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3. GENERAL BUSINESS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CAMERA

3.1 Executive Committee Decisions - NIL

3.2 Operations Manager's Report

MOVED A Moy
SECONDED G Vernon
THAT the Operations Manager's Reports be **received**.

CARRIED

3.2.3 Social Media Insights – 1st Quarter 2025

MOVED S Oliver
SECONDED A McIlrath
THAT the Social Media Insights 1st Quarter 2025 report from the Marketing & Communications Manager be **received**.

CARRIED

3.3 Finance Committee – 27/3/2025

3.3.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 8: Financial Statements as @ 28 February 2025

MOVED N Curwen
SECONDED A McIlrath
THAT Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-
THAT the Financial Statements as @ 28 February 2025 be approved by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

C Rafton, L Brown, K Charnock ABSTAINED

MOVED A Moy
SECONDED S Oliver
THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 27 March 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

C Rafton, L Brown, K Charnock ABSTAINED

3.3.7 Audio Quality for Remote Participants

For the Operations Manager: To investigate sound absorption solutions for the meeting room to improve audio quality for remote participants.

3.3.8 Item 10.2 – Attachment 1: Operational Statistics Report

MOVED A Moy
SECONDED S Oliver
THAT the Operational Statistics Report attached at Attachment 1 of the Finance Committee Minutes be **received**.

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3.4 Compliance Investigative Panel

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

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3.5 Judges Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED G Vernon

THAT standing orders be suspended to **move on to Item 3.7:** Company Secretary's Report, whilst the Board awaits the arrival of the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer.

CARRIED

D Crofts joined the meeting @ 2.30pm

3.6A Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report – March 2025

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED G Vernon

THAT the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer's Report for February 2025 be received.

CARRIED

3.6.2 Serious Animal Welfare Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

3.6B BIN Numbers & Licensing

(Refer Item 8.9.1-BOD Minutes 12/3/2025)

Directors invited the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer to speak to the Board in relation to the data and any other information pertaining to BIN Nos and licensing and any other relevant issues pertaining to the Companion Animals Act.

The Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer advised as follows:-

- Mandated new BIN issued from 1-12-2025
 - Legal ID must be used to create a BIN, a Service NSW account is required. This may cause some issues for DOGS NSW members that have an ID with DOGS NSW that differs to their legal ID, particularly when they attempt to claim the breeder exemption on lifetime registration requirements of their breeding dogs.
- Breeder Licensing and Regulation
 - Since 2015, both sides of NSW Parliament, and their bureaucrats, have expressed support for dog and cat breeder licensing to commence. There was a review undertaken by the DPI as recent as 2021-2022 into this very topic. In meetings with Dr Kim Filmer BVSc, NSW DPI Chief Animal Welfare Officer, and her staff during 2024 it was stated that licensing is still being worked on. No further stakeholder feedback has been called but the assurance was made that it is coming.
- Potential State Planning Issues
 - Many Land Zones in NSW prohibit "Animal Boarding and Training Establishments". The definition covers dog breeding as well. In 2025 the POCTA Regulation 2025 brought in "Breeding Establishment" as a definition. All Local Councils have a Local Environment Plan (LEP) and it is under that document that details of Land Zoning and Permitted Use of Land is described. If residents do

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not know their land zoning or details of permitted/prohibited land use, they can follow the link to enter their property address into the NSW Govt eSpatial Viewer at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/spatialviewer/#/find-a-property/address>.

Once you enter the link address into your search engine, you then click the “I Agree” button and then enter your address on the left hand side of the page displayed. A page then comes up with a lot of information about your property but importantly the map displayed will also show your land zoning. On the right hand side of the page click on the (+) next to “Land Zoning Map” and this will name your zoning category, if you then click the adjacent box containing an arrow, that will take you to the pertinent LEP legislation at the “Land Use Table” section. Click on your land zone category to find out what is “Permitted without consent”, “Permitted with consent” and “Prohibited”. If either of the highlighted establishments above are not mentioned in permitted with or without consent, then dog breeding is prohibited where you live.

Many Local Councils mandate that dog breeding only be conducted on properties where the Land Use permits it and then once Development Application (DA) approval has been granted.

Most dog breeders do not have DA approval to breed dogs on their property.

