



MINUTES of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held on **Wednesday 11 June 2025** commencing at 2.00pm.

PARTICIPATION: L Brand K Hedberg BVSc

S Oliver K Charnock
S Hannigan G Vernon
J Bryson A McIlrath

S McFadden A Moy (by Zoom)

G Spagnolo N Curwen L Brown V Harris

C Rafton

IN ATTENDANCE: V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary)

L Hadley (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator)

For part of meeting:

R Sinclair (Chair, Finance Committee) A Khamis (Operations Manager) For part of meeting via Zoom:

D Crofts (Animal Welfare & Community Officer)

APOLOGIES: NIL

A. Recording of Board Meeting

MOVED G Vernon

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

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED J Bryson

THAT standing orders be suspended to bring forward the presentation by the Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr Ross Sinclair.

CARRIED

B. Financial Status - Address by Chair, Finance Committee

The Chair of the Finance Committee gave a preview of the financial results for 2025 detailing the major increases in expenses and the major risk areas into the future.

A copy of the presentation to be provided to Directors.

C. Fast N Furious Report – Report by Working Party Convenor

The Convenor of the Fast & Furious Working Party gave a presentation on the recent Fast N Furious event which proved to be very successful.

A copy of the presentation to be provided to Directors.

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C1. Future Date for Next Event

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED V Harris

THAT the Board approve the date of 5 December 2025 for the next Fast N Furious Event - subject to consideration being given to starting times in accordance with the weather.

CARRIED

C2. Fast N Furious Committee

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the **Fast N Furious be convened as a Committee**, chaired by Mr Ross Sinclair, and the membership be as follows:-

- K Charnock
- Christina Rafton
- Phil Brown
- Anthony Khamis
- Kate Davidson

CARRIED

C3. Regulations for the Conduct of Fast N Furious Events

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED G Vernon

THAT a **stand alone set of Regulations be developed** by the Chair of the Fast N Furious Committee and referred back to the Board for approval and onforwarding to Dogs Australia.

CARRIED

R Sinclair left the meeting @ 2.47pm

IN CAMERA

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

- 1.1 Electronic Meeting 30/5/2025
- 1.2 Electronic Motion 3/6/2025 N Hammond Breach of Heads of Agreement

CARRIED

2. PRIORITY MATTERS

2.1 Strategic Planning

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2.2 Orchard Hills Lease

3. GENERAL BUSINESS TO BE DEALT WITH IN CAMERA

- 3.1 Executive Committee Decisions NIL
- 3.2 Operations Manager's Report
 - 3.2.1 Recommendation 1 Item 1.2: Proposal to install "Happy Bubbles" Dog Wash Machine at Orchard Hills

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

THAT, subject to identifying a suitable location on the grounds, DOGS NSW accept the proposal from Happy Bubbles to install a dog wash machine. This initiative aligns with our goal to enhance member services and generate passive income with little or no financial outlay - **pending a suitable location**; AND

THAT DOGS NSW **enter into a Sponsorship Agreement** with Happy Bubbles as per the proposal presented to the Board.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED K Charnock

THAT the Operations Manager's Reports be **received**.

CARRIED

- 3.3 Finance Committee 24/4/2025
 - 3.3.1 Recommendation 1 Item 7.5: Royal Canin/DOGS NSW Sponsorship Agreement

Director N Curwen advised the meeting that the Regional Committees have not been included in the Sponsorship Agreement with Royal Canin and, consequently, have been seeking sponsorship with Black Hawk.

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the proposed Sponsorship Agreement between Royal Canin and DOGS NSW be **REFERRED back** to Royal Canin for consideration of inclusion of sponsorship for the Regional Committee events.

CARRIED

G Vernon ABSTAINED

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3.3.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 8.1: Committee/Working Party Accounts

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc SECONDED S McFadden **THAT** Recommendation 2, which reads as follows, be **approved**:-

THAT each of Sporting disciplines be required to be more proactive and, therefore, must run at least 2-4 events themselves per year on behalf of DOGS NSW with the funds raised as a profit come to DOGS NSW

CARRIED

C Rafton, L Brown, K Charnock ABSTAINED A Moy AGAINST

3.3.3 Recommendation 3 – Item 8: Financial Statements as @ 30 April 2025

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED S McFadden

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

THAT the Financial Statements as @ 30 April 2025 be approved by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

C Rafton, L Brown, K Charnock ABSTAINED

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 22 May 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

C Rafton, L Brown, K Charnock ABSTAINED

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED L Brown

THAT the Operational Statistics be **noted**.

