



MINUTES of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS held on **Wednesday 9 July 2025** commencing at 2.00pm.

PARTICIPATION: L Brand (**by Zoom**) K Hedberg BVSc
S Oliver K Charnock
S Hannigan A McIlrath
J Bryson A Moy
G Spagnolo N Curwen
C Rafton

IN ATTENDANCE:
V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary)
L Hadley (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator)
For part of meeting:
A Khamis (Operations Manager)
Representatives from Library & Archives Committee

- M Wheeler
- T Mangan
- L Patterson
- S Patterson

B Sonter (Insurance Broker)
For part of meeting via Zoom:
D Crofts (Animal Welfare & Community Officer)

APOLOGIES: V Harris, S McFadden, G Vernon, L Brown

MOVED A McIlrath
SECONDND C Rafton
THAT the apologies be **accepted**.

CARRIED

A. Recording of Board Meeting

MOVED A McIlraith

SECONDED J Bryson

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

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IN CAMERA

1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

1.1 Electronic Meeting – 27/6/2025

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Charnock

THAT the Minutes of the Electronic Board Meeting held on 27 June 2025 be **confirmed**.

CARRIED

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 - NIL

3.2 Operations Manager's Report

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED J Bryson

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

CARRIED

3.3 Finance Committee – 26/6/2025

3.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 8: Financial Statements as @ 31 May 2025

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

THAT the Financial Statements as @ 31 May 2025 be approved by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

C Rafton, L Brown, K Charnock ABSTAINED

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3.3.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 10.1.1: Provision of Life-Saving Portable Defibrillators to Regional Areas**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

THAT the Board **approve** the purchase and distribution of 15 portable defibrillators for regional use – **subject to advice from the Regional Directors as to where the defibrillators are to be located and discussion on the payment of maintenance costs.**

CARRIED

C Rafton, L Brown, K Charnock ABSTAINED

3.3.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 10.1.2: Revised Royal Canin Sponsorship Offer**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED N Curwen

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

THAT the Board **approve** the revised sponsorship proposal from Royal Canin – **subject to the number of regional shows to be increased from 13 to 15.**

CARRIED

C Rafton, L Brown, K Charnock ABSTAINED

MOVED G Spagnolo

SECONDED N Curwen

THAT the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 26 June 2025 be **received.**

CARRIED

C Rafton, L Brown, K Charnock ABSTAINED

3.4 **Judges Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

D Crofts joined the meeting @ 3.27pm

3.5 **Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report – June 2025**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED G Spagnolo

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

CARRIED

3.5.3 **Serious Animal Welfare Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

3.6 **Company Secretary's Report**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

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4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

4.1 **Use of Defibrillator – Thanks to Responders**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED A Moy

THAT a letter of recognition and thanks, signed by the DOGS NSW President, on behalf of the Board of Directors, be issued to the two (2) first Responders involved in the medical emergency at the DOGS NSW Library & Archives Show on 15 June 2025 along with a framed certificate to be presented at the 2025 Spring Fair Dog Show.

CARRIED

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT all Show Managers/Secretaries be required to make themselves familiar with the location of defibrillators on the grounds and how they are used.

CARRIED

5 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

6. **JUDICIAL MATTERS**

Meeting recessed @ 4.07pm

Meeting resumed @ 4.22PM

OPEN MEETING

7. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

7.1 **Regulations for the Conduct of Fast n Furious Events**

(Refer Item C3-BOD Minutes 11/6/2025)

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED L Brand

THAT the following suggested Regulations for a new format of show regulations, as set out below, be inserted at Dogs Australia Regulations Part 5: CONFORMATION SHOW, Section 8, with the suggested Section being listed as 8.4 following on from the Alternate Group Regulations which form the “basis” of the proposed new Fast & Furious:-

8.4 **Fast n Furious**

NOTE: The Fast n Furious format follows that of the Alternate In-Group & In-Show Placing System.

8.4.1 A maximum of four (4) shows per day each being conducted within a two (2) hour period.

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- 8.4.2 Best In Group, 4,3,2,1 and Best Puppy In Group are mandatory classes.
- 8.4.3 Baby Puppy Class **and/or** Neuter Class are optional.
- 8.4.4 No Handlers or Sweepstakes are to be conducted at a Fast & Furious show.
- 8.4.5 Maximum entries per Group at every show is 50.
- 8.4.6 (a) Certificates are awarded in place of Ribbon and/or Rozette for In Group awards.
- (b) Ribbon or Rozette awarded for In Show and In Group award winner is optional.
- (c) A trophy can consist of a prize, voucher or cash deposited as credit for show entries
- (d) Place ribbons for children handling or any exhibitor are available on request (these will be available in the Secretary's Hut).
- 8.4.7 All entries are to be entered by electronic means only. No paper entries to be accepted (paper entries will not support this format).

CARRIED

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT a Fast n Furious event be held on 5 December commencing at 6.00pm with two (2) shows at once utilising all 14 rings and then two (2) shows later on at "All Group Level only"

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 Judges Committee – 1/7/2025**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

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8.2 **Conformation Judges Training Committee – 18/6/2025**

8.2.1 **Recommendation 1 - Item 5.1: Forms**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED C Rafton

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

THAT the Critique Form attached at Annexure A of the Conformation Judges Training Committee Minutes of 18 June 2025 be adopted for the 2026/2027 and future Programs.

CARRIED

N Curwen, K Charnock, S Hannigan ABSTAINED

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 18 June 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

N Curwen, K Charnock, S Hannigan ABSTAINED

8.3 **Constitution & Regulations Review Working Party – 1/7/2025**

8.4 **Media & Government Legislation Committee – 1/7/2025**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

CARRIED

8.4.1 **Report – Meeting with Dr K Filmer, DPI**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

THAT the Report of the meeting between Representatives of the Media & Government Legislation Committee and Dr Kim Filmer of the DPI be **received**.

CARRIED

8.5 **Obedience Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee – 23/6/2025**

8.5.1 **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 K Charnock

THAT the Minutes of the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee meeting held on 23 June 2025 be **received**.

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8.6 **Sporting Committee – 17/6/2025**

8.6.2 **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

8.6.3 **Recommendation 2 – Item 8.5: Lure Coursing Judges Training Program**

The Board **noted** that there will be a deferment to the Lure Coursing Judges Training Program until later in 2025 or early 2026 so that successful Trainees may be assessed under competencies which are currently being developed.

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED N Curwen

THAT the Minutes of the Sporting Committee meeting held on 17 June 2025 be **received**.

CARRIED

8.7 **Agility Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

8.7.1 **Agility State Titles – Corporate Shirts**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED J Bryson

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

THAT the Agility Committee take up the cost-free manufacturing agreement with Sinalli and sell merchandise in the way of shirts to competitors.

CARRIED

8.8 **Public Relations Committee**

The Board noted that this Committee did not meet.

8.8.1 **New Committee Member – Ms T Scales**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED N Curwen

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

THAT the following member be approved for the DOGS NSW PR Events Committee:-

- Ms Tanya Scales

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9. DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS

9.1 Notice of Meetings – October 2025 Conference

9.1.1 ANKC Ltd Annual General Meeting

9.1.2 ANKC Ltd Board Meeting – **AGENDA CLOSES 8 September 2025**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Spagnolo

THAT DOGS NSW notes the Notice of the October 2025 ANKC Ltd AGM and Board meeting and close of Agenda being 8 September 2025.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE - NIL

MEETING CLOSED: 4.48pm

**NEXT MEETING: Electronic Meeting – Friday 1 August 2025
Face to Face Meeting – Wednesday 13 August 2025 @ 2.00pm**

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