

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held on **Wednesday 5 February 2025** commencing at 2.00pm.

**PARTICIPATION:**

L Brand	K Hedberg BVSc
S Oliver	K Charnock <b>(by Zoom)</b>
S Hannigan	G Vernon <b>(by Zoom)</b>
J Bryson	A McIlrath
S McFadden	A Moy
G Spagnolo	N Curwen <b>(by Zoom)</b>
L Brown	V Harris
C Rafton	

**IN ATTENDANCE:** V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary), L Hadley (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator)  
**For part of meeting:** D Crofts (Animal Welfare & Community Officer) – **by Zoom**

**APOLOGIES:** A Khamis (Operations Manager)

MOVED S McFadden                      SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT** the apologies be **accepted**.

**CARRIED**

**A. Recording of Board Meeting**

MOVED S Oliver                      SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc  
**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**

**B. Dogs Australia February 2025 Special Board Meeting – Agenda**

MOVED C Rafton                      SECONDED S Oliver  
**THAT** standing orders be suspended to bring forward Item 9.1, below, to be discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

MOVED C Rafton                      SECONDED A McIlrath  
**THAT** all DOGS NSW Motions on the Dogs Australia February 2025 Special Board Meeting Agenda be **endorsed**.

**CARRIED**

*K Hedberg BVSc AGAINST*

**B.1 Item 5.1: Regulations Part 6-The Register & Registration, Cl 8.16A-Revision**  
DOGS NSW Motion

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**B.2 Item 5.2: Regulations Part 2-Judges, Section 7**

MOVED C Rafton  
**THAT DOGS NSW endorses and supports** Dogs Tasmania motion.

SECONDED A McIlrath

**CARRIED**

*L Brown, K Hedberg BVSc AGAINST*

**B.3 Item 5.3: Regulations Part 2-Judges, Section 3 - Rescission**

MOVED J Bryson  
**THAT DOGS NSW does NOT SUPPORT** Dogs Tasmania motion as it is too constrictive. The current Regulation is adequate.

SECONDED G Spagnolo

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton ABSTAINED*

**B.4 Item 5.4: Regulations Part 2-Judges, Section 3 - Amendment**

MOVED J Bryson  
**THAT DOGS NSW endorses and supports** Dogs Tasmania motion.

SECONDED A McIlrath

**CARRIED**

**B.5 Item 5.5: National Herding Committee – Judges Training & Assessment Program**

MOVED A Moy  
**THAT DOGS NSW endorses and supports** Dogs Tasmania motion.

SECONDED A McIlrath

**CARRIED**

**B.6 Item 5.6: Dispensation from Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 3.2(d)**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT DOGS NSW endorses and supports** Dogs Victoria motion.

SECONDED A McIlrath

**CARRIED**

**B.7 Item 5.7: National Business System – Affenpinscher Colours**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT DOGS NSW endorses and supports** Dogs Victoria motion.

SECONDED G Spagnolo

**CARRIED**

**B.8 Item 5.8: Overseas Judges Register**

MOVED J Bryson  
**THAT DOGS NSW endorses and supports** Dogs Victoria motion.

SECONDED S McFadden

**CARRIED**

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**B.9 Item 5.9: Code of Practice of Responsible Dog Ownership Clause 14**  
DOGS NSW Motion

**B.10 Item 5.10: FCI World Challenge**

MOVED J Bryson  
SECONDED A McIlrath  
**THAT DOGS NSW endorses and supports** Dogs Victoria motion.

**CARRIED**

**B.11 Item 5.11: Mudi Submission**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc  
SECONDED A McIlrath  
**THAT DOGS NSW endorses and supports** Dogs Victoria motion.

**CARRIED**

**DOGS NSW Delegates to note:** *If this motion is endorsed by Dogs Australia it be approved immediately.*

**B.12 Item 5.12: Rules for FCI Shows**

MOVED C Rafton  
SECONDED S McFadden  
**THAT DOGS NSW does **NOT SUPPORT**** Dogs Queensland motion.

