



## ACOD 2021 Minutes

Minutes of the 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Delegates

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 10.00 am

Brentwood Hotel, Wellington

### 1. Roll Call

The President, The President, welcomed delegates to 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and thanked everyone for attending.

**Motion:** That this is a properly constituted annual meeting under the rules of the NZKC.

**Moved: The President; Seconded: Ray Greer**

President: The President

Senior Vice-President and North Island Vice-President: Stephen Meredith (apologies),

South Island Vice-President: Keith Brown

Councillors: Jill Brooker, Phil Johnson (Chair, Agility), Lisa Slade, Trina Nichols, Catherine McManus, Steve Tate, Donna Hailes, Arend van den Bos (Chair, Obedience)

Steven Thompson (Director Secretary, Dogs New Zealand)

The President requested the Director Secretary call the roll to confirm attendance.

### Present:

Name of Club	Delegates
Ashburton Kennel Association	Mark Lawrence
Auckland Kennel Council	Gay Meredith Meg Hamilton
Buller Kennel Association	Beverley Thompson Leslie Marriot
Cambridge Kennel Association	Sue Johnson Sue Chaytor
Canterbury Kennel Association	Helen Dupe
Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Association	Bill Murdoch
East Coast Ladies Kennel Association	Fiona Hodgson
Eastern Bay Of Plenty Kennel Association	Kay O'Carroll Deborah Ninness
Geraldine County Kennel Association	Robert Alcantara Jr

	Nigel Trainor
Gore & District Kennel Association	Sue Pinnow
Hamilton Kennel Association	Giselle Jeannes
Hauraki Canine Association	Merle Powley
Hibiscus Coast Kennel Association	Shirley Rolfe
Horowhenua Kennel Association	Karen Leslie Rosemary Cleator (Life Member)
Huntly & Districts Kennel Association	Claire Trevelyan Erika Watson
Hutt Valley Kennel Centre	Gary Carleton Lyn Carleton
Kapi-Mana Kennel Society	Caroline Matheson
Kumeu Kennel Association	Margaret Wilson
Ladies Kennel Association	Diane Rogers
Manawatu Kennel Association	Betty Parker Geraldine Gulbransen
Marlborough Kennel Association	Susan Van Der Pol
Nelson District Kennel Association	John Perfect (Life Member)
Nelson Ladies Kennel Association	Elaine Beattie Carol Dayman
New Plymouth Kennel Centre	Carole Tipler
North Canterbury Kennel Association	Karen McIntyre Lesley Chalmers (Life Member)
North Harbour Kennel Association	Jean McErlane Gary Withers
North Otago Kennel Association	Raelene Guthrie
Otago Kennel Association	Louise Thompson-Parker
Pencarrow Kennel Association	Martyn Slade (Upper Hutt KA) Jessica Burgess
Rotorua Kennel Association	Ros Mihaka Lenore McVicker
Ruahine Kennel Association	Lorraine Handley
South Taranaki Kennel Centre	Steve Tate (Taranaki / Wanganui Delegate, Executive Council)
Southern Ladies Kennel Association	Annette Thomas

Southland Kennel Association	Dianne Tyssen (Otago / Southland Delegate, Life Member)
Taupo Kennel Association	Tracy Locke
Tauranga Kennel Association	Michele Reichmuth
The Plains Kennel Association	Keith Brown (Executive Council)
Tokoroa Canine Association	Helen Yeoman
Upper Hutt Kennel Association	Martyn Slade (Pencarrow KA) Rob Ellis
Waikouaiti Kennel Association	Elizabeth Monson Simon Monson
Waimakariri Kennel Association	Martin Hewitt
Wairarapa Kennel Association	Tui Cherry Solitaire Robertson
Wanganui Kennel Society	Erica Rowe Amanda Calman
Wellington Kennel Centre	Carolyn Stevens Maureen Boyd (Life Member) Jack Boyd (Life Member)
Wellington Ladies Kennel Association	Amie McCarron
West Coast Kennel Association	Janine King
Life Member	Owen Dance Geoff Whitfield Rosemary Cleator (Horowhenua Kennel Association) John Perfect (Nelson District Kennel Association) Lesley Chalmers (North Canterbury Kennel Association) Dianne Tyssen (Southland Kennel Association, Otago / Southland Delegate) Maureen Boyd (Wellington Kennel Centre) Jack Boyd (Wellington Kennel Centre)
President	The President
Obedience	Arend van den Bos (Chair) Sue Howe Karen Sadler Richard van den Bos Karen Magorian

