



**MINUTES** of a meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS to be held on **Wednesday 12 November 2025** commencing at 2.00pm.

**PARTICIPATION:**

L Brand	A McIlrath
S Hannigan	A Moy
S McFadden	N Curwen
J Bryson	V Harris
C Rafton	R Sinclair
K Hedberg BVSc	T Hofman
K Charnock	P Brown
G Vernon	

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

V Gagan-Wilson (Company Secretary)  
L Hadley (Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator)  
A Khamis (Operations Manager)

**For part of meeting via Zoom:**

D Crofts (Animal Welfare & Community Officer)

**APOLOGIES:** NIL

**A. Recording of Board Meeting**

MOVED K Charnock

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. 2025 Board & Committee Elections**

- **President**
- **Executive Committee**
- **Senior Vice President**
- **Committee Chairs/Working Party Convenors**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED G Vernon

**THAT** all **voting** in the 2025 Elections be **by poll**.

**CARRIED**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED V Harris

**THAT** the Operations Manager and Committee Secretary/Examinations Administrator **act as scrutineers**.

**CARRIED**

*President L Brand vacated the Chair @ 2.02pm  
Returning Officer took the Chair @ 2.02pm*

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**A.1 Chairman**

There being no further nominations, **Ross Sinclair** was elected as **Chairman**.

**CARRIED**

*The Returning Officer vacated the chair @ 2.03pm*

*President R Sinclair took the chair as President @ 2.03pm*

**A.2 Executive Committee**

On close of the nominations for the Executive Committee, the following Directors were elected as Deputy Chairmen to make up the **Executive Committee:-**

- **N Curwen**
- **G Vernon**
- **C Rafton**
- **K Charnock**

**A.3 Senior Deputy Chairperson**

There being no other nominations, **Christina Rafton** was elected as **Senior Deputy Chairman**.

**A.4 Committee Chairs/Working Party Convenors**

**A.4.1 Agility Committee**

There being no other nominations, **Robyne Patterson** was elected as the **Chair** of the **Agility Committee**.

**A.4.2 Agility Judges Committee**

There being no other nominations, **Jenny Taylor** was elected as the **Chair** of the **Agility Judges Committee**.

**CARRIED**

**A.4.3 Aggressive Dogs Committee**

There being no other nominations, **Pauline Hartwell** was elected as the **Chair** of the **Aggressive Dogs Committee**.

**CARRIED**

**A.4.4 Breed Standards Committee**

There being no other nominations, **Wayne Burton** was elected as the **Chair** of the **Breed Standards Committee**.

**CARRIED**

**A.4.5 Compliance Investigative Panel**

There being no other nominations, **Dr Karen Hedberg BVSc** was elected as **Chair** of the **Compliance Investigative Panel**.

**CARRIED**

**A.4.6 Constitution & Regulations Working Party**

There being no other nominations, **Tracy Hofman** was elected as **Convenor** of the **Constitution & Regulations Working Party**.

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- A.4.7 **DOGS NSW Canine Health & Welfare Committee**  
There being no other nominations, **Dr Karen Hedberg BVSc** was elected as **Chair** of the **DOGS NSW Canine Health & Welfare Committee**.  
**CARRIED**
- A.4.8 **Finance Committee**  
There being no other nominations, **Ross Sinclair** was elected as **Chair** of the **Finance Committee**.
- A.4.9 **Grounds Development Committee**  
There being no other nominations, **Sue McFadden** was elected as **Chair** of the **Grounds Development Committee**.
- A.4.10 **Honours Working Party**  
There being no other nominations, **Hugh Gent OAM** was elected as **Convenor** of the **Honours Working Party**.  
**CARRIED**
- A.4.11 **Judges Committee**  
Voting was by poll and on counting the votes, **Neil Curwen** was elected as **Chair** of the **Judges Committee**.
- A.4.12 **Judicial Panel Co-ordinator**  
There being no other nominations **Tracy Hofman** was elected as **Judicial Panel Co-ordinator**.
- A.4.13 **Library & Archives Committee**  
There being no other nominations **Peta Weber** was elected as **Chair** of the **Library & Archives Committee**.  
**CARRIED**
- A.4.14 **Media & Government Legislation Committee**  
Voting was by poll and on counting the votes, **Lyn Brown** was elected as **Chair** of the **Media & Government Legislation Committee**.  
**CARRIED**
- A.4.15 **Members Education Committee**  
There being no other nominations **Christina Rafton** was elected as **Chair** of the **Members Education Committee**.  
**CARRIED**
- A.4.16 **Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee**  
Voting was by poll and on counting the votes, **Vicki Etherington OAM** was elected as **Chair** of the **Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Committee**.  
**CARRIED**