**CARRIED**

*J Bryson, S Hannigan AGAINST*

**DOGS NSW Delegates to note:** *It appears Dogs Queensland has only looked at part of the Rules for FCI Shows. Need to go back to the drawing board and start again. Therefore, would require a long implementation date – suggest 1 January 2026.*

**B.13 Item 5.13: FCI Show Approval (Cootamundra All Breeds Kennel Club Inc)**  
DOGS NSW Motion

**B.14 Item 5.14: German Shepherd Dog Council (Australia)**

MOVED L Brown  
SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT DOGS NSW does **NOT SUPPORT**** Dogs South Australia motion and it be recommended that communication and liaison to be undertaken with the GSDCA through the National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party – particularly as it is suggested if they don't comply they be suspended. That would appear to be over the top without having any consultation and, subsequently, the National Breed Councils Liaison Working Party to make a recommendation to Dogs Australia.

**CARRIED**

*Director K Charnock joined the meeting @ 2.30pm*

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**B.15 Item 5.15: Request for dispensation from Regulations Part 5–Conformation Shows for the Conduct of a Fast N Furious Event**

DOGS NSW Motion

**B.16 Item 5.16: German Shepherd Dog Council (Australia) – Amend own National & Breed Show Manuals**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** DOGS NSW endorses and supports Dogs South Australia motion.

**CARRIED**

**B.17 Item 6.1: National Canine Grooming Committee**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED L Brown

**THAT** the communication from the DOGS NSW Operations Manager be forwarded to Dogs Australia.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

**1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**1.1 Face to Face Meeting – 11/12/2024**

**1.1.1 Amendment to Item 3.9: CJEP Examinations Committee Minutes of 4 December 2024**

MOVED V Harris

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the Motions at Item 3.9 of the Minutes of the Face to Face Meeting of the Board of Directors held on 11 December 2024, including the confirmation of the Minutes of the CJEP Examinations Committee meeting of 4 December 2024, **be amended** to reflect that Director V Harris abstained from voting on the matters contained within.

**CARRIED**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Minutes of the Face to Face Meeting held on 11 December 2024 be **confirmed – subject to Item 1.1.1, above.**

**CARRIED**

**1.2 Electronic Motion – 21/1/2025 – GSDL Air-conditioner Replacement**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Minutes of the Electronic Meeting held on 21 January 2025 be **confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

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**1.3 Electronic Motion – 30/1/2025 – DOGS NSW Submissions - Shellharbour & Uralla Council – Draft Policies**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** the Minutes of the Electronic Meeting held on 30 January 2025 be **confirmed**.

**CARRIED**

**1.4 Electronic Motion – 30/1/2025 - Appointment of DOGS NSW Delegate – National Membership Strategy Working Party**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Minutes of the Electronic Meeting held on 30 January 2025 be **confirmed**.

**CARRIED**

**1.4.2 Appointment of DOGS NSW Delegate – National Membership Strategy Working Party**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** Director **L Brown be appointed** as the DOGS NSW Delegate on the National Membership Strategy Working Party and that Dogs Australia be advised accordingly.

**CARRIED**

Director L Brown reported on the recent meeting of the National Membership Strategy Working Party which she attended on behalf of DOGS NSW advising the initial meeting focused mainly around how various States handle memberships. It is hoped to form a scope that nationally help us to promote everything that we do, ie, pure bred dogs and sporting activities. Main conclusion was to offer reduced memberships and free memberships, however, Director Brown did not feel that any benefit would be gained from these initiatives.

**2. PRIORITY MATTERS**

**2.1 Strategic Planning**

**2.2 Orchard Hills Lease**

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

**3.1 Executive Committee Decisions**

**3.1.1 ECD 1/2025: Shellharbour & Uralla Councils – Draft Policies**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** ECD1/2025, which reads as follows, be **endorsed**:-

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**THAT** the letter attached at **ANNEXURE A** be distributed to all DOGS NSW members to urge them to submit their feedback to their local Councils in respect of the introduction of Draft Policies for the Keeping of Animals in Residential Areas.

