

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held on **Wednesday 11 October 2023** commencing at 2.00pm.

The President welcomed the Directors Elect, Mr John Bryson, Ms Sharon Hannigan & Ms Ann Moy to the meeting.

**PARTICIPATION:** L Brown R Privett (**By Zoom**)  
C Rafton S McFadden  
K Charnock S Oliver  
A McIlrath Director Elect/J Bryson  
G Spagnolo Director Elect/S Hannigan  
N Keck Director Elect/A Moy (**By Zoom**)  
R Harbin

**IN ATTENDANCE:** V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary), L Hadley (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator)

**APOLOGIES:** K Hedberg BVSc, S Mills, J Sheppard, G Vernon

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED A McIlrath  
**THAT** the apologies and the persons present at the meeting be **accepted**.

**CARRIED**

**A. Recording of Board Meeting**

MOVED S McFadden SECONDED S Oliver  
**THAT** Directors **note** that, in accordance with the resolution of the Board at Item 5.1 of the Board of Directors meeting held on 8 December 2021, **this Board meeting is being recorded** for the purposes of confirmation of the Minutes and once confirmed at a future Meeting the recording will then be deleted.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

**1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**1.1 Face to Face Board Meeting – 13 September 2023**

MOVED S McFadden SECONDED A McIlrath  
**THAT** the Minutes of the face to face Board meeting held on 13 September 2023 be **confirmed**.

**CARRIED**

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**2. PRIORITY MATTERS**

**2.1 Strategic Planning**

*The Board noted that this Item was a work in progress.*

**2.2 Orchard Hills Lease**

*The Board noted that this Item was a work in progress.*

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

**3.1 Executive Committee Decisions - NIL**

**3.2 Operations Manager's Report**

**3.2.1 Directors OneDrive**

The Operations Manager offered his assistance to Directors who may be having issues with accessing the Board Agenda and other related Board documents from the Directors OneDrive.

**3.2.2 New Directors Laptops**

The Operations Manager advised the Directors Elect that he was preparing their Board laptops and will have them available prior to the November Board meeting.

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the Operations Manager's Report for September 2023 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**3.2.3 RNSWCC AGM - Livestream**

The Operations Manager advised the meeting that he had just received a quote from Go Live to have the 2023 RNSWCC AGM livestreamed, which was a 10% increase from last year.

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** DOGS NSW **use its current Zoom program**. Members will be required to provide their current membership numbers for access purposes and will be advised that the Zoom access will not be interactive, therefore, they will be required to submit any questions they may have prior to the meeting.

**CARRIED**

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3.3 Finance Committee – 28/9/2023

3.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 8.1.3: Financial Statements as @ 31 August 2023

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED G Spagnolo

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

**THAT** the Financial Statements as @ 31 August 2023 be approved by the Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, K Charnock abstained*

3.3.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 10.3: Plush Puppies for Sale

MOVED R Privett

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** the Board **notes** the decision of the Finance Committee to accept the quotation from Buychinatoys for supply of Plush Puppy dog toys for sale by DOGS NSW – subject to changing the Pomeranian to a different breed – which will be a Bull Terrier.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, K Charnock abstained*

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 28 September 2023 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, K Charnock abstained*

3.4 Compliance Investigative Panel

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

3.5 Judges Committee

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

3.6 Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report – September 2023

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer's Report for September 2023 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

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3.6.6 **Serious Animal Welfare Committee – 25/9/2023**

3.6.6.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 3.3: Mission Statement**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

**THAT** the Mission Statement for the Serious Animal Welfare Committee be:-

*“Advocating mental and physical welfare in the care and management of dogs”.*

**CARRIED**

*K Charnock, L Brand abstained*

3.6.6.4 **Recommendation 4 – Item 6.1: Dogs Victoria Breeder Series – Health Management Plan**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED S McIlrath

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

**THAT** the Office be requested to write to Dogs Victoria seeking its formal consent to use its “Dogs Victoria Breeder Series – Health Management Plan” and for DOGS NSW to edit in NSW pertinent data. If granted, DOGS NSW must acknowledge Dogs Victoria’s consent when using their document.