Agility	Chris Richardson (Chair) Nicola Parmenter Karen Morrison Karen Grant Rosemarie Baker Clinton Banks Diana Gausden
Auckland Group & Multibreed	Paul Robinson
Auckland Specialist	Kathleen Hardwick
Hawkes Bay Region	Bronwyn Murdoch
Taranaki	Steve Tate
Waikato	Pam Douglas
Wanganui / New Plymouth	Steve Tate
Wellington Group & Multibreed / Specialist	Sonya Sloan
Canterbury Group & Multibreed / Specialist	Bernard Fears
Otago/Southland	Dianne Tyssen
Observers	

The President said current voting strength was **68**. Remit in vote 45, recommendation in favour 35.

The President requested the Director Secretary announce apologies lodged.

**Apologies:**

Bay of Islands Canine Association	
Hawkes Bay Kennel Association	
Napier Kennel Centre	
Wairoa Kennel Association	
South Canterbury Kennel Association	
Norm Claude	Life Member
Beth Warman	Life Member
John Muir	Life Member
David Fifield	Life Member
Margaret Murray	Life Member
Marie Dickey	Life Member
Shona Prebble	Life Member

**Motion:** That the apologies be accepted.

**Mover:** President - CARRIED

**Staff etc. in Attendance: 2021**

Steven Thompson	Director Secretary
Colleen Begg	Club and Membership Manager
Nicola Wood	Executive Assistant / Administrator
Clive Phillips	Treasurer

**Obituaries**

The President requested the Director Secretary read the names of members who had passed away during the year.

A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for:

Mary Crawford, Wellington
Robynne Morrell, Christchurch
Maree McKenzie, Waiuku
Eileen McIntosh, Auckland
Gordon Wilson, Drury
Yvonne Joel, Dunedin
Tom Gorrie, Oxford
Ross McDonald, Invercargill

Aaron Fitzgerald Wyndham
Dot Courtney, Waikanae
Gerard Stokes, Christchurch
Kathy Kessler, Christchurch
Marge Farr, Christchurch
Kay Josephs, Edgecumbe
Viv Good, Christchurch
Cindy Jenkins, Waitoa
Anne Rowland, Hawera
Frederick Crouch, Paeroa
Les Atkinson, Christchurch
Karen Fiskén, Rotorua
Trevor Warman, Kaiapoi
Phil Bishop, Dunedin
Jim Broadbent, Kerikeri
Margaret Gage, Blenheim
Phil Kersey, Waipukurau
Brian Wilson, Morrinsville
Gary Shepherd, Auckland
Evelyn (Ruth) Hennessey, Pukekohe
Rhonda Roberts, Westport
Betty Simpson, Invercargill

## **1 A) Affiliations and Disaffiliations**

Note that there have been no new affiliations or disaffiliation in 2020/2021.

## **1 B) Breeders Hall of Fame**

The President invited Geoff Whitfield to present this award alongside him.

The President spoke to the Lanascoll Kennel presentation.

The President and Geoff Whitfield presented Carolyn Cederman, owner of Lanascoll Kennel, the 2021 Breeder Hall of Fame award.

## 1 C) Certificate of Appreciation

The President presented Gary and Lynn Carlton with a Certificate of Appreciation.

## 2. Minutes of 2020 Annual Conference of Delegates

**Motion:** That the Minutes be taken as read.

Gary Carlton / Sonya Sloan - CARRIED

**Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020 be approved as a true and accurate record.

Gary Carlton / Martyn Slade – CARRIED

## 3. Reports

- President's

The President presented the President Report 'as read.

The 2020/21 year has shaken our organisation to its very core and it has come through all the dramas stronger than ever.

Let us analyse the impact of COVID-19 on our club.

- The 2020 National Events including the scheduled FCI shows, National Dog Show, NZDAC and NDOA had to be cancelled.
- We needed to rely heavily on local judges to maintain a healthy show schedule that made us the envy of dog clubs around the world who suffered and still suffer total lockdowns.
- The impact on our Registry has been limited. As can be seen from the financials contained within the year book we have turned around an after-depreciation loss into a healthy profit.
- Our staff continued the automation of the dog registration system.
- The decline in membership has stabilised and we are now focused on automating membership renewals and introducing new member recruitment programmes.
- At the request of the Audit and Risk Committee a very conservative Covid budget was forecasted in April as we entered into level 4 lockdown. That forecast was for a (\$489k) deficit after depreciation. In reality we have produced a healthy profit and stand in excess of \$600k ahead of that worst scenario budget.
- The balance sheet remains strong with nil debt and healthy cash reserves.