**CARRIED**

*Director G Vernon left the meeting @ 2.46pm*

**3.2 Operations Manager's Report**  
(Refer Item 3.3-Finance Committee Minutes)

**3.3 Finance Committee – 23/1/2025**

**3.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 8.1.3: Financial Statements as @ 31 December 2024**

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

**THAT** the Financial Statements as @ 31 December 2024 be approved by the Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, L Brown, K Charnock ABSTAINED*

**3.3.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 10.1.1: Painting of GSDL Building**

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED J Bryson

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

**THAT** the proposal from Nilla Painting be accepted as it offers the most comprehensive and cost-effective solution, covering both external and internal work. This option addresses all identified needs within a reasonable budget. Work is to commence as soon as practicable.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, L Brown, K Charnock ABSTAINED*

**3.3.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 10.1.2: Christmas 2025 Office Hours**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

**THAT** the Board of Directors **approve** the proposed hours for Christmas 2025, as follows:-

- Close to Members on Thursday 18 December 2025 at 4pm
- Staff to work until midday on Friday 19 December 2025
- Some staff to return to the Office to clear backlog on Monday 5 January 2026
- Remaining staff return on Monday 12 January 2026
- Office to reopen to Members on Wednesday 14 January 2026 at 9:30am

*Grounds staff will make other leave arrangements later that is flexible to accommodate the management of the Complex.*

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, L Brown, K Charnock ABSTAINED*

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MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S McFadden

**THAT** the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 23 January 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, L Brown, K Charnock ABSTAINED*

*Director G Vernon rejoined the meeting at 3.04pm*

**3.4 Compliance Investigative Panel**

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

**3.5 Judges Committee**

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

*D Crofts joined the meeting @ 3.10pm*

**3.6 Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report – December 2024/January 2025**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer's Report for November 2024 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*D Crofts left the meeting @ 3.20pm*

**3.6.3 Serious Animal Welfare Committee**

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

**3.7 Company Secretary's Report**

**3.7.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 1.1: Committee Approval of Trial/Test Dates**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED S Oliver

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

**THAT** the Board approves the implementation of the process for all Committees to approve Show/Trial/Test Dates for immediate office action, ie, the office would action Show/Trial/Test Dates following Committee approval, ensuring timely communication and administrative efficiency. This would build on the successful outcomes of the 2021 trial and further support Clubs in delivering well-planned events. By adopting this approach, the organisation reinforces its commitment to operational excellence and stakeholder satisfaction.

**CARRIED**

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

**CARRIED**

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**3.8 Aggressive Dogs Committee – 13/12/2024**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED J Bryson

**THAT** the Minutes of the Aggressive Dogs Committee meeting held on 13 December 2024 be received.

**CARRIED**

**3.10 2023/2024 CJEP – Practical Examination Resits**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the report from the CJEP Examinations Committee be **accepted**.

**CARRIED**

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**4.1 Breeders Required to Obtain a BIN Number**

Director L Brown raised the issue of the new rules to apply from 1 December 2025 that require all breeders in NSW to obtain a BIN number and expressed concern as to the potential impact on our members/breeders who, potentially, may not be able to breed dogs in suburban or semi-rural areas.

The President advised the meeting that the Media & Government Legislation Committee had made a submission to the DPI back in December 2021 as well as the publication of a Special Notice to members.

It was agreed that the Media & Government Legislation Committee will investigate the status and implications of this matter and report back to Board.

*Meeting recessed @ 4.00pm*

*Meeting resumed @ 4.20PM*

**5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**5.2 N Matthews – Livestreaming Board Meetings**

(Refer Item 5.1-BOD Minutes 11/12/2024)

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED G Spagnolo

**THAT** the correspondence from Mr Nigel Matthews be **noted**.

**CARRIED**

**6. JUDICIAL MATTERS**

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**OPEN MEETING**

**7. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

**7.1 Community Building Partnership Grant**

**7.1.1 MOTION 1**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** DOGS NSW, as an eligible organisation, **submit an application** for the NSW Government Community Building Partnership Grant which is offered for community infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes. The grant to be applied to an upgrade of the GSDL grounds and amenities which may include:-

- i. Resurface the GSDL rings with topsoil and apply grass seeds
- ii. Upgrade the GSDL kitchen
- i. Improve the surface level of the GSDL carpark
- ii. Painting of the GSDL building
- iii. Bollards around the GSDL rings

**CARRIED**

**7.1.2 MOTION 2**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** DOGS NSW **accepts the quote of Pete Gately**, Grant Writer of Collision Awesome for the provision of grant writing services in respect of the NSW Government Community Building Partnership Grant.