**CARRIED**

*K Charnock, L Brand abstained*

3.6.6.5 **Recommendation 5 – Item 6.3: Potential New Committee Member – Dr K Sunn**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED S Oliver

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

**THAT** Dr Kathryn Sunn be approved as a member of the Serious Animal Welfare Committee.

**CARRIED**

*K Charnock, L Brand abstained*

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

**THAT** the Minutes of the Serious Animal Welfare Committee meeting of 25 September 2023 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*K Charnock, L Brand abstained*

3.7 **Company Secretary’s Report**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED G Spagnolo

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

**CARRIED**

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3.9 **2022/2023 CJEP – Practical Examination Results**

Director C Rafton gave a verbal report on her timekeeping of the 2022/2023 CJEP Practical Examinations held on Sunday 8 October 2023 and offered to provide a copy of her report should any Directors request same.

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the results of the 2022/2023 CJEP Practical Examination held on Sunday 8 October 2023 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

4.3 **Photographers Working Party**

(Item 4.1-BOD Minutes 13/9/2023)

4.3.1 **Legal Issues – Photographing Dogs at Shows**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** a list of potential legal issues identified by the Photographers Working Party in respect of photographing dogs at shows be **forwarded to the Honorary Solicitor** for a determination as to what can and cannot be included in the current DOGS NSW Photographers Agreement and that the **Convenor** of the Photographers Working Party **formulate the questions on these specific issues**.

**CARRIED**

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the Minutes of the Photographers Working Party meeting held September 2023 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

5. **JUDICIAL MATTERS**

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

5.1.1 **Inquiry Table**

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED S Oliver

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

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5.1.2 Disputes Assessment Panel Report – 18/9/2023

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Report of the Disputes Assessment Panel Electronic Meeting held on 18 September 2023, be received.

**CARRIED**

Meeting recessed @ 4.20pm

Meeting resumed @ 4.42pm

**OPEN MEETING**

**6. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

**6.1 DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 8.4(a)&(b) – AMENDMENT**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT, DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 8.4(a) & (b) which read as follows:-

- 8.4 At any recognised Show or Agricultural Show, the period between the commencement of General Classes and the end of General Specials shall not exceed:-
- (a) in the case of shows with less than 1,800 entries on the day in question - eight (8) hours including meal breaks. (04/92)
  - (b) in the case of shows with 1,800 entries or more on the day in question - nine (9) hours including meal breaks. (04/92)
- Any Show conducted where there is not lighting installed must finish before sunset, and where there is lighting installed must conclude before 11.30pm. The time allowed for the judging of Special Classes conducted before General Specials (including Junior Handlers) should not exceed one (1) hour.

**Be amended to read:-**

- 8.4 At any recognised Show or Agricultural Show, the period between the commencement of General Classes and the end of General Specials shall not exceed:-
- (a) in the case of shows with less than ~~1,800~~ 1,000 entries on the day in question - eight (8) hours including meal breaks. (10/23)
  - (b) in the case of shows with ~~1,800~~ 1,000 entries or more on the day in question - nine (9) hours including meal breaks. (10/23)
  - (c) in the case of a Breed Specialist, Group or Semi-Group Club where an individual Judge has 175 entries or more on the day in question - nine (9) hours including meal breaks.