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- A.4.17 **Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee**  
There being no other nominations, **Kyle Charnock** was elected as **Chair** of the **Obedience, Tracking & Performance Judges Committee**.  
**CARRIED**
- A.4.18 **Public Relations Committee**  
Voting was by poll and on counting the votes, **Phil Brown** was elected as **Chair** of the **Public Relations Committee**.  
**CARRIED**
- A.4.19 **Regional Committees Working Party**  
There being no other nominations, **Neil Curwen** was elected as **Convenor** of the **Regional Committees Working Party**.  
**CARRIED**
- A.4.20 **Retrieving & Field Trials (RAFT) Committee**  
There being no other nominations, **Paul Hamson** was elected as **Chair** of the **Retrieving & Field Trials Committee**.  
**CARRIED**
- A.4.21 **Serious Animal Welfare Committee**  
There being no other nominations, **Deirdre Crofts** was elected as **Chair** of the **Serious Animal Welfare Committee**.  
**CARRIED**
- A.4.22 **Show Committee**  
There being no other nominations, **Glen Vernon** was elected as **Chair** of the **Show Committee**.  
**CARRIED**
- A.4.22 **Sporting Committee**  
Voting was by poll and on counting the votes, **Vickie Harris** was elected as the **Chair** of the **Sporting Committee**.  
**CARRIED**
- A.4.24 **Spring Fair Dog Show Committee**  
There being no other nominations, **Christina Rafton** was elected as **Chair** of the **Spring Fair Dog Show Committee**.  
**CARRIED**
- A.4.25 **SprintDog™ Working Party**  
  
MOVED C Rafton  
SECONDDED T Hofman  
**THAT the SprintDog™ Working Party** be moved to the responsibility of the Sporting Committee.  
**CARRIED**

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A.4.26 **Strategic Planning Working Party**

*This Item was DEFERRED to Item 1.5, below.*

Meeting recessed @ 2.41pm

Meeting resumed @ 2.50pm

**IN CAMERA**

**1. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**1.2 Electronic Meeting – 24/10/2025**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** the Minutes of the Electronic Board Meeting of 24 October 2025, be **confirmed**.

**CARRIED**

**1.3 Electronic Motion – 28/10/2025 – CJEK Minutes – Amendment to Regulations**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Minutes of the Electronic Motion held on 28 October 2025 be **confirmed**.

**CARRIED**

**1.4 Electronic Motion – 31/10/2025 – Strategic Planning Session**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Minutes of the Electronic Motion held on 31 October 2025 be **confirmed**.

**CARRIED**

**1.5 Electronic Motion – 3/11/2025 – Strategic Planning Membership**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the following persons be appointed as **members of the Strategic Planning Working Party**:-

- Glen Jameson
- Ashleigh Lamborne
- Kath Purkis
- Brooke Taylor
- Kurt Morton
- Aaron Brooker
- Katy Campbell Young
- Leslie Weston
- Lyn Brown
- Natalie Robbins
- Catherine Crouch

The Board noted that all Directors will receive an invitation to participate in the scheduled workshops.

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MOVED T Hofman  
SECONDED P Brown  
**THAT** the Strategic Planning Working Party be convened as a **Committee**.

**CARRIED**

MOVED L Brand  
SECONDED T Hofman  
**THAT** Ross Sinclair be appointed as **Chair** of the **Strategic Planning Committee**.

**CARRIED**

## **2. PRIORITY MATTERS**

### **2.1 Strategic Planning**

### **2.2 Orchard Hills Lease**

MOVED G Vernon  
SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT** a **Working Party** be convened to bring the **Orchard Hills** lease to a satisfactory outcome/finalisation.

