



**MINUTES** of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held ELECTRONICALLY on **Friday 25 August 2023**

PARTICIPATION: L Brown J Sheppard  
A McIlrath R Privett  
G Spagnolo S Mills  
N Keck S McFadden  
S Oliver

NO RESPONSE: C Rafton, K Charnock, L Brand, K Hedberg BVSc, R Harbin, G Vernon

**1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOVED R Privett SECONDED N Keck

**THAT** the Minutes of the following Board Meetings be **confirmed**:-

- 1.1 **Face to Face Meeting – 9 August 2023**
- 1.2 **Additional Meeting – 14 August 2023**
- 1.3 **Electronic Motion – 24 August 2023**

**CARRIED**

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

**2.1 Executive Committee Decisions**

MOVED S McFadden SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the following decisions of the Executive Committee be **endorsed**:-

**2.1.1 ECD13/2023: Letter to NSW Politicians-Discontinuation of School Programs**

**THAT** the draft letters to NSW Labor Parliamentarians and Opposition, attached at **Annexure A & Annexure B**, in respect of the unannounced decision of the Office of Local Government to discontinue School Programs, Living Safely With Dogs, Living Safely With Pets and We Are Family, be approved and forwarded to the relevant Politicians.

**2.1.2 ECD14/2023: Appointment of Interim DAP Chair**

**THAT** the Honorary Solicitor, Mr Malcolm McDonald, be appointed as Interim Chair of the Disputes Assessment Panel during the period the current Chair, Mr Geoff Rich, is on leave.

**CARRIED**

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

**2.3 Compliance Investigative Panel**

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

2.4 **Judges Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

2.5 **Company Secretary's Report**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED R Privett

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

**CARRIED**

3. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

3.1 **Agility Committee – 21/8/2023**

*The Board noted that the Minutes of the Agility Committee meeting held on 21 August 2023 have not yet been received in Office*

3.2 **Agility Judges Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

3.3 **Breed Assessment & Temperament Test Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

3.4 **Breed Standards Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

3.5A **Conformation Judges Training Committee – 3/8/2023**

*The Board noted that the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 3 August 2023 have not yet been received in Office*

3.5B **CJEP Examinations Committee – 21/8/2023**

3.5B.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 3.2: Ms L Hickie**

MOVED J Sheppard

SECONDED S McFadden

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

**THAT** Ms L Hickie now be listed on the ANKC Judges database as a Single Breed Judge for Tibetan Terriers subsequent to her passing her Theory Examination with a score of 93%.

**CARRIED**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the Minutes of the CJEP Examinations Committee meeting held on 21 August 2023, be **received**.

**CARRIED**

3.6 **Constitution & Regulations Review Working Party**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

**3.7 Dances With Dogs/Trick Dog Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

**3.8 Grounds Committee – 20/7/2023**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED R Privett

**THAT** the Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 23 August 2023, be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**3.9 Library & Archives Committee – 24/8/2023**

*The Board noted that the Minutes of the Library & Archives Committee meeting held on 24 August 2023 have not yet been received in Office*

**3.10 Media & Government Legislation Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

**3.11 Members Education Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

**3.12 Obedience & Tracking Committee – 7/8/2023**

**3.12.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED R Privett

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

**THAT** the Committee's decisions in relation to Trial Dates be approved.

**CARRIED**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED N Keck

**THAT** the Minutes of the Obedience & Tracking Committee meeting held on 7 August 2023, be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**3.13 Obedience, Tracking, Endurance & Rally Judges Committee – 17/8/2023**

**3.13.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7.2.3: Track and Search Practical Examination**

MOVED R Privett

SECONDED N Keck

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

**THAT** Mrs Marion Leaver be placed on the Dogs Australia Judges List for Track and Search.

**CARRIED**

*S Mills no vote*

3.13.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 7.2.4: The Endurance Practical Examination**

MOVED R Privett

SECONDED N Keck

**THAT** Recommendation 21, which reads as follows, be approved:-

**THAT** Mrs Kirsten Malloy be placed on Dogs Australia Judges List for Endurance.

**CARRIED**

3.13.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 7.6.1: Proposed Amendments to Regulations Part VI**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

**THAT** Regulations Part VI Judges – Performance Disciplines be amended as follows:-

3.13.3.1 **Recommendation 3 - Page 1 (Front Page)**

**Currently reads:-**

PART 3F: RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIAL JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME  
[https://dogsaustralia.org.au/media/9671/ankc-reg3f\\_rally\\_oct15.pdf](https://dogsaustralia.org.au/media/9671/ankc-reg3f_rally_oct15.pdf)

**Be amended to read**

PART 3F: RALLY ~~OBEDIENCE~~ TRIAL JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME

**CARRIED**

3.13.3.2 **Recommendation 4 - Clause 1.2.8**

**Currently reads:**

1.2.8 Rally Obedience Judges List A person appointed thereto shall be entitled to judge at a recognised Trial conducted inside or outside the State all sections of any such Trial.