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Any Show conducted where there is not lighting installed must finish before sunset, and where there is lighting installed must conclude before 11.30pm. The time allowed for the judging of Special Classes conducted before General Specials (including Junior Handlers) should not exceed one (1) hour.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 10.19(a) – AMENDMENT**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT**, DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 10.19(a), which read as follows:-

*10.19(a) Where a dog is disqualified from a conformation event, the next placed dog to any award received by the disqualified dog shall be promoted to the next placed award in accordance with the following table:-*

*3rd in Class promoted to 2nd in Class*

*2nd in Class promoted to 1st in Class*

*Reserve Challenge promoted to Challenge*

*Runner Up to Best of Breed promoted to Best of Breed*

*Runner Up to Best in Group promoted to Best in Group*

*Runner Up to Best in Show promoted to Best in Show*

**Be amended to read:**

10.19(a) Where a dog is disqualified from a conformation event, the next placed dog to any award received by the disqualified dog shall be promoted to the next placed award in accordance with the following table:-

**(i) At a Dogs Australia Championship Event (10/23):-**

3<sup>rd</sup> in Class promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class

2<sup>nd</sup> in Class promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> in Class

Reserve Challenge promoted to Challenge

Runner Up to Best of Breed promoted to Best of Breed

Runner Up to Best in Group promoted to Best in Group

Runner Up to Best in Show promoted to Best in Show

**(ii) At an FCI CACIB event (10/23):-**

3<sup>rd</sup> in Class promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class

2<sup>nd</sup> in Class promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> in Class

Reserve Challenge promoted to Challenge

Runner Up to Best of Breed promoted to Best of Breed

**Group 4<sup>th</sup> to Group 3<sup>rd</sup> (10/2023)**

**Group 3<sup>rd</sup> to Group 2<sup>nd</sup> (10/2023)**

**Group 2<sup>nd</sup> to Group 1<sup>st</sup> (10/2023)**

**Best in Show 2<sup>nd</sup> to Best in Show 1<sup>st</sup> (10/2023)**

**CARRIED**

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## **7. MONTHLY REPORTS**

### **7.1 Agility Committee**

#### **7.1.1 Meeting 13/9/2023**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED G Spagnolo

**THAT** the Minutes of the Agility Committee meeting held on 13 September 2023 be received.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.1.2 Meeting 18/9/2023**

##### **7.1.2.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Charnock

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

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

**CARRIED**

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED s

**THAT** the Minutes of the Agility Committee meeting held on 18 September 2023 be received.

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 Agility Judges Committee**

#### **7.2.1 Meeting 17/9/2023**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** the Minutes of the Agility Judges Committee meeting held on 17 September 2023 be received.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.2.2 Meeting 3/10/2023**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the Minutes of the Agility Judges Committee meeting held on 3 October 2023 be received.

**CARRIED**

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**7.3 Conformation Judges Training Committee – 3/8/2023**

**7.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 5.4: Open Show Status on Dogs Australia List of Judges**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED R Privett

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

**THAT** DOGS NSW recommends to Dogs Australia that a substantial review of the Judges Training Scheme (Conformation) including currency of Open Show Status of Judges List be undertaken with the intent of developing a uniform Judges Training Scheme across Australia **and that DOGS NSW submit a Motion to the February 2023 Dogs Australia Special Board meeting.**

**CARRIED**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 3 October 2023 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**7.4 Dances With Dogs/Trick Dog Committee – August 2023**

**7.4.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7: Application for Competition Dates**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED S McFadden

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

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

**CARRIED**

**7.4.2 Restructure of Committee**

Director C Rafton foreshadowed a Motion to split the Dances With Dogs/Trick Dogs Committee into two (2) separate Working Parties responsible to the Obedience & Tracking Committee and Judges Training aspect fall under the responsibility of the Obedience, Tracking, Endurance & Rally Judges Committee.

The meeting agreed that as this decision will need to be made prior to the November Board meeting where Committee Chairs are elected Directors C Rafton and A McIlrath work together to formulate a suitable Electronic Motion for distribution prior to the November Board meeting.

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Minutes of the Dances With Dogs/Trick Dog Committee meeting held electronically in August 2023 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

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**7.5 Library & Archives – 14/9/2023**

**7.5.1 Library Opening Hours**

Director L Brand suggested the Library & Archives Committee publish in the Weekly Woof the opening hours of the Research & Development Building to attract more visitors and suggested there should be a catalogue of books that might assist Trainee Judges which can be provided to the Group Co-ordinators to let them know these resources are available in the Library.