**CARRIED**

MOVED A McIlrath  
SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc  
**THAT** Anthony Khamis be appointed as **Convenor of the Orchard Hills Lease Working Party** and be responsible for the selection of membership.

**CARRIED**

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

### **3.1 Executive Committee Decisions - NIL**

### **3.2 Operations Manager's Report**

#### **3.2.1 Item 1.1: Monthly Safety Incident Snapshot Report**

Director T Hofman requested that this Item include a report on insurance claims in the future.

#### **3.2.2 Item 1.2: Completing of Camping Sites Upgrade**

Director T Hofman congratulated staff for their diligence in obtaining such a significant cost saving.

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3.2.4 **Recommendation 2 – Item 1.4: Development of New DOGS NSW Website**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED L Brand

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

**THAT** the Board approve a budget allocation for the development of a new DOGS NSW website in partnership with Dogs Queensland (and potentially other State Bodies), and delegate authority to the Office to finalise the design, functionality and implementation of the new website in consultation with Dogs Queensland and the selected developer.

**CARRIED**

Director T Hofman requested that the authority for the design of the new website to be tested by non-office people, ie, dog people.

3.2.5 **Recommendation 3 – Item 1.5: \$10 Introductory Associate Membership (\$40 Joining Fee Waived)**

3.2.5.1 **Recommendation 3A**

MOVED J Bryson

SECONDED S Hannigan

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

**THAT** the Board approve the offer to introduce a **\$10 introductory Associate Membership** for first-time applicants, valid to the end of the membership year (**30 June**), with the **\$40 joining fee waived**, and with a defined **March–June exception** that extends validity to **30 June of the following year** and authorises staff to implement the offer.

**CARRIED**

3.2.5.2 **Recommendation 3B**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

**THAT** a review be undertaken **after 12 months** (report on uptake, renewals, conversion to ongoing membership, and financial outcomes).

**CARRIED**

3.2.6 **Updates**

- Sprint Track is currently under construction and is looking good. A temporary area on the GSDL booking site has been set up for booking the Sprint Track. An electricity quote was received, however, the battery man will put battery there at a much lesser cost.
- Banners showing PUBLIC WELCOME!! will be installed on the front fence indicating an event on here today and it is proposed to purchase 20 and line the road “PUBLIC WELCOME”.
- BoardEffect training has been conducted with most Directors this week and the Operations Manager will catch up shortly with those Directors who have not yet attended.

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- The Operations Manager will provide an update on the new DOGS NSW website as it progresses.

***For the Operations Manager: To follow up with Dogs Australia in relation to the inability to properly print the Breed Standards.***

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED C Rafton

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

**CARRIED**

### 3.3 Finance Committee – 21/10/2025

#### 3.3.1 Recommendation 1 – Item 8: Financial Statements as @ 30 September 2025

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED T Hofman

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

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

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, K Charnock ABSTAINED*

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 21 October 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*C Rafton, K Charnock ABSTAINED*

### 3.4 Judges Committee

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

*D Crofts joined the meeting @ 3.39pm*

### 3.5 Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer Report – October 2025

#### 3.5.6 Breeder Identification Numbers (BIN)

Director G Vernon requested permission for the Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer to provide the Board with a briefing on the **requirements for BIN Numbers** as part of the POCTA Legislation.

The Animal Welfare & Community Liaison Officer covered the following items:-

#### 1. MANDATORY BREEDER IDENTIFICATION

Existing BIN holders will receive an email from the Pet Registry on 1 December 2025 advising their BIN needs to be re-activated, the new Mandatory BIN requires ID to be verified through their Service NSW account.

New BIN applicants can apply through the Pet Registry\* website following the prompts. Those that are unable to create a BIN online can download the form from the Pet Registry website and take it with 2 forms of ID to their Local Council.

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All dog breeders must have the new Mandatory BIN within 14 days of knowing their dog is pregnant OR within 7 days of whelping a litter, whichever happens first.

## 2. ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS (Sale or Transfer)

The new Mandatory BIN and the microchip numbers of each puppy MUST be displayed in every advertisement for the sale or transfer of puppies/adult dogs.

