



**MINUTES** of meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held ELECTRONICALLY on **Friday 25 April 2025**

**PARTICIPATION:**

L Brand	G Vernon
J Bryson	A McIra
L Brown	A Moy
C Rafton	N Curwen
K Hedberg BVSc	V Harris
K Charnock	

**NO RESPONSE:** S Hannigan, S McFadden, S Oliver, G Spagnolo

**1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOVED N Curwen SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Minutes of the following meetings of the Board of Directors be confirmed:-

1.1 **Face to Face Meeting – 9/4/2025**

1.2 **Electronic Motion–11/4/2025 – DOGS NSW Submission - AAW Strategy**

**CARRIED**

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

2.1 **Executive Committee Decisions - NIL**

2.2 **Company Secretary's Report**

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED N Curwen

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

**CARRIED**

**3. MONTHLY REPORTS**

3.1 **Agility Committee – 21/4/2025**

*The Board noted that the Minutes of the Agility Committee meeting held on 21 April 2025 have not yet been received in this Office.*

3.2 **Agility Judges Committee – 1/4/2025**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Minutes of the Agility Judges Committee meeting held on 1 April 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

3.3 **Breed Standards Committee**

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

**3.4 Conformation Judges Training Committee – 23/4/2025**

*The Board noted that the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 23 April 2025 have not yet been received in this Office.*

**3.5 Conformation Judges Examinations Committee**

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

**3.6 Constitution & Regulations Review Working Party**

**3.6.1 Berry Agility Dogs Inc – Application for Affiliation**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the application for affiliation from Berry Agility Dogs Inc be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3.6.2 Northern Region Scent Sports Club Inc – Application for Affiliation**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the application for affiliation from Northern Region Scent Sports Club Inc be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3.7 Grounds Development Committee**

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

**3.8 Library & Archives Committee – 9/4/2025**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** the Minutes of the Library & Archives Committee meeting held on 9 April 2025 be received.

**CARRIED**

**3.9 Media & Government Legislation Committee**

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

**3.10 Obedience Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee–14/4/2025**

*The Board noted that the Minutes of the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee meeting held on 14 April 2025 have not yet been received in this Office.*

**3.11 Obedience Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee–10/4/2025**

**3.11.1 Recommendations 1 & 2 – Item 7.6: SprintDog™ Judges Training Scheme**

**3.11.1.1 Recommendation 1 - Development Period**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the Board of Directors extend the development period for the introduction of SprintDog™ in NSW to 1 July 2025. Section 1.7.1 (extracted below) will apply until 1 July 2025 to enable the passage of Judges. Unofficial Trials in that rule will encompass all sprint and training events.

Section 7: Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

1.7.1 The following are considered to be RPL and as such will be given dispensation in towards requirements to be a SprintDog™ Judge

- [a] ANKC Licenced Judges who have officiated at SprintDog™ Unofficial Trials during the development period, shall automatically be recognised as SprintDog™ Judges.
- [b] Dog Sport Discipline and Conformation Judges shall receive RPL for Judges Code of Ethics exam.
- [c] Officials who are not a Dogs Australia Judge and have acted in the role of Trial Secretary at a minimum of four [4] Unofficial Trials during the development period shall receive RPL for Practical Assessment and SprintDog™ Rules Exam, but will be required to sit the Judges Code of Ethics exam.

**CARRIED**

**3.11.1.2 Recommendation 2 – Using Queensland Judges**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** DOGS NSW SprintDog™ invite Lure Drivers from Queensland to assess those who are wishing to gain this certificate in NSW.

**CARRIED**

**3.11.2 Recommendation 3 – Item 7.13: New Committee Member – Mrs M Keast**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** Mrs Margaret Keast be approved to join the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee.

**CARRIED**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

**CARRIED**

**3.12 Public Relations Committee – 1/4/2025**

*The Board noted that the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on 1 April 2025 have not yet been received in this Office.*

**3.13 PR Events Committee**

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

**3.14 Retrieving & Field Trials Committee**

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

**3.15 RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Limited – 7/4/2025**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** the Minutes of the RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Limited meeting held on 7 April 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*L Brown ABSTAINED*

**3.16 Show Committee**

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

**3.17 Sporting Committee – 15/4/2025**

*The Board noted that the Minutes of the Sporting Committee meeting held on 15 April 2025 have not yet been received in this Office.*

**3.18 Spring Fair Dog Show Committee**

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

**4. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

**4.1 2025 Spring Fair A20 Shows – Rescission Motion – C Rafton**  
(Refer Item 8.9-BOD Electronic Minutes 25/4/2025)

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT**, the Motion at Item 8.9 of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of 9 April 2024, which reads as follows, **BE RESCINDED:-**

**8.9.1 USA Exchange Rate – Effect on A20 Shows**

*Director C Rafton raised concern in respect of the recently introduced tariffs by the US President on the effect on the USA Exchange rate which will significantly increase the fees payable to FCI for the levy on A20 Show entries. There is a potential to add approximately \$5,000.00 onto the 2025 Spring Fair budget.*

*THAT the A20 Show not proceed at the 2025 Spring Fair on the second day of the weekend.*

CARRIED

**CARRIED**

Director C Rafton supported her “in favour” vote for this rescission motion and that Dogs Australia be advised accordingly.

**5. DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS**

**5.1 Dogs Australia June 2025 Special Board Meeting – CLOSING DATE for AGENDA ITEMS**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED C Rafton

**THAT** DOGS NSW notes the closing date for Agenda Items for the Dogs Australia June 2025 Special Board Meeting as being **close of business 23 April 2025**.

**CARRIED**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1 Blayney A&P Association – Cancellation of Dog Shows**

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** DOGS NSW notes the advice from Blayney A&P Association that it will no longer be conducting Dog Shows in conjunction with its annual shows and, therefore, are cancelling its affiliation with DOGS NSW.

**CARRIED**

*N Curwen, A McIlrath AGAINST*

Director N Curwen recommended that DOGS NSW and/or Director Ann Moy contact Blayney A&P Association to ascertain the the reason why a Dog Section will no longer be held.

Director A McIlrath advised that he had spoken to the President of the DOGS NSW Western Region and Director A Moy and voiced his concern allowing this to happen. The President is a former Blayney resident and would like the opportunity to contact the Society as she probably knows members on the Blayney A&P Association and would like to talk to them to not allow this to happen.

**7. BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – NIL**

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS – NIL**

**MEETING CLOSED**