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** the Minutes of the Library & Archives Committee meeting held on 14 September 2023 be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.6 Obedience & Tracking Committee – 11/9/2023**

**7.6.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7: Application for Trial Dates**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED C Rafton

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

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

**CARRIED**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED G Spagnolo

**THAT** the Minutes of the Obedience & Tracking Committee meeting held on 11 September 2023 be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.7 Obedience, Tracking, Endurance & Rally Judges Committee – 14/9/2023**

**7.7.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 4.2: Amendment to DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI-Judges-Performance Disciplines, Clause 2.1.8**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI-Judges-Performance Disciplines, Clause 2.1.8, be amended as follows:

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**Currently reads:**

- 2.1.8 A Candidate for Rally Obedience Judges Examination must:
1. be a financial member of DOGS NSW.
  3. be a resident of NSW.
  4. apply in writing and submit to the Board of Directors with the application, a written certificate that he/she has been a Ring Steward/Trial Official at not less than three (3) official trials prior to the date of the practical examination.
  - 5 have personally trained a dog to Rally Master Title, applied and been granted the dog's title and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors. (12/22)

**Be amended to read:-**

- 2.1.8 A Candidate for Rally ~~Obedience~~ Judges Examination must:
1. be a member of Dogs NSW for at least three (3) years prior to the application and be a current financial member of DOGS NSW.
  2. be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
  3. be a resident of NSW.
  4. apply in writing and submit to the Board of Directors with the application, a written certificate that he/she has been a Ring Steward/Trial Official at not less than three (3) official trials prior to the date of the practical examination.
  5. have personally trained a dog to Rally Master Title, applied and been granted the dog's title and supply full details thereof to the Board of Directors. (12/22)
  - 6 forward a letter from an Affiliated Club indicating they have been an active member of that Affiliate for not less than three (3) years.

**CARRIED**

**7.7.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 7.2: Amendment to DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI- Judges-Performance Disciplines, Section 6: Judges Code of Practice**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI-Judges-Performance Disciplines, Section 6, Judges Code of Practice (this code applies to Obedience, Rally, Tracking and Endurance Judges only) be amended by the inclusion of an additional sub-Clause, numbered 13, to read:-

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Clause 6

- 1 A Judge shall act with professional decorum at all times.
- 2 A Judge shall give every exhibit and exhibitor fair and equal opportunity in each and every class.
- 3 A Judge shall act in a polite manner whilst carrying out each judging assignment.
- 4 A Judge is required to be punctual in availability to fulfil their judging assignment.
- 5 Should a Judge be approached with an inducement to favour or disfavour, and/or a bribe to advantage or is advantage an exhibit, the Judge is to report the matter in writing immediately to the State/Territory Member Body.
- 6 A Judge shall not solicit a judging appointment.
- 7 A Judge shall complete all relevant requirements of the judging contract. Any verbal acceptance of an assignment by a Judge shall be subject to receipt of the contract within fourteen (14) days.
- 8 A Judge shall honour each contract and is not free to accept an alternative contract that will affect his or her availability to fulfil the original contract except with the written dispensation of the contracting body.
- 9 Accommodation provided for the Judge to fulfil an assignment is for the Judge only except where prior mutual agreement has been reached with the sponsoring body for variation.
- 10 A Judge shall be responsible for the cost of all personal telephone calls, alcoholic beverages and any personal laundering except where mutual agreement has been reached with the sponsoring body at the time the contract is accepted.
- 11 A Judge who withdraws from a contracted appointment shall not be permitted to judge at any other canine event wherever held on a date, which would prevent him/her from attending the original contracted event, unless conditions of Part 8 apply.
- 12 Judges shall not criticise by act or word the work of other Judges, nor offer criticism of any previously judges dog/s to anyone including other officiating Judges during the course of the Show, except for authorised ringside mentoring.
- 13 Judges are required to attend, either in person or electronically, at least one Judges Seminar in 3 years, which is relevant to the discipline for which they are licensed to judge. If a Judge fails to attend such Seminar, they will be transferred to the Judges Reserve List until such time as they can attend a Seminar and pass an Open Book Examination.