DOGS NSW members MUST also quote their membership number in every advertisement to comply with DOGS NSW and Dogs Australia Regulations.

## 3. UNDESEXED FEMALE DOG LIMITS

20 female dogs 6 months of age or older is the maximum any breeder can have on their premises, unless they have been approved for the temporary exemption. All breeders approved for the temporary exemption must not have more than 50 female dogs on the premises from 1 December 2026, and the approved temporary exemption to the maximum cap expires 30 November 2035.

## 4. LIFETIME BREEDING LIMITS

Female dogs are limited to a maximum of 5 litters or 3 caesareans, whichever occurs first. A third caesarean requires prior Veterinary Certification as to fitness before being bred. Litter Records must be kept detailing D.O.B., mode of delivery, Veterinary Certification (if required) and Veterinary details for caesarean.

## 5. MINIMUM NUMBER OF STAFF AT DOG BREEDING PREMISES

A staffing ratio of 1:20 applies to dog breeding premises. All dogs on the premises are to be included in the total dog numbers to be cared for. A litter under 12 weeks of age counts as 1 adult dog, each puppy over 12 weeks of age counts as 1 adult dog. Staff must be over 14 years old and do not need to be present 24/7 unless there are sick, injured dogs or litters to be cared for.

## PENALTIES – SEVERE PENALTIES APPLY

Penalty description	Penalty amount
Operating as a breeder in NSW without a breeder identification number (BIN) obtained through the NSW Pet Registry.	Up to \$11,000 and up to 6 months imprisonment for individuals. Also a Penalty Notice of \$500 Up to \$55,000 for corporations. Also a Penalty Notice of \$2,500
Advertising a pet for sale or transfer without the necessary identification information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Microchip number</li><li>• Breeder Identification Number</li></ul>	Up to \$16,500 and up to 6 months imprisonment for individuals, with penalties of up to \$82,500 for corporations.  Also Penalty Notice of \$1,000 for individuals, Penalty Notice of \$5,000 for corporations
Keeping more than 20 adult female dogs on a premise without a valid exemption.	Up to \$110,000 and up to 2 years imprisonment for individuals, with penalties of up to \$550,000 for corporations.

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Exceeding the breeding limit in the lifetime of an adult female dog: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• five litters in total</li><li>• three caesarean litters</li></ul>	<b>Up to \$110,000 and up to 2 years imprisonment for individuals, with penalties of up to \$550,000 for corporations.</b>  <b>Also Penalty Notice of \$500 for individuals, Penalty Notice of \$2,500 for corporations</b>
Operating with less than one staff member for every 20 dogs over 12 weeks of age; or for every litter of dogs under 12 weeks of age.	<b>Up to \$44,000 for individuals, with penalties of up to \$220,000 for corporations.</b>  <b>Also Penalty Notice of \$1,000 for individuals, Penalty Notice of \$5,000 for corporations</b>

**Pet Registry\*** - <https://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au/>

***For the AWCLO: To compile all points captured in relation to the POCTA Legislation and publish in the Weekly Woof as soon as possible and on a regular basis.***

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED S Hannigan

**THAT** the Operations Manager resurrect the breeding calculator on the DOGS NSW website to enable breeders to determine themselves when they can breed a bitch.

**CARRIED**

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

**CARRIED**

*D Crofts left the meeting @ 3.59pm*

**3.5.7 Serious Animal Welfare Committee**

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

*Meeting recessed @ 4.06pm*

*Meeting resumed @ 4.25pm*

**3.6 Company Secretary's Report**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED J Bryson

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

**CARRIED**

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS – NIL**

**4.1 Board Meeting/Agenda Structure**

The President advised that he is evaluating changes to the structure and agenda of future Board meetings to streamline processes and support more effective meeting management.

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4.4 **Amenities Building/Board Room - Acoustics**

Director P Brown expressed his concern in relation to the **acoustics in the Board Room** which are considered to be quite poor and requested consideration be given to re-arranging the table and seating to overcome the problem.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

5.3 **SprintDog™ Working Party – Purchase of Equipment**

(Refer Item 3.10.2-Electronic BOD Minutes 24/10/2025)

It was agreed that this matter be **REFERRED** to the new Sporting Committee.