SUMMARY

For many decades, dog breeding has been conducted on varying scales by families in their home. Most Local Councils were not concerned by this activity unless neighbours started to complain. Little attention was focused on zoning or land use. Times have changed and with that has come the uprising of extremist groups wanting to free animals. Sadly, politicians are embracing this perspective and regulating hobby breeders, purebred dog enthusiasts to the point of opting out of their hobby. An unintended consequence? Maybe, maybe not!

Over-regulation and ever increasingly difficult legislation is driving the previously compliant dog breeders away, leaving an environment for non-compliant rogue breeders to flourish.

New Pet Registry requirements have tightened significantly, increased tracking and tracing along with sharing of certain data on the register with bring a stronger focus on compliance with Local Councils. The heavy disproportionate fines on certain new requirements will have the most compliant of breeders very nervous of being found guilty of an oversight. Proposed, but not disclosed at this point in time, licensing will make even more personal information of successfully licensed breeders available as has been indicated by the DPI in past discussions. DA approval, provided your property’s Land Use allows it, is extremely costly for just the required testing, certifications, etc, before any infrastructure can be built. Past Governments, but all bureaucrats connected with legislated processes, have been aware of the planning issues for a very long time and give it no consideration on the future impact to dog breeders. In the final debate over amendments to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Puppy Farming) Bill 2024, Tara Moriarty in response to the Planning concerns raised by Mark Banasiak and Sarah Mitchell stated: *“I will now respond to the Hon. Mark Banasiak’s question on local government. It is not an issue. I appreciate the*

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member's contribution about whether local government will have the power to make decisions about local breeding operations. The advice I have been given is that it is not the intention of the bill or a consequence that will arise from it. The member should not be concerned about that, and we will continue to do work in this space. Local government will have a role to play because the bill is amending the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, for which the Minister for Local Government and I have joint responsibility. BIN applications will be made on a pet register which will sit with local government. So there will be a continued relationship between the two entities to make sure that we are getting this right".

Experience shows that many Local Councils DO in fact follow their LEPs to the letter of the law and do take action against dog breeders that do not have either the appropriate zoned Land Use or DA approval. With cities and towns around NSW expanding in size, this sees rezoning occur regularly and almost never does the new zoning permit dog breeding as a land use.

Current heavy legislation is not conducive to the continuance of compliant dog breeding long term at its current level as many dog breeders are increasingly nervous of the burden placed on them to not breach the ever-changing legislated requirements.

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Board endorse the Media & Government Legislation Committee to write to the Government officials, ie, The Hon Ron Hoenig, Minister for Local Government, and Dr Kim Filmer, Chief Animal Welfare Officer, Department of Primary Industries, and request an audience (if not face to face, then via Zoom Conferencing) regarding the upcoming implementation of licensing and legislation that could impact on our business.

CARRIED

Director G Vernon requested the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer to outline, from her experience and knowledge, the top issues for our business with regards to legislation to be implemented in December 2025.

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT the Board thanks the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer for her detailed report and advice in respect of Breeder ID Numbers and licensing.

CARRIED

D Crofts left the meeting @ 3.12pm

3.7 Company Secretary's Report

3.7.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 1.1: FCI Circular 57/2021 – Cropped & Docked Breeds @ FCI Shows

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED C Rafton

THAT the Chair of the DOGS NSW Breed Standards Committee, Mr W Burton, be requested to draft a Motion for the next Dogs Australia conference as to what can and cannot be done, in regards to RSPCA requirements, in respect of exhibition of cropped and/or docked dogs in Australia.

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3.7.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 1.2: DOGS NSW Regulations Part XI-Inquiries, Investigations & Appeals, Section 7-Appeals, Clauses 7.1 & 7.5 – AMENDMENT**

3.7.2.1 **Recommendation 2A**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED G Vernon

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part XI-Inquiries, Investigations & Appeals, Section 7-Appeals, Clauses 7.1, which reads in part as follows:-

SECTION 7

7. APPEALS

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

Be amended to read:-

SECTION 7

7. APPEALS

7.1 A defendant or complainant may appeal to an Appeal Committee appointed by the Disputes Assessment Panel against the decision of the Committee pursuant to Section 6 of this Part of the Regulations within 7 days after a copy of the report is received by the ~~member~~ **defendant/ complainant** (as provided in Regulation 6.6 by lodging with the DOGS NSW Secretary a notice to that effect, provided that an appeal shall lie only on the grounds that:- ~~(12/22)~~ **(04/25)**)

CARRIED

3.7.2.2 **Recommendation 2B**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED C Rafton