CARRIED

3.3.6 **2025 Audit Engagement Letter**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the 2025 Audit Engagement be **approved**.

CARRIED

A Khamis left the meeting @ 3.53pm

3.4 **Judges Committee - 5/6/2025**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT Recommendations 2 through to 6, which read as follows, be approved:-

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3.4.5 Recommendation 5 – Item 5.6: Age & Health of Judges

THAT a form be created by an insurance company or people with medical training for Judges over the age of 75 that needs to be signed off by a GP to confirm that Judges are able to complete tasks that Judges need to achieve for an appointment. Some of the points should be:-

- Sound body of mind
- Eyesight
- On feet 8 hours a day on grass or uneven ground
- Cannot use aids
- Bending and stretching is involved

CARRIED

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the Minutes of the Judges Committee meeting held on 5 June 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

J Bryson ABSTAINED

D Crofts joined the meeting @ 3.57pm

3.5 Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report - May 2025

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED N Curwen

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

CARRIED

3.5.4 Serious Animal Welfare Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

D Crofts left the meeting @ 4.09pm

3.6 Company Secretary's Report

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED J Bryson

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

CARRIED

3.7 Aggressive Dogs Committee

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS** – NIL

4.1 RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Show – Donations

Director K Hedberg BVSc advised the meeting that the Charity Show is scheduled for Sunday 13 July 2025 and asked if any Directors had **any items to donate** for the Auction to please bring them to the next Board meeting.

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5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Declaration of Fitness & Capability – Honorary Solicitor's Advice

(Refer Item 8.8.4-BOD Minutes 9/5/2025)

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the advice of the Honorary Solicitor (M McDonald) in relation to the implementation of a Declaration of Fitness & Capability be **noted**.

CARRIED

6. JUDICIAL MATTERS

Meeting recessed @ 4.20pm

OPEN MEETING

7. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

7.2 DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 8B – Interpretation of Main Ring

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part II-Show, Clause 8B, which currently reads as follows:-

8B Dogs Australia/CACIB Shows (07/23)

Dogs Australia, from time to time, authorise FCI/CACIB Shows and prescribe Regulations for their conduct which are found at Section 6 of Dogs Australia Regulations Part 5 Show. (07/23)

That Section, as amended from time to time, has been adopted in its entirety as a Regulation of DOGS NSW and will apply to the conduct of any FCI/CACIB show held in NSW.

Be amended to read:-

8B Dogs Australia/CACIB Shows (07/23)

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That Section, as amended from time to time, has been adopted in its entirety as a Regulation of DOGS NSW and will apply to the conduct of any FCI/CACIB show held in NSW.

In regard to Dogs Australia Part 5: Conformation Show, Clause 9.5.5, the interpretation of "Main Ring" at all DOGS NSW shows will either be:

- (a) the Main Ring of competition for each respective Group; or
- (b) the ring assigned to "BIS/General Specials". (06/25)

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 19/5/2025**
 - 8.1.1 Note for Board Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates

The Board **noted** the Committee's decisions in relation to approval of Trial Dates.

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Minutes of the Agility Committee meeting held on 19 May 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.2 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 the Office.

- 8.3 Constitution & Regulations Review Working Party 30/4/2025
 - 8.3.1 Bathurst All Breeds Dog Sports Club Revised Constitution

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the revised Constitution of the Bathurst All Breeds Dog Sports Club be approved.

CARRIED

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8.4 Grounds Development Committee - 6/6/2025

8.4.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 5.1: Additional Committee Members

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED S Oliver

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

THAT Kath Purkis and Aaron & Lauren Brooker be approved to join the Grounds Development Committee.

CARRIED

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED L Brown

THAT the Minutes of the Grounds Development Committee meeting held on 6 June 2025 be received.

CARRIED

8.5 Library & Archives Committee – 14/5/2025

8.5.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 3.1: Achiever Award

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED C Rafton

THAT Recommendation 1, which reads as follows, be **approved: THAT** the proposal and format be sent to the Board for approval.