5.4 **BBQ @ Canine Sports Spectacular**

(Refer Item 3.12.2.1-Electronic BOD Minutes 24/10/2025)

It was agreed that this matter be **REFERRED** to the new Public Relations Committee.

6. **JUDICIAL MATTERS**

**OPEN MEETING**

7. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

7.2 **Remove Grooming Working Party from Sporting Committee**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** the **Grooming Working Party** be removed from the responsibility of the Sporting Committee and report directly to the **Show Committee** as a “Working Party”.

**CARRIED**

7.3 **Rescind Motion – Working With Children Check – All Breeds Judges**

7.3.1 **MOTION 1**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** the resolution of the Board, at Item 7.1 of the meeting held on 8 May 2024, which reads as follows, be **RESCINDED**:-

***THAT** all NSW Judges, including Junior Handler Judges, submit a Working With Children Check number annually when paying for their Judges renewal with DOGS NSW.*

**CARRIED**

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7.3.2 **MOTION 2**

MOVED C Rafton

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** all **Junior Handler Judges** be required to submit a **Working With Children** number annually to the Office.

**AMENDMENT**

“with **membership renewals.**”

**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 – 20/10/2025**

8.1.1 **Note for Board – Item 7: Approval of Trial Dates**

The Board **noted** the Committee’s decisions in relation to Trial Dates.

**CARRIED**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

**CARRIED**

8.2 **Agility Judges Committee – 4/11/2025**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the Minutes of the Agility Judges Committee meeting held on 4 November 2025 be **received.**

**CARRIED**

8.3 **Conformation Judges Training Committee**

8.3.1 **Meeting 24/9/2025**

8.3.1.2 **Recommendation 2 Item 5.8: DOGS ACT A20/International Show – November 2025**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED P Brown

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

**THAT** a letter be sent to Dogs ACT that as we train their members, that they should keep our practical examination dates free of shows and advise them of our September 2026 & September 2027 dates.

**CARRIED**

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8.3.1.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 5.9: Aspiring Judges Course**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED A McIlrath

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

**THAT**, as the Committee did not receive any applications in 2025, the Aspiring Judges Course be run next year 2026 and again in 2027 then two yearly as originally proposed.

**CARRIED**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED A McIlrath

**THAT** the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 24 September 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

8.3.2 **Meeting 15/10/2025**

8.3.2.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 5.3: Dog Critiques**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED S Hannigan

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

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part III-Conformation Judges Education Program, Section 6, Clause 6.1.2.2, be amended as follows:-

**Currently reads:**

6.1.2.2 *Examine and critique fifty (50) dogs from the relevant Group. The breeds critiqued must be as wide a range as possible but **MUST** include at least five (5) critiques from each of the five (5) Major Breeds as determined by the Member Body CJTC. This may be achieved by attending field events or shows. All critiques are to be countersigned by a **MENTOR** for that breed who has, **themselves**, examined the **dog** being critiqued, and who has discussed the dog and the critique with the Trainee. The Mentor **MUST** write a comment on the critique form for feedback to the Trainee and Group Co-ordinator. The critique sheet shall be signed by the Trainee and Mentor and sent to the Group Co-ordinator or Assistant Group Co-ordinator for signing within fourteen (14) days.*

*A Mentor may only endorse a maximum of ten (10) critiques per Trainee Judge in any given Group.*

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**Be amended to read:**

- 6.1.2.2 Examine and critique fifty (50) dogs **over the age of 6 months** from the relevant Group. The breeds critiqued must be from as wide a range as possible, but **MUST** include at least five (5) critiques from each of the five (5) Major Breeds as determined by the Member Body CJTC. This may be achieved by attending field events or shows. All critiques are to be countersigned by a MENTOR for that breed who have, themselves, examined the dogs being critiqued, and who have discussed the dog and critique with the Trainee. The Mentor **MUST** write a comment on the critique form for feedback to the trainee and coordinator. Once the critique sheet is signed by the Trainee and Mentor, the form is to be sent to the Co-ordinator or Assistant Co-ordinator for signing within 14 days.