- Executive Council have implemented a managed show programme so that we can better match our show calendar to our NZ based judges resources in a manner that is fair to all clubs.
- Thanks to the dedication of Arend van den Bos, Scentwork has flourished and is now the fastest growing section in Dogs NZ.

## **Financial 20/21 Results**

Dogs NZ posted an operating profit \$209k before depreciation which resulted in a net profit of \$115k which was well ahead of budget.

Before the impact of COVID we were facing a long term scenario of static revenues and increasing costs. Our focus needs to be on driving registration and membership revenue as well as controlling event and governance costs.

The key is to use our strong balance sheet and healthy cash reserves to invest in growth.

## **Capex / Strategy Committees**

### *Strategy Committee*

The Strategy Sub committee's role has been to recommend a 5-10 year strategy to guide the annual business planning for Dogs NZ.

We have had a number of attempts in previous years to complete a long term strategy for our organisation and it was important that the committee presented to EC and the membership a strategy for a future that is achievable and one which positions Dogs NZ as the premier national canine organisation in NZ.

Chaired by Martin Hewitt the committee has produced a document to be presented at ACOD which has mapped out the pathway forward to guide our future plans for growth.

### *Capex Committee*

Capital Expenditure Committee chaired by Steve Tate has made a number of long-term venue strategy recommendations to EC resulting in the recommendation to the members to place the Porirua site on the market. If the delegates vote in favour of a sale the next job for the Capex Committee will be to find a suitable site in the Lower North Island to conduct our dog shows. Already Dogs NZ has been approached by at least two local authorities to move to their areas. The vote at this year's ACOD gives members an opportunity to make a decision which will have a major impact on the future financial wellbeing of Dogs NZ.

## **Our Sponsor**

Nestle Purina is our naming sponsorship and we are working closely with the Pro-Plan team to develop a number of programmes to support breeders, new puppy owners, canine training and the promotion of club shows. Covid-19 has delayed the implementation of some



of these but we look forward to rolling out these programmes in the next 12 months. I want to express my gratitude to the Pro-Plan team for their support.

### **Reputation & Relationships**

Dogs NZ has continued to extend its contacts with outside organisations to strengthen our own organisation. Key initiatives in the past year include:

#### *FCI*

- Covid-19 has delayed our FCI CACIB shows but we are pleased to announce first will be held in November in Christchurch with plans for a second in Auckland in early 2022.
- More NZ Judges have been added to the FCI Judges database.

#### *Government*

- We maintain a strong relationship with MPI/NAWAC. They are seeking our input into upcoming legislation such as Animals in Sports.

#### *NGO's*

- Our Canine Health & Welfare Officer Dr Becky Murphy sits on the NZVA- Companion Animal Vets committee and the NZVA-CAV officer sits on our Canine Health and Welfare Committee.
- We continue to work closely with the SPCA Inspectorate team and are cooperating with them on a high profile court case involving a Dogs NZ registered kennel name.

#### *Canine Health & Welfare*

- We are continuing to develop the RFG scheme in conjunction with the University of Cambridge for breathing tolerance testing for brachycephalic dogs.
- The Pugs became the first brachycephalic breed to adopt a LRL.
- Continued progress in assisting breeds to adopt LRL's- Bouviers, German Shepherds, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Samoyeds, Dachshunds, Golden Retrievers.
- We are actively supporting the NZ Dog Judges Assn. development of a health scheme to be used by judges in New Zealand similar to the Scandinavian countries which will be rolled out in July.

### **2020 National Events**

Covid-19 has impacted our National events more than any other part of our sport. Plans are underway to return these events to the annual calendar in 2022.

### **National Office Staff**

During the lockdown our staff continued to maintain the registry through very trying circumstances. Not only did they keep the club functioning they developed a number of on-line systems that will benefit the club and its members into the future.

I want to thank all our staff who worked so hard through a difficult period. You are amazing.

## Executive Council

I want to take this opportunity to thank two people who have served Dogs NZ with considerable skill and devotion and have stood down from EC duties.