CARRIED

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED N Curwen

THAT the Minutes of the Library & Archives Committee meeting held on 14 May 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.6 Media & Government Legislation Committee - 3/6/2025

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting held on 3 June 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.6.1 **Meeting with The Hon R Hoenig – Minister for Local Government**

The President and DOGS NSW Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer elaborated on the report submitted to the Board on the meeting with The Hon R Hoenig, Minister for Local Government.

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Report of the meeting between DOGS NSW Representatives and the Minister for Local Government, The Hon R Hoenig, be **noted**.

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8.6.2 Meeting with Dr Kim Filmer, Department Primary Industries

The President advised the meeting that Dr Filmer had offered the following dates to meet with DOGS NSW Representatives:-

- Friday 20 June between 12pm or 2pm
- Monday 23 June between 2 and 4pm
- Tuesday 24 June between 11.30am and 2pm

8.7 Obedience Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee

8.7.1 **Meeting -5/5/2025**

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

The Board **noted** the Committee's decisions in relation to approval of Trial Dates.

8.7.1.3 Recommendation 2 – Item 9.3: SprintDog™ Working Party

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Office be requested to **obtain from Dogs Australia** the official forms for SprintDogTM judges training, stewarding, etc, for SprintDogTM events.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT the Minutes of the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee meeting held on 5 May 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.7.2 **Meeting – 26/5/2025**

8.7.2.1 Recommendations 1 & 2 - SprintDog[™] Trials at the Spring Fair Dog Show

8.7.2.1.1 Recommendation 1

MOVED S McFadden SECONDED L Brown

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

THAT a DOGS NSW SprintDog[™] Trial be approved for the 35th **Friday & Saturday, ie,29 & 30 August for 2025 only**.

CARRIED

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8.7.2.1.2 Recommendation 2

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc SECONDED J Bryson

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

THAT the SprintDog[™] event organiser ensures that exhibitors in its Trial park cars containing dogs, well away from the Obedience Trial Rings in a designated area and that the exhibitors, officials and onlookers are considerate of those competing in the Obedience Trials by keeping vocal demonstrations of encouragement and support, ie, cheering at a respectful and minimal level so that all competitors on the day are able to get the best out of their dogs.

CARRIED

MOVED L Brown

THAT the Minutes of the ADDITIONAL meeting of the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee held on 26 May 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.8 Public Relations Committee - 14/5/2025

MOVED S Oliver

SECONDED G Spagnolo

SECONDED C Rafton

THAT the Minutes of the Public Relations Committee meeting held on 14 May 2025 be received.

CARRIED

- 8.9 Regional Committees Working Party 21/5/2025
 - 8.9.1 Recommendation 1 Item 2: DOGS NSW Regulations Part VII-Regions-Office Bearers and Related Matters AMENDMENT

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED C Rafton

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

THAT DOGS NSW Regulations Part VII-Regions - Office Bearers and Related Matters be amended as per Annexure A of the Working Party's Minutes.

CARRIED

8.9.2 Recommendation 2 – Item 4.4: Weekly Woof Notice - Defibrillators

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED S Hannigan

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

THAT DOGS NSW investigates the potential use of online training courses offered by St Johns Ambulance as a way of educating members to operate a defibrillator in an emergency situation.

CARRIED

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MOVED L Brown

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Regional Committees Working Party meeting held on 21 May 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.10 **Show Committee - 21/5/2025**

8.10.1 Note for Board – Item 7: Approval of Show Dates

The Board **noted** the Committee's decisions in relation to approval of Show Dates.

8.10.2 Recommendation 1 - Item 9.2: Pre Event Risk Assessment

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Pre Event Risk Assessment document be **referred to the Honorary Solicitor** (Mr Malcolm McDonald) seeking legal advice on all items listed and the potential implications on Show Committees.

CARRIED

The Board **noted** that the DOGS NSW Insurance Broker will address the Board at its July 2025 meeting.

MOVED L Brown

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Show Committee meeting held on 21 May 2025 be received.

CARRIED

8.11 **Sporting Committee - 13/5/2025**

8.11.1 Note for Board – Item 7: Approval of Trial/Test Dates

The Board **noted** the Committee's decisions in relation to approval of Trial/Test Dates.

CARRIED

8.11.3 Item 8.8: Herding Resignations

The Board **noted** that the following persons had resigned from the Herding Working Party, therefore, leave 8 persons still on the Working Party:-

- Josie Kimpton
- Julie Huber

8.11.4 **DOGS NSW Working Party Income**

MOVED S McFadden

SECONDED S Oliver

THAT all DOGS NSW **Working Parties be required to provide a Quarterly Report** detailing the amount of funds coming in and where those funds come from for all events conducted.