A Mentor may only endorse a maximum of (10) ten critiques per Trainee Judge in any given Group.

**AMENDMENT**

Remove “Mentor” and **revert back** to “Judges of 5 years”.

**CARRIED**

8.3.2.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 5.4: Specialty Critiques**

MOVED G Vernon

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

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

**THAT** DOGS NSW Regulations Part III-Conformation Judges Education Program, Section 6, Clause 6.1.3, be amended as follows - subject to change to Mentor:-

**Currently reads:**

- 6.1.3 *Module 3. Breed Specialty Show*  
*All Trainee Judges must attend a minimum of one (1) Breed Specialty Show for the Group they are enrolled in. The Specialty must not be the Trainee’s own breed. Trainees must be present for the duration of the judging on that day. A written critique on five (5) dogs examined at the event is to be submitted to the Group Co-ordinator or Assistant Group Co-ordinator for signing within fourteen (14) days.*

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**Currently reads:**

**1.18 Chair of the Conformation Judges Examinations**

**Committee:** Will be any DOGS NSW member of good standing that has knowledge of and has been involved with the Conformation Judges Education Program in any State Member Body of Dogs Australia in any prior year, is an All Breeds Judge of at least five (5) years standing **and an Accredited Assessor.**

**Be amended to read:-**

**1.18 Chair of the Conformation Judges Examinations**

**Committee:** Will be any DOGS NSW member of good standing that has knowledge of and has been involved with the Conformation Judges Education Program in any State Member Body of Dogs Australia in any prior year. ~~is an All Breeds Judge of at least five (5) years standing and an Accredited Assessor.~~

**CARRIED**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Minutes of the Conformation Judges Training Committee meeting held on 15 October 2025 be **received.**

**CARRIED**

**8.4 Constitution & Regulations Review Working Party**

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

**8.4.1 Revised Constitutions**

**8.4.1.1 Irish Wolfhound Club of NSW Inc**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Revised Constitution of the Irish Wolfhound Club of NSW Inc be **approved.**

**CARRIED**

*L Brand ABSTAINED*

**8.4.1.2 Pomeranian Club of NSW**

MOVED N Curwen

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Revised Constitution of the Pomeranian Club of NSW be **approved.**

**CARRIED**

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**8.4.1.3 Irish Setter Association of NSW Inc**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** the Revised Constitution of the Irish Setter Association of NSW Inc be **approved**.

**CARRIED**

**8.4.1.4 Newcastle & Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club NSW Inc**

MOVED P Brown

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Revised Constitution of the Newcastle & Hunter Region German Shepherd Dog Club of NSW Inc be **approved**.

**CARRIED**

**8.4.1.5 Fast Paws Sydney Inc**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED T Hofman

**THAT** the Revised Constitution of Fast Paws Sydney Inc be **approved**.

**CARRIED**

**8.5 Fast N Furious Committee – 3/11/2025**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED N Curwen

**THAT** the Minutes of the Fast N Furious Committee meeting held on 3 November 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**8.6 Grounds Development Committee**

**8.6.1 Meeting 9/9/2025**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED P Brown

**THAT** the Minutes of the Grounds Development Committee meeting held on 9 September 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

**8.6.2 Meeting 21/10/2025**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED G Vernon

**THAT** the Minutes of the Grounds Development Committee meeting held on 21 October 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

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8.7 **Media & Government Legislation Committee – 7/10/2025**

8.7.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 5.3: NSW Budget Estimates**

MOVED K Hedberg BVSc

SECONDED T Hofman

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

**THAT** the Office **write to Dr Kim Filmer** regarding the Breeding Code seeking clarification on when Stakeholder feedback is opening and confirmation of timeline for publication of the new Breeding Code for Breeding Dogs and Cats as there has been 2 widely varied dates announced publicly, ie, 1/4/2026 (Budget Estimates) and 1/12/2029 (Puppy Farm Bill).

8.7.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 5.6: Brachycephalic Breeds**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED T Hofman

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

**THAT** Dr Karen Hedberg be requested to provide information and advise on the management and testing of Brachycephalic breeds to the Media & Government Legislation Committee.