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part XI-Inquiries, Investigations & Appeals, Section 7-Appeals, Clauses 7.5, which reads as follows:-

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SECTION 7

7. APPEALS

- 7.5 The Appeal Committee shall afford the member the opportunity of appearing before the Appeal Committee to make submissions (either orally or in writing or both) and to adduce any such fresh evidence but shall otherwise hear the appeal in the manner it considers appropriate and shall publish a written report thereon. (02/05)

Be amended to read:-

SECTION 7

7. APPEALS

- 7.5 The Appeal Committee shall afford the ~~member~~ **defendant and complainant** the opportunity of appearing before the Appeal Committee to make submissions (either orally or in writing or both) and to adduce any such fresh evidence but shall otherwise hear the appeal in the manner it considers appropriate and shall publish a written report thereon. ~~(02/05)~~ **(04/25)**

CARRIED

3.7.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 1.3: Neuter Title

For the Office: To publish a notice in the Weekly Woof to explain to members the requirements for attaining Neuter points.

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED S Oliver

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

CARRIED

3.8 Aggressive Dogs Committee – 2/4/2025

The Board noted that the Minutes of the Aggressive Dogs Committee meeting held on 2 April 2025 have not yet been received in the Office.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Fast N Furious Event - Update

Director K Charnock provided an update on the Fast N Furious Event as follows:-

- there will be four (4) shows
- financial model is strong and the process has been locked in
- future models of Fast N Furious will definitely support open concepts of Trainee Judges gaining relevant training hands over the year
- the evaluation and next steps process will assess the Trial and look at future model utility

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5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6. JUDICIAL MATTERS

OPEN MEETING

7. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

7.1 DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics, Clause 28(ii) – AMENDMENT
(Refer Item 3.6.3-BOD Minutes 12/3/2025)

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED G Vernon

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics, Clause 28(ii): Vaccinations, be amended to include an additional Dot Point and this Dot Point should be the **first** Dot Point and should read as follows:-

VACCINATIONS

- Puppy vaccinations must be carried out by a registered veterinarian or under the direct supervision of their assistant during the course of a veterinary examination in order for the vaccination certificate to be valid at point of sale.

CARRIED

7.2 Update of Breed Standards by Dogs Australia
(Refer Item 9.1-BOD Minutes 12/3/2025)

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT, pending being ratified by the Board of DOGS NSW, the following be sent to Dogs Australia for urgent attention:-

DOGS NSW move that:

“DOGS NSW is concerned in relation to the breed standards as currently published on the National website and, as a consequence of them not yet being updated and delays experienced, DOGS NSW proposes that Dogs Australia move to elect a ‘Breeds Assistant’ that would be responsible for updating the breed standards, working independently of the Convenor of the National Breed Standards Co-ordination Group. The objective to include marrying all current breed standards, including those standards relating to docked tails.”

DOGS NSW recommends the Chair of the DOGS NSW Breed Standards Committee, Mr Wayne Burton, who has indicated his willingness to assist as urgent attention to this matter is required.

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7.3 DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics, Clause 10 – AMENDMENT

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Vernon

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Code of Ethics, Clause 10, which reads as follows:-

10. A Member shall not breed a bitch that results in it whelping more than five (5) times for litters whelped after 1 January 2025. (06/24)

A breach of Clause 10 will result in all progeny of the litter being registered on the Limited Register and marked “never to be upgraded”, (06/24)

AND

The Member will be subject to disciplinary action under the current penalty regime. (06/24)

Note: The relevant form can be accessed via the following link on the DOGS NSW Website ([form-26-certificate-of-fitness-2018.pdf](#) ([dogsnsw.org.au](#))). Alternatively, a Veterinary Certificate which identifies the bitch by microchip is acceptable. (12/23)

Be amended to remove the “Note” so as to read as follows:-

10. A Member shall not breed a bitch that results in it whelping more than five (5) times for litters whelped after 1 January 2025. (06/24)

A breach of Clause 10 will result in all progeny of the litter being registered on the Limited Register and marked “never to be upgraded”, (06/24)

AND

The Member will be subject to disciplinary action under the current penalty regime. (06/24)

~~**Note: The relevant form can be accessed via the following link on the DOGS NSW Website ([form-26-certificate-of-fitness-2018.pdf](#) ([dogsnsw.org.au](#))). Alternatively, a Veterinary Certificate which identifies the bitch by microchip is acceptable. (12/23)**~~

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**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

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8.1.1 **Social Media Use – Sharing Trial Information**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Recommendation of the Representatives of the Agility Committee be **REFERRED** back to the Committee for the suggestions contained within to be incorporated into the Regulations so that they can be relied upon in the future.