Trina Nichols who joined EC on the loss of Clinton Hoeben. Trina's expertise in the property market has been of enormous value as we reviewed the Dogs NZ property portfolio.

Lisa Slade has served on EC for four years. Lisa has chaired the Canine Health & Welfare Committee, bringing a wealth of knowledge and passion to the position. Her strong advocacy will be missed at the EC table.

## Finally

And finally, I want to thank the Executive Council for their hard work under tiring conditions to keep our club a viable functioning entity.

More importantly I want to thank those many people outside of EC who have done so much for our club over the last year.

- The committee of Canine Health and Welfare who have done a superb job this year.
- The Strategy Committee for comprehensive document that will be presented at ACOD.
- Anne Coulson and Paul Robinson whose sound advice on the Audit and Risk Committee has been invaluable.
- The Capex Committee who have had to make some tough calls this year.
- Geoff Whitfield who has had to face a mountain of issues in his position as Chair of the Complaints Committee.
- Martin Hewitt and the Breed Standards Committee.
- The three Chairs of the Dogs NZ properties and their committees.
- Ray Greer and the NZ Dog Judges Association.
- The Trustees of the Dogs NZ Museum Trust.
- The Junior Dog Training and Conformation committees.

As you can see, Executive Council relies heavily on the contributions and support of a huge number of individuals to keep your club functioning and progressing. To you all and the many more that I have missed my very grateful thanks.

There were no questions.

**Motion:** That the 2020/2021 Annual Report be adopted.

Keith Brown / Betty Parker – CARRIED

- **Financial Report (year ending 31 March 2021)**

Steven Thompson, the Director Secretary presented the Financials Year End Report.

Steven Thompson introduced Clive Phillips, Dogs NZ Treasurer. Steven thanked the members for their outstanding support during the financial year especially considering Covid-19 struck. Steven thanked Purina Pro Plan and noted Miranda Stevens is here today and tomorrow at the Judges AGM. Steven also advised the Registry operation was strong throughout and noted a sizable decrease in expenditure. Steven thanked E.C for their calm continued governance throughout.

The Directory Secretary spoke to the Dogs NZ Financials presentation:

- 2020/21 financial result better than budget including Actual vs Pre / Post Covid budgets
- Maintained Strong Balance Sheet and positive cash flow during year ended 31 March 2021
- FY 2021-22 Budget – Back to the new normal (forecast operational deficit)
- What Revenue Programmes do we have underway?
- The impact of Venue Capex on our financial future
- What do we expect our financial future to look like?

Steven emphasised the impact of insurances and rates increases on the viability of the Porirua venue. He emphasised the long-term financial challenges we face with our cost structure and the importance of rolling out a database platform for our registry system, sponsorship programmes and completing detailed long term planning on our venues.

**Questions opened to the floor:**

*Nigel Trainor, Geraldine County Kennel Association* – congratulations on the result as well as the government subsidy we received as we were running an organization at a loss for far too long. Nigel questioned the value of properties as it is currently the historical cost less depreciation. He suggested had the valuation be correct, we would be running at a loss after depreciation. Nigel noted, the reason valuation should be correct is that cash should be put aside for cash or maintenance for those buildings. It will throw up a deficit but one the organisation will have to grapple with. Nigel questioned the figures: registrations up 14 % yet revenue only up 11% - understand the difference. Nigel noted Dogs NZ have a number of bank accounts. They are there for historical reasons. All the properties ran at a loss although cash in bank at an increase. So why are there individual property bank accounts?

Nigel noted it is a conservative budget. Holding expenses but do need to look for new revenue resources. Nigel noted previously, all dogs were advertised via the Gazette but we don't do that anymore. How do we market pedigree dogs and how does Dogs NZ clip the ticket on this revenue stream? However, property is a really serious thing. Nigel believes we need to get these re-evaluated so depreciation will show figures true to date.

The Director Secretary thanked Nigel for all the good points he made.

President: please accept the Financial Report as in the 2020/2021 Yearbook as read.

**Motion:** That the 2020/2021 annual accounts be accepted.

Paul Robinson / Nigel Trainor- CARRIED

REPORT RECEIVED

#### 4. Remits (2)

President said these are RULE 15 (i) Standing Orders: The mover of a motion shall be allowed five minutes to introduce the motion and three minutes to reply to the debate thereon. No other member will be allowed to speak for more than five minutes to any question, subject to the chairperson having power to vary this at his discretion. No member shall speak to any question after it has been put by the chairperson except to a point of order. Questions of order shall be decided by the chairperson, whose decision is final. A motion and an amendment having been received, no second amendment shall be accepted until either the first motion or the amendment has been disposed of.