**CARRIED**

8.7.3 **Recommendation 3 – Item 5.6: Brachycephalic Breeds**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED G Vernon

**THAT** Recommendation 3 be **REFERRED** to the DOGS NSW Health & Welfare Committee.

**CARRIED**

MOVED A Moy

SECONDED S Hannigan

**THAT** the Minutes of the Media & Government Legislation Committee meeting held on 7 October 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

8.8 **Obedience Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee – 9/10/2025**

MOVED P Brown

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** Recommendations 1 & 2, which read as follows, be **approved**:-

8.8.1 **Recommendation 1 – Item 7.6.3: Practical Assessment**

**THAT** Practical Assessment for SprintDog™ Lure Operators be conducted at any approved SprintDog™ Trial in NSW, with scheduling to be mutually agreed between Assessors, State Lure Operator Training Co-ordinator and Candidate.

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8.8.2 **Recommendation 2 – Item 7.6.6: Advertisement for SprintDog™ Judges and Lure Operators Training Scheme**

**THAT** the advertisement at **ANNEXURE A** of the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee Minutes of 9/10/2025, be placed in the next available DOGS NSW Magazine.

**CARRIED**

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Minutes of the Obedience, Tracking & Performance Disciplines Judges Committee meeting held on 9 October 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

*K Charnock ABSTAINED*

8.9 **Retrieving & Field Trials Committee – 24/9/2025**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the Minutes of the Retrieving & Field Trials Committee meeting held on 24 September 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

8.10 **RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Trust – 3/11/2025**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** the Minutes of the RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Trust meeting held on 3 November 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

8.11 **Spring Fair Dog Show Committee – 27/10/2025**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** the Minutes of the Spring Fair Dog Show Committee meeting held on 27 October 2025 be **received**.

**CARRIED**

8.12 **Sporting Committee**

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

8.12.1 **Approval of Ultimate Scent Work Judges**

MOVED K Charnock

SECONDED L Brand

**THAT** the following persons be **approved as Ultimate Scent Work Judges** and the Dogs Australia Judges Database be updated accordingly:-

- Angela Clark
- Vickie Harris

**CARRIED**

*V Harris ABSTAINED*

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8.12.2 **Sheep Management**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED K Charnock

**THAT** the sheep **NOT** be returned to Orchard Hills at any time until the Board has undertaken a thorough assessment of the future options to ensure the health and wellbeing of the livestock. The health and wellbeing of the livestock is the main priority for the Board.

**CARRIED**

*A Moy, V Harris AGAINST  
S Hannigan ABSTAINED*

MOVED A McIlrath

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT Herding activities** can be conducted at **other venues**, eg, 47 Kurrajong Road, East Kurrajong NSW. The Board will continue to prioritise Herding as a sport for DOGS NSW.

**CARRIED**

9. **DOGS AUSTRALIA MATTERS**

9.1 **ANKC Ltd 2025 Annual General Meeting – Confirmed Minutes**

MOVED T Hofman

SECONDED A Moy

**THAT** the Board **notes** the ANKC Ltd 2025 Annual General Meeting confirmed Minutes.

**CARRIED**

9.2 **Notice of ANKC Ltd February 2026 Special Board Meeting**

MOVED L Brand

SECONDED K Hedberg BVSc

**THAT** the Board **notes** the date of the ANKC Ltd February 2026 Special Board Meeting along with the closing date for Agenda Items, ie, **29 DECEMBER 2025**.

**CARRIED**

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1 **R Ross – DOGS NSW Future Directions**

The Board **noted** the contents of the letter from Ms R Ross in respect of DOGS NSW future directions and that, in respect of Point 4, she be advised that the National Canine Health & Welbeing Committee is currently investigating this issue.

In closing the meeting, the President extended thanks to Director Lyn Brand, past President, as well as to the previous Board for their considerable efforts and accomplishments.

**MEETING CLOSED: 7.17pm**

**NEXT MEETING: Electronic Meeting – Friday 28 November 2025  
Face to Face Meeting – Wednesday 10 December 2025 @ 2.00pm**

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