CARRIED

MOVED S Hannigan

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the report of the Special Meeting of Representatives of the Agility Committee held on 1 April 2025 be received.

CARRIED

8.2 **Conformation Judges Training Committee – 26/3/2025**

8.2.1 **Item 5.1 – Recommendations 1 to 5 – Proposed CJEP Regulations**

*The Board noted that Item 5.1/Recommendations 1 to 5 of the Conformation Judges Training Committee Minutes of 26 March 2025 have been **DEFERRED** until such time as this Committee and the Conformation Judges Examination Committee have met and agreed on an amended set of Regulations.*

8.3 **Library & Archives Committee – 12/3/2025**

8.3 **Recommendation 1 - Item 7.4: Young Achiever Award**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the proposal for a DOGS NSW Young Achievers Award be approved in principle, however, the Board requires full criteria and outline on the format of the operations and clarification.

CARRIED

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT the Minutes of the Library & Archives Committee meeting held on 12 March 2025 be received.

CARRIED

8.4 **Media & Government Legislation Committee – 1/4/2024**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Minutes of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting held on 1 April 2025 be received.

CARRIED

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8.5 **Obedience Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee – 10/3/2025**

8.5.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 4.4: Australian Terrier Club – Entries from Associate Dogs**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED C Rafton

THAT the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee be advised that Associate Register dogs can compete at Specialty and Sub-Specialty competitions in accordance with the previous resolution of the Board at Item 8.4.4 of the May 2025 Board Meeting to amend DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 4.4B to read:-

*4.4B Notwithstanding the above, an All Breeds Dog Club (excluding an Associate Affiliate) **or a Committee of DOGS NSW** may obtain approval to conduct a third Championship Show on either a casual or on a permanent basis, provided that such show is held in conjunction with at least one of that Affiliate or Committee's existing Championship Shows and is held on a weekday in the immediately preceding week or the immediately following week, or on the same day as that of an existing Championship Show. Applications to conduct such a 3rd Championship Show on either a casual or permanent basis will only be considered by the Board where a written application is lodged with the DOGS NSW Secretary more than nine months prior to the date upon which it is proposed to conduct the 3rd Show.*

CARRIED

8.5.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 6.2: Limitation of Exhibits**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 20: Limitation of Exhibits for Judging be amended as follows:-

Currently reads

20.1B The Limitations of Exhibits for an Obedience Judge:- (11/22)

- (i) 10 exhibits per hour in Community Companion Dog Class with maximum of 40 exhibits per day.*
- (ii) 8 exhibits per hour in a Novice Class with a maximum of 40 exhibits per day*
- (iii) 6 exhibits per hour in an Open Class with a maximum of 35 exhibits per day*
- (iv) 5 exhibits per hour in a Utility Dog Class with a maximum of 30 per day*
- (v) 4 exhibits per hour in a Utility Dog Excellent Class with a maximum of 30 per day*

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- (vi) *Where a Judge is contracted to judge multiple classes the maximum number of exhibits is 30 per day*
- (vii) *Where a Judge is contracted to Judge Rally and Obedience Classes the maximum number of exhibits will be 30 per day.*
- (viii) *At an evening trial the number of exhibits is to be estimated so that the trial and presentations are concluded prior to midnight.*

20.1C The Limitation of Exhibits for a Rally Judge:- (11/22)

- (i) *The maximum number of exhibits to be judged in any Rally Class, including multiple classes, will be a maximum of 50 per day.*
- (ii) *Where a Judge is contracted to judge Rally and Obedience Classes, the maximum number of exhibits will be 30 per day.*
- (iii) *At an evening Trial, the number of exhibits is to be estimated so that the Trial and presentations are concluded prior to midnight.*

Be amended to read:-

20.1B The Limitations of Exhibits for an Obedience Judge:- (11/22)