**Voting strength was 68 voting delegates so 45 is required to pass a remit.**

RULE 16 (f) All voting shall be by ballot, roll call or show of hands (cards – green in favour & yellow against).

#### Remit 1 by Dog Obedience Committee

Arend van der Bos was invited to present this Remit on behalf of the Executive Council by the Dog Obedience Committee.

#### SECTION III

#### AFFILIATED, ASSOCIATED AND RECOGNISED SOCIETIES

#### 9. ASSOCIATED SPECIALIST BREED CLUBS (e)

#### Motion

Rule 9 (e) have the words “*NZKC Dog Obedience Regulation 2.4.1.2*” be deleted and replaced with the wording “*NZKC Dog Training Regulations 2.4.1.2*”.

#### Rationale

Such a change will enable the current NZKC Dog Obedience Regulations to be renamed as the NZKC Dog Training Regulations which better reflects the diversity of codes embraced and administered by the NZKC Dog Obedience Committee.

## SECTION IV

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

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## SECTION IV

### CONSTITUTION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### 20. CONSTITUTION

#### **Motion**

Rule 15 (e) (II) have the words “*New Zealand Kennel Club Obedience Committee*” be deleted and replaced with the wording “New Zealand Kennel Club Dog Training Committee”.

Likewise, Rule 20 (d) (i) (3) have the words “*New Zealand Obedience Committee*” be deleted and replaced with the wording “New Zealand Dog Training Committee”.

#### **Rationale**

Such a change will enable the current NZKC Dog Obedience Committee to be renamed as the NZKC Dog Training Committee which better reflects the diversity of codes embraced and administered by the NZKC Dog Obedience Committee. There appears to be considerable perception by those not involved in one of the current Obedience codes that the NZKC Dog Obedience Committee deals only with those involved in competitive Obedience. Even among those involved in current Obedience codes, there is some lack of understanding that they are administered by the NZKC Obedience Committee. At present, the Dog Obedience Committee oversees five quite diverse codes, and there is the prospect of this increasing. A change to the title of Dog Training Committee better reflects the diversity and functioning of this committee and provides a better perception of their role.

**Moved: From the Chair / Seconder: Karen Sadler**

#### **Questions from the floor:**

*Chris Richardson, Agility Committee Chair* queried what the 5 parts of Obedience are? *Arend van den Bos* advised 4 parts are: traditional, working trial, Rally-o and companion dogs.

Vote by roll call. The Director Secretary called the roll.

**Vote: Green 60 / Yellow 4 and 4 Abstain – RECOMMENDATION - PASSED**

## Remit 2 by Hutt Valley Kennel Centre

Gary Carlton was invited to present this Remit on behalf of the Executive Council.

### Motion

#### Rule 20

(b) Financial members will elect by means of postal ballot or electronic ballot on a first past the post basis at such time and upon such terms and conditions as shall be laid down from time to time by regulation promulgated by Executive Council, a President, four members residing in the North Island and four members residing in the South Island to Executive Council.

#### Rule 4

(iv) *Such membership fee shall entitle members to Vote for the members of the Executive Council, one copy of the New Zealand Kennel Gazette as published provided however that where a partnership of two or more members is registered with the New Zealand Kennel Club such partnership shall receive only one copy of each New Zealand Kennel Gazette and any partner other than the first shall pay as his/her membership fee the difference between the current subscription of the New Zealand Kennel Gazette and the membership fee as determined above.*

### Rationale:

As Dogs NZ has developed and progressed the IT, members can do most activities via the internet. There is no good reason to continue this discrepancy denying financial members a vote.

Weekly members receive a newsletter that directs members to the correct dept for information and announcements. Voting can also be included via this medium.

Clubs operate with very limited active membership which is clearly unfair, giving members a vote is long overdue. Membership has been falling for the past 10 years. This rule change gives members an opportunity to contribute to the administration of KC.

Obedience and Agility members are already able to exercise a vote for their Executive Members.

**Moved: Gary Carlton / Seconder: Upper Hutt**

### Questions from the floor:

Susan van der Pol, Marlborough Kennel Association – noted we are missing part of rule 4. It should be rule 4 c 4. We need to change to the correct numbering. A motion to change numbering and once amended re-vote. Rule 4 c I v.

