Club or FCI, and any amendments from those breed standards automatically flow on unless it is a pre 1987 breed standard. Therefore it would depend on the nature of the amendment and would only be considered if the ANKC were able to amend such breed standard.

Any requests of this nature would need to be in the form of a motion put forward by a National Breed Council at the yearly Conference and forwarded as a recommendation to the ANKC Main Conference in October for consideration.

National Breed Councils and/or Breed Clubs may make submissions to the ANKC to amend the current ANKC Breed Standards Extension (BSE).

9.3 Pre 1987 Breed Standards.

What is the situation with the various breeds being made to relinquish the Pre 1987 Breed Standards?

The CEO advised that currently there is a rescission motion being considered by all ANKC Member Bodies not to act on the decision from the 2009 ANKC Conference and to place the matter back on the agenda for the 2010 ANKC Conference.

9.4 Extreme Weather & Safety Guidelines.

Will Dogs NSW place the safety guidelines on the website?

Yes

Will Dogs NSW locate a suitable thermometer on the appropriate wall at Erskine Park?

Yes

Does the Club need to provide a different phone number for the information if a show is cancelled due to the extreme forecast or will the number be that of Dogs NSW?

No the club will need to provide a number that exhibitors can contact for the information, extract below:

19.1.2.2 Any decision which is taken in accordance with 19.2.1 must be made available to exhibitors within four hours by recording the decision on the extreme weather status phone number shown in the show advertisement or schedule and, when staff are available to do so, upload the information onto the Dogs NSW website.

In addition the information to cancel any such event due to the extreme forecast will need to be sent into the office immediately to permit the notice to be uploaded to the website.

If a show has a late start due to heat conditions does the finishing time extend?

Yes

Meeting Closed.

3.00pm

Afternoon Tea Served.