- (i) 10 exhibits per hour in Community Companion Dog Class with maximum of 40 exhibits per day.
- (ii) 8 exhibits per hour in a Novice Class with a maximum of 40 exhibits per day
- (iii) 6 exhibits per hour in an Open Class with a maximum of 35 exhibits per day
- (iv) 5 exhibits per hour in a Utility Dog Class with a maximum of 30 per day
- (v) 4 exhibits per hour in a Utility Dog Excellent Class with a maximum of 30 per day
- (vi) Where a Judge is contracted to judge multiple classes the maximum number of exhibits is 30 per day
- (vii) Where a Judge is contracted to Judge Rally and Obedience Classes the maximum number of exhibits will be 30 per day.
- (viii) At an evening trial the number of exhibits is to be estimated so that the trial and presentations are concluded prior to midnight.
- (ix) **Where a Judge is contracted to Judge Rally and Obedience Classes in a Regional area, the maximum number of exhibits will be 40 per day.**

20.1C The Limitation of Exhibits for a Rally Judge:- (11/22)

- (i) The maximum number of exhibits to be judged in any Rally Class, including multiple classes, will be a maximum of 50 per day.

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- (ii) Where a Judge is contracted to judge Rally and Obedience Classes, the maximum number of exhibits will be 30 per day.
- (iii) At an evening Trial, the number of exhibits is to be estimated so that the Trial and presentations are concluded prior to midnight.
- (iv) Where a Judge is contracted to judge Rally and Obedience Classes, in a regional area the maximum number of exhibits will be 40 per day.

CARRIED

8.5.3 Note for Board – Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S Oliver

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

CARRIED

8.5.4 Recommendation 3 – Item 8.2: Obedience Instructors Manual

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

THAT the Board approve of the new Obedience Instructors Manual that the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee has finalised and that it goes on the DOGS NSW website link to the Club Resources page.

CARRIED

8.5.5 Recommendation 4 – Item 8.3: Trick Dog Working Party

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED C Rafton

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

THAT the proposed amendment to DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 10: Prizes and Prize Money, Clause 10.4(e) be amended as follows:-

Currently reads:

10.4(e) At a Dances With Dogs (Heelwork To Music and Freestyle) and/or Trick Dog Competition held under the Regulations, there shall be a Sash and Prize for each 1st, 2nd and 3rd qualifying place in each Class. (08/20)

Be amended to read:

10.4(e) At a Dances With Dogs (Heelwork To Music and Freestyle) and/or Trick Dog Competition held under the Regulations, there shall be a Sash ~~and Prize~~ for each 1st, 2nd and 3rd qualifying place in each Class.

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It is proposed the changes to the Regulations should be effective from **May 2025.**

CARRIED

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Minutes of the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee meeting held on 10 March 2025 be **received.**

CARRIED

8.5.6 Rally Obedience National Trial – Judge’s Dispensation

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED a McIlrath

THAT the Board grant dispensation from Dogs Australia Rules for the Conduct of Rally Trial to allow all Advanced Rally entries by be judged by the one Judge.

CARRIED

G Vernon **AGAINST**

8.6 Public Relations Committee

8.6.1 Meeting 18/3/2025

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED K Charnock

THAT the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on 18 March 2025 be **received.**

CARRIED

8.6.2 Meeting 1/4/2025

The Board noted that the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on 1 April 2024 have not yet been received in the Office.

8.7 Regional Committees Working Party – 19/3/2025

8.7.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 7.1: New Committee Member – Mr K Rushforth

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Vernon

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

THAT Mr Kenneth “Neil” Rushforth be appointed as a member of the Regional Committees Working Party.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Minutes of the Regional Committees Working Party meeting held on 19 March 2025 be **received.**

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8.8 **Show Committee – 19/3/2025**

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

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A Moy

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

CARRIED

8.8.2 **Recommendation 1 – Item 9.2: Regulations - Approval of a Show**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED K Charnock

THAT Recommendation 1 be **REFERRED** back to the Show Committee for clarification.

CARRIED

8.8.3 **Recommendation 2 – Item 9.4: DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 19: Safety Guidelines - AMENDMENT**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved – subject to a template being developed for use by the Show Secretary and approved by the Board, via Electronic Motion, prior to the next meeting:-**

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 19: Safety Guidelines, be amended as follows:-

Currently Reads:

19.2 Safety Guidelines

The safety of members and their dogs is of paramount importance. All persons concerned with the conduct of shows or trials are required to exercise due care and to ensure that activities are conducted under safe conditions. The following requirements are to be observed:-