CARRIED

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MOVED L Brown

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT the Minutes of the Sporting Committee meeting held on 15 April 2025 be received.

CARRIED

9. DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS

9.2 Notice - Dogs Australia October 2025 AGM & Board Meeting

MOVED K Charnock SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Notice of the Dogs Australia October 2025 Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting, along with the closing date for Agenda Items being **COB 11 August 2025**, be **noted**.

CARRIED

9.3 Agenda -Dogs Australia June 2025 Special Board Meeting

9.3.1 Item 5.1: FCI World Challenge for Top Dogs

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

CARRIED

9.3.2 Item 5.2: Affenpinscher Breed Standard

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED J Bryson

THAT DOGS NSW endorses and supports Dogs Victoria motion - subject to the

inclusion of all other Standards that require updating.

CARRIED

9.3.3 Item 5.3: Overseas Judges Register

MOVED L Brown SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT DOGS NSW endorses and supports Dogs Tasmania motion.

CARRIED

9.3.4 Item 5.4: FCI & A2O Show Approvals

MOVED L Brown SECONDED K Charnock

THAT DOGS NSW **endorses and supports** Dogs Tasmania motion.

CARRIED

9.3.5 Item 5.5: Regulations Part 9 – Non Resident Judges Amendments

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED J Bryson

THAT the Motion at Item 5.5 be VOTED DOWN (Refer Item 5.13 below)

CARRIED

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9.3.6 Item 5.6: Regulations Part 5 - Conformation Show, Clause 4.1.1 Amendment

MOVED J Bryson SECONDED S Hannigan **THAT** DOGS NSW **endorses and supports** Dogs South Australia motion.

CARRIED

9.3.7 Item 5.7: Regulations Part 3(a) – Regulations for the Conduct of Tracking Trial Judges Training Scheme

MOVED S Oliver SECONDED N Curwen

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

CARRIED

C Rafton ABSTAINED

9.3.8 Item 5.8: Listing of Recognised Working Dog Associations or Kindred Bodies - Additions

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED A McIlrath **THAT** DOGS NSW does **NOT SUPPORT** Dogs Queensland motion.

CARRIED

- 9.3.9 Item 5.9: Update of Dogs Australia Breed Standards
 DOGS NSW Motion noting nearly ALL UK Standards have been updated.
- 9.3.10 Item 5.10: Regulations Part 5 Conformation Shows, Section 9.1A Amendment

 DOGS NSW Motion
- 9.3.11 Item 5.11: Judges Contract Amendment

MOVED J Bryson SECONDED G Vernon

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

CARRIED

9.3.12 **Item 5.12: Approval of New Disciplines/Ideas**

DOGS NSW Motion

9.3.13 Item 5.13: Overseas Judges - Open Book Exams

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc SECONDED A McIlrath

THAT DOGS NSW **endorses and supports** Dogs South Australia motion – subject to:-

- inclusion of permission from the NCO
- those Judges who already comply with the system of approval prior to 1
 January 2025 are exempt and will be accepted on completion of their
 assignment.

CARRIED

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9.3.14 Item 5.14: Separate Judges Contract for Performance Events

MOVED J Bryson SECONDED G Spagnolo **THAT** DOGS NSW **endorses and supports** Dogs West motion.

CARRIED

9.3.15 Item 7.2: Securing the Future of the Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED G Vernon

THAT Item 7.2 be **<u>DEFERRED</u>** until such time as Directors have had sufficient time to peruse the report from Prof B Ballard and the input from the Club has been received.

CARRIED

9.3.16 **Item 7.3 – Champion Class**

MOVED S Hannigan SECONDED G Vernon

THAT DOGS NSW **endorses and supports** the suggestion from Dogs Queensland to introduce a Champion Class.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 NSW Southern District Country Border Club Inc - Winding Up

MOVED C Rafton SECONDED S Oliver

THAT the Board notes, with regret, the winding up of the NSW Southern District Country Border Club Inc.

CARRIED

MEETING CLOSED: 5.20pm

NEXT MEETING: Electronic Meeting Friday 27 June 2025

Face to Face Meeting Wednesday 9 July 2025 at 2.00pm

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