**CARRIED**

**7.7.2 Recommendation 3 – Item 7.2.2: Amendment to DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI- Judges-Performance Disciplines, Section 6: Judges Code of Practice**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part VI-Judges-Performance Disciplines, Section 7, Maintenance of Skills & Knowledge (pg.27), be amended by the inclusion of an additional sub-Clause, numbered 7.2, to read:-

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- 7.1 All Judges are expected to actively maintain their knowledge and understanding of the Regulations and Rules and their interpretations as deemed by Dogs Australia and DOGS NSW and their interpretations as deemed by Dogs Australia. (07/23)

- 7.2 Obedience, Rally and Tracking Judges are required to attend, either in person or electronically, at least one Judges Seminar in 3 years, which is relevant to the discipline for which they are licensed to Judge.

**CARRIED**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the Minutes of the Obedience, Tracking, Endurance & Rally Judges Committee meeting held on 14 September 2023 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**7.8 Public Relations Committee – 28/9/2023**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on 28 September 2023 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**7.9 Retrieving & Field Trials Committee – 21/9/2023**

**7.9.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 6: Application for Trial Dates**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED G Spagnolo

**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 G Spagnolo

**THAT** the Minutes of the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee meeting held on 21 September 2023 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**7.10 Show Committee – 25/9/2023**

**7.10.1 Note for Board – Item 7: Approval of Show Dates**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** the Board **notes** the Committee's decisions in relation to Show Dates.

**CARRIED**

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7.10.2 **Recommendation 3 – Item 9.2: DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 7.1 - AMENDMENT**

MOVED N Keck

SECONDED S McFadden

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

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part II Show, Section 7, Clause 7.1, be **amended to include the following breeds**:

Biewer Terrier

Icelandic Sheepdog

Bolognese

Beauceron

Coton De Tuler

Miniature American Shepherd

Prague Ratter

Mudi

American Hairless Terrier

Esterla Mountain Dog

Spanish Water Dog

Great Swiss Mountain Dog

Wirehaired Slovakian Pointer

Kangal Shepherd Dog

Black & Tan Coonhound

Shikoku

Cirneco Dell'Etna

Landseer

Dachshund Rabbit (Long Haired)

Tornjak

Dachshund Rabbit (Smooth Haired)

Yakutian Laika

Dachshund Rabbit (Wire Haired)

Australasian Bosdog

Foxhound

Karelian Bear Dog

**CARRIED**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Spagnolo

**THAT** the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 25 September 2023 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

7.11 **Sporting Committee – 20/9/2023**

7.11.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 6: Application for Trial Dates**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S McFadden

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

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

**CARRIED**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** Recommendations 3, 4 & 5, which read as follows, be **approved**:-

7.11.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 8.6.4 – Ms Angela Clarke – Scent Work Judge**

**THAT** Ms Angela Clarke be approved as a Scent Work Judge.

7.11.4 **Recommendation 4 – Item 8.6.5 – Ms Rachelle Tiah – Scent Work Judge**

**THAT** Ms Rachelle Tiah be approved as a Scent Work Judge.

7.11.5 **Recommendation 5 – Item 8.6.6 – Ms Marion Leaver – Scent Work Judge**

**THAT** Ms Marion Leaver be approved as a Scent Work Judge.

**CARRIED**

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7.11.6 **Recommendation 6 – Item 9.3.1: Sprint Dog Working Party**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** Recommendation 6, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

**THAT** a Sprint Dog Working Party be established with Ms Samantha Hendricks as Convenor.

**CARRIED**

Director A McIlrath advised the meeting that he wished to propose the membership of the Sprint Dog Working Party as follows:-

- Samantha Hendricks (Convenor)
- Angus McIlrath
- Christine Stani
- Sandy Wesselink
- Rebecca Chin
- Jacki Winders
- Jennifer Nicolopoulos
- Shayne Ryan

and that resumes of the above persons will be submitted to Directors for **consideration via Electronic Motion**.