**CARRIED**

**8. MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

**8.1 Agility Committee**

**8.1.1 Meeting – 9/12/2024**

**8.1.1.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

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

**CARRIED**

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MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

**THAT** the Minutes of the Agility Committee meeting held on 9 December 2024 be received.

**CARRIED**

**8.1.2 Meeting – 20/1/2025**

**8.1.2.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S Oliver

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

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

**CARRIED**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Minutes of the Agility Committee meeting held on 20 January 2025 be received.

**CARRIED**

**8.1.3 New Committee Member – W Sinclair-Huggins**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** Mr William Sinclair-Huggins be **appointed as a member** of the DOGS NSW Agility Committee.

**CARRIED**

**8.2 Conformation Judges Training Committee – 22/1/2025**

**8.2.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 5.1: Attendance @ March Board Meeting**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

**THAT** permission be granted to the Conformation Judging Training Committee to attend the Board of Directors meeting in March to put forward its proposal for the 2026/2027 and future Conformation Judges Education Programs.

**CARRIED**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 22 January 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**8.3 Library & Archives Committee – 11/12/2024**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S Oliver

**THAT** the Minutes of the Library & Archives Committee meeting held on 11 December 2024 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

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**8.4 Media & Government Legislation Committee – 22/1/2025**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the Minutes of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting held on 22 January 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**8.5 Obedience Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee – 9/12/2024**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED S Hannigan

**THAT** the Minutes of the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee meeting held on 9 December 2024 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**8.6 Public Relations Committee – 16/1/2025**

**8.6.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7: New Committee Members**

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED S Oliver

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

**THAT** the following persons be appointed as members of the Public Relations Committee:-

- Mara Bontempo-Ross
- Rebecca Braid

**CARRIED**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on 16 January 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**8.7 RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity - 2/12/2024**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the Minutes of the RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity meeting held on 2 December 2024 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*L Brown ABSTAINED*

**8.8 Show Committee – 22/1/2025**

**8.8.1 Note for Board – Approval of Show Dates**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED A Moy

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

**CARRIED**

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8.8.2 **Recommendation 1 – Item 9.2: DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 2: Agricultural Shows – NEW CLAUSES (2.6.1a & 2.6.1b)**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 2: Agricultural Shows, be amended to include a new Clauses, numbered 2.6.1a & 2.6.1b, to read as follows:-

2.6.1 (a) Single Shows:

- Minimum of 2 Judges with 2 rings.
- Judging to commence at 9:00am.
- Sweepstakes and Junior Handlers allowed (to be run at the same time) noting Junior Handler Regulations 6.8.
- Minimal Luncheon Break.
- The Show Secretary must ensure that all ribbons and prizes are organised for distribution on the day of the show.
- Agricultural Societies must be made aware of the requirements that they must abide by, especially Section 22, which relates to facilities at shows.

(b) Double Shows:

- Minimum of three (3) Judges in three (3) Rings based on expected numbers from previous shows. The Judge allocated General Specials should have a smaller entry so that they are available to have a luncheon break and commence General Specials when all Group judging is completed.
- Judging to commence at 8:00am.
- Sweepstakes and Junior Handlers allowed (to be run concurrently at the AM Show) noting Junior Handler Regulations 6.8.
- Luncheon break to be given as each Judge completes the first show, allowing a ten (10) minute break before General Specials of the first show.
- The Show Secretary must ensure that all ribbons and prizes are organised for distribution on the day of the show.
- Agricultural Societies must be made aware of the requirements that they must abide by, especially Section 22, which relates to facilities at shows.

**CARRIED**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

**THAT** the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 22 January 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*G Vernon, S Oliver ABSTAINED*

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**9. DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS**

**9.1 Dogs Australia February 2025 Special Board Meeting – Agenda**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the decisions of the DOGS NSW Board of Directors in respect of the Dogs Australia February 2025 Special Board Meeting Agenda, at Item B above, be **endorsed**.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 National Membership Statistics**

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the National Membership Statistics 1995 to 2024 be noted.

**CARRIED**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE - NIL**

**MEETING CLOSED: 5.06PM**

**NEXT MEETING: Electronic Meeting - Friday 28 February 2025  
Face to Face Meeting - Wednesday 12 March 2025 commencing @ 2.00pm**

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