**Be amended to read:-**

1.2.8 Rally ~~Obedience~~ Judges List A person appointed thereto shall be entitled to judge at a recognised Trial conducted inside or outside the State all sections of any such Trial.

**CARRIED**

3.13.3.4 **Recommendation 6 – Section 6**

**Currently reads:**

JUDGES CODE OF PRACTICE

(This code applies to Obedience, Rally O Tracking and Endurance Judges only)

**Be amended to read:-**

JUDGES CODE OF PRACTICE

(This code applies to Obedience, Rally ~~O~~, Tracking and Endurance Judges only)

**CARRIED**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED N Keck

**THAT** the Minutes of the Obedience, Tracking Endurance & Rally Judges Committee meeting held on 17 August 2023, be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**3.14 Public Relations Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

**3.15 Retrieving & Field Trials Committee – 17/8/2023**

*The Board noted that the Minutes of the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee meeting held on 17 August 2023 have not yet been received in Office*

**3.16 RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Limited – 7/8/2023**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S McIlrath

**THAT** the Minutes of the RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity meetings held on 7 August 2023, be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**3.17 Show Committee – 16/8/2023**

*The Board noted that the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 16 August 2023 have been referred to F2F meeting*

**3.17.1 2024 Show & Trials Guide**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED N Keck

**THAT** the 2024 Show & Trials Guide be **approved**.

**CARRIED**

**3.18 Sporting Committee – 16/8/2023**

**3.18.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates**

MOVED R Privett

SECONDED S McFadden

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

**THAT** the Committee's decisions in relation to Trial Dates be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3.18.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 8.4.2: Extreme Weather**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED S McFadden

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

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 19: Extreme Weather for Dog Sports be amended as follows:

**Currently reads:**

**19.1.2(f) Extreme Weather- Impact on Dog Sports**

*Herding, Drafting, Lure Coursing, Scent Work and Earthdog events, including tests and trials, must be cancelled when the forecast temperature available at 10.00am from the closest Bureau of Meteorology station to the venue ([www.bom.gov.au/](http://www.bom.gov.au/)) two days prior exceeds 35 degrees Celsius. If the forecast temperature exceeds 30 degrees, Herding, Drafting and Lure Coursing trials and tests must commence by 8.00am, and be cancelled when the temperature exceeds 30 degrees as measured at the closest Bureau of Meteorology station to the venue. (4/23)*

**Be amended to read:-**

**19.1.2(f) Extreme Weather – Impact on Dog Sports**

*Herding, Drafting, ~~Lure Coursing~~, Scent Work and Earthdog events, including tests and trials, must be cancelled when the forecast temperature available at 10.00am from the closest Bureau of Meteorology station to the venue ([www.bom.gov.au/](http://www.bom.gov.au/)) two days prior exceeds 35 degrees Celsius. If the forecast temperature exceeds 30 degrees, Herding, Drafting and ~~Lure Coursing~~ trials and tests must commence by 8.00am, and be cancelled when the temperature exceeds 30 degrees as measured at the closest Bureau of Meteorology station to the venue. (4/23)*

*Lure Coursing trials and tests must be cancelled when the forecast temperature available at 10.00am from the closest Bureau of Meteorology station to the venue ([www.bom.gov.au/](http://www.bom.gov.au/)) two days prior exceeds 28 degrees Celsius.*

*Lure Coursing trials and tests must be cancelled when the temperature exceeds 28 degrees Celsius as measured at the closest Bureau of Meteorology station to the venue.*

**CARRIED**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED R Privett

**THAT** the Minutes of the Sporting Committee meeting held on 16 August 2023, be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**CARRIED**

**3.19 Spring Fair Dog Show Committee**

*The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.*

**4. DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS**

**4.1 Electronic Motion #209 – 2022/2023 Audited Accounts**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED N Keck

**THAT** DOGS NSW supports Electronic Motion #209 in relation to the approval for the Dogs Australia 2022/2023 Audited Accounts.

**CARRIED**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1 Blacktown City Council – Councils Unite for Pets (CUPS) Meeting**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED N Keck

**THAT** the Board notes the letter of thanks from Blacktown City Council in relation to DOGS NSW participation in the Councils Unite for Pets (CUPS) Meeting.

**CARRIED**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** the Board conveys its sincere thanks to Mr Hugh Gent OAM for his involvement in and presentation to the Blacktown City Council/Councils Unite for Pets (CUPS) Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**6. BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**6.1 2023 RNSWCC Annual General Meeting**

- **Agenda**
- **Proxy Voting Form**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the Agenda and Proxy Voting Form for the 2023 RNSWCC Annual General Meeting be approved and published to the membership.

**CARRIED**

**MEETING CLOSED**

**NEXT MEETING: Face to Face Meeting – Wednesday 13 September 2023 commencing @ 2.00pm**