7.11.7 **Item 8.12.1 – Clarification of Herding Rule – Addition/Change for Attention of Dogs Australia National Herding Committee**

Director C Rafton drew to the attention of the meeting, the addition of a rule, by Dogs Queensland to the National Herding Rules as follows:-

*The Board of Dogs Queensland has endorsed the following Dogs Queensland Rule in addition to the ANKC Rules and Regulations for Herding Trials, Effective 1 January 2023:-*

*“The gaining of a Herding Test (HT) Title is a mandatory prerequisite for all dogs entered in Dogs Queensland approved ANKC Ltd Herding Events prior to entering and participating in a Pre-Trial Test.”*

and stated that it is not necessary for DOGS NSW to have a similar rule as State Controlling Bodies are entitled to include rules that are specific to their own State.

7.11.8 **NSW Herding Association – A Course Herding Trial – 3 September 2023**

Director C Rafton drew to the attention of the meeting that the NSW Herding Association held an A Course Trial in conjunction with the 2023 Spring Fair, however, that Trial had not been approved in accordance with the normal procedure for approving, in advance of the event, of shows, trials, etc.

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MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** the Board grants dispensation for the NSW Herding Association that held an A Course Herding Trial on 3 September 2023 in conjunction with the Spring Fair.

**CARRIED**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the process for the approval of dates for all sporting events be outlined in detail and given to all those persons who are Convenors and that the current Chair of the Sporting Committee, Director A McIlrath, be responsible for this action.

**CARRIED**

**7.11.9 Item 8.7.1: Herding NSW (last paragraph**

Director C Rafton referred the meeting to the last paragraph of Item 8.7.1 of the Sporting Minutes stating that this matter should have been referred to the Board as a recommendation otherwise there is a risk the notation will not be actioned.

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** Herding NSW liaise through the Herding Working Party and provide a monthly detailed sheep report prior to the Sporting Committee Meeting which is held on the third Wednesday of the month.

**CARRIED**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** the Minutes of the Sporting Committee meeting held on 20 September 2023 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**7.12 Spring Fair Dog Show – 2023 Show Report**

Director C Rafton spoke to her report on the 2023 Spring Fair Dog Show, highlighting the following:-

- Grounds
- FCI Colour Certificates
- Trophies
- Water
- Ribbons
- PA Announcements
- Photographers
- Royal Canin
- Vendors
- Marquees
- Catalogue
- Parking
- Finishing Time

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7.12.1 **Marquees**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the Grounds Team Leader and the Chair of the Grounds Committee undertake an **inspection** of the grounds to consider the **areas where the marquees can be accommodated** for All Breed Shows.

**CARRIED**

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the Report of the 2023 Spring Fair Dog Show be **received**.

**CARRIED**

8. **DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS** -NIL

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1- **2023 Great Cattle Dog Muster – Certificate of Appreciation**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the email dated 25 September 2023 from the Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce & Industry along with the Certificate of Appreciation be **noted**.

**CARRIED**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** a **letter of thanks** on behalf of the Board of Directors be forwarded to Director Glen Vernon for his efforts and the success of 2023 Great Cattle Dog Muster.

**CARRIED**

10. **GENERAL BUSINESS** - NIL

**MEETING CLOSED: 5.42PM**

**NEXT MEETING: Electronic Meeting – Friday 27 October 2023  
Face to Face Meeting - Wednesday 8 November 2023 commencing @ 2.00pm**

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