- a) Exhibitions are not to be conducted under hazardous conditions. The exhibition is to be suspended immediately unsafe circumstances arise, such as, but not limited to:-
 - (i) lightning or electrical storm in the local area; or*
 - (ii) gales or high winds; or*
 - (iii) heavy rain/hail which renders conditions hazardous*Exhibitions should only resume when conditions are no longer hazardous.*
- b) Hazards are to be removed promptly or signposted and secured by barriers.*
- c) Loose equipment, such as umbrellas, chairs, etc, are to be secured.*
- d) Spiked footwear is not to be worn.*
- e) Dogs are not to be left without shelter and/or water.*

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- f) *Dogs are not to be left unattended for long periods unless in a secure and safe situation which ensures the dogs safety and the safety of exhibitors and other exhibits.*
- g) *All persons concerned with the conduct of any show or trial, of any discipline, whether as a member, voluntary worker, show official, exhibitor or competitor, are required to wear dress appropriate for the task or activity being performed.*
- h) *Camping should not be provided by an organisation operating a sanctioned activity unless there is valid legal documentation approving such an activity. This activity must be specifically permitted in the terms of the lease and/or local council regulations.
It is the responsibility of any camper to ascertain whether camping is so permitted.
This Regulation does not apply to camping provided by an independent third party not concerned with the running of the activity.*
- i) *Smoking is not permitted in an area 20 metres from any ring in which an exhibition is taking place or 20 metres from any food vendor located on the showground.
(10/13)*

Be amended to read:-

19.2 Safety Guidelines

The safety of members and their dogs is of paramount importance. All persons concerned with the conduct of shows or trials are required to exercise due care and to ensure that activities are conducted under safe conditions. The following requirements are to be observed:-

- a) Exhibitions are not to be conducted under hazardous conditions. The exhibition is to be suspended immediately unsafe circumstances arise, such as, but not limited to:-
 - (i) lightning or electrical storm in the local area; or
 - (ii) gales or high winds; or
 - (iii) heavy rain/hail which renders conditions hazardous.

Exhibitions should only resume when conditions are no longer hazardous.

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- b) **Ring surfaces and surrounds are to be inspected before the commencement of the show, and** hazards are to be removed promptly or signposted and secured by barriers.
- c) Loose equipment, such as umbrellas, chairs, etc, are to be secured.
- d) **Covered footwear appropriate to the task being performed, should be worn at all times.** Spiked footwear is not to be worn.
- e) Dogs are not to be left without shelter and/or water.
- f) Dogs are not to be left unattended for long periods unless in a secure and safe situation which ensures the dogs safety and the safety of exhibitors and other exhibits.
- g) All persons concerned with the conduct of any show or trial, of any discipline, whether as a member, voluntary worker, show official, exhibitor or competitor, are required to wear dress appropriate for the task or activity being performed.
- h) Camping should not be provided by an organisation operating a sanctioned activity unless there is valid legal documentation approving such an activity. This activity must be specifically permitted in the terms of the lease and/or local council regulations.
It is the responsibility of any camper to ascertain whether camping is so permitted.
This Regulation does not apply to camping provided by an independent third party not concerned with the running of the activity.
- i) Smoking is not permitted in an area 20 metres from any ring in which an exhibition is taking place or 20 metres from any food vendor located on the showground.
(10/13)

CARRIED

The Board agreed that the template should be elaborated on and detailed, should be in duplicate so that there is a copy for the Club and a copy for Show Representative.

8.8.4 **Recommendation 3 – Item 9.4: Declaration of Fitness & Capability**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED S Hannigan

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

THAT advice be sought to see if DOGS NSW can add a declaration where owners/handler entering a dog declare they are fit and capable of participating safely and keeping the dog under proper control. The Show Committee considers this could be included in DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Section 13: Application for Entry of an Exhibit.

CARRIED

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MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Charnock

THAT the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 19 March 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.9 Spring Fair Dog Show Committee – 25/3/2025

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT the Minutes of the Spring Fair Dog Show Committee meeting held on 25 March 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

9. DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS

9.1 Dogs Australia Limited Register Review

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the information on the Dogs Australia Limited Register Review be **noted**.

CARRIED

9.2 National Member Body Percentage Breakdown

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the National Member Body Percentage Breakdown be **noted**.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

MEETING CLOSED: 4.18pm

**NEXT MEETING: Electronic Meeting – Friday Thursday 24 April 2025
Face to Face Meeting – Wednesday 14 May 2025 @ 2.00pm**

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