**Moved: Susan van der Pol / Kathleen Hardwick  
AMENDMENT PASSED**

The President noted we are now talking to the amendment not the motion.

*Rob Ellis, Upper Hutt Kennel Club* – I support the amendment and this remit whose time has now come. We need to operate in a member centric way and move the Executive vote where it belongs which is with the members. Dogs NZ have come a long way with dogiE news and online registration. Candidates to talk to members, campaign on a platform as to what they would do for us. We are not a club of clubs any more we are all part of Dogs NZ. Dogs NZ set the rules and we abide by them. Give members the vote please.

*Sonya Sloan, Multi breed and Group Clubs* – I am against this remit as her clubs feel specialist breeds and multi group clubs seem to be involved a bit more than perhaps the all breeds clubs so they intend to vote against this remit.

One point: members asked for a breakdown of confirmation vs agility vs obedience.

BH noted we don't have those figures here and would not like to give a ball park figure.

*Rosemary Cleator, Horowhenua Kennel Association* – Against vote as it will change power considerably. Obedience committee have one person one vote. People tend to vote when they want change. Need to consider very carefully.

*Nigel Trainor, Geraldine County Kennel Association* – He is sympathetic towards the remit. Rob incorrect as we are constituted as a Club of Clubs. Nigel's view is it doesn't matter the vote split but look at what are we? He is conscious of numbers in clubs and we need to think hard about how we grow that. Will Dogs NZ run all events across the country? On our way to a different constitution than we have right now. This needs a constitutional committee to look at this issue.

*Lorraine Handley, Ruahine Kennel Association* – believes if we give club members a vote, one member that has 5 clubs - can they can vote for each one? Good idea for 1 vote 1 person with confirmation of membership number as not all necessarily members of Dogs NZ, some are only members of clubs.

*Pam Douglas, Life Member* – noted she is speaking differently as to how she is going to vote. Her concern is the apathy in the clubs who have not discussed the remit on the agenda today. Pam is unsure if this is how we go about doing it? Members want to be heard but won't do anything about it.

*Bill Murdoch, Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Society* – Clubs concern is we don't actually know what the consequences will be from this motion. We need to know what the membership constitutes from the different clubs. For that reason we do not support this at this point of time.

*Paul Robinson, Auckland Group Clubs* – did exactly what Pam did. Rather than postal vote, come along. Two people said they'd come so they went to a postal vote, 80% then voted. This gives a realistic outcome. When on E.C for a short time he noted he tried to source with Lisa Slade what our membership belonged too. We couldn't determine how many membership were multiple memberships of multiple clubs. We simply don't know what our memberships and clubs belong to. Amendment appropriate. Face to face vote no but postal

*Owen Dance, Life Member* – commented that comparisons to other clubs irrelevant as there are fundamental differences. Everyone pays the same subscription and a move to one

member one vote shifts the financial dynamics. Owen would suggest a more conservative approach of one club one vote.

*Keith Brown, The Plains / E.C* – this remit has been brought to the ACOD before. At the moment, we are a club of club that reaches out to our members. Keith can see the point of our members wanting an individual vote but prefers the control of clubs having one vote.

*Margaret Wilson, Kumeau Kennel Association* – a couple of questions. Is this going to be a 2-tier system when dog training gets 2 votes? Everyone votes for dog training Committee but every other member has one vote as opposed to two. Clubs already vote for E.C (breed and group clubs).

*Lesley Chalmers, North Canterbury & Life Member* – noted, we approached the AA who have postal voting and they got a 15% return of their membership.

BH asked any further discussion for Remit 2. Put to the vote by Roll Call. Thank you Gary.  
Director Secretary, Roll Call

**Vote: Green 17 / Yellow 38 and Abstain 3 – REMIT – LOST**

## 5. Recommendations (4)

President – the vote will be from a show of cards. Green – is for yes. Yellow – no.

### **Recommendation 1 – Recommendation for sale of 11 Prosser St**

The President invited Steve Tate to present the recommendation.

#### **Recommendation**

##### **Rule 27 C:**

Exhibition Centres can only be sold with the approval of Annual Conference of delegates or at a Special General Meeting, requiring the absolute majority as per the NZ Kennel Club Rules.

##### **Recommendation for sale of 11 Prosser Street, Porirua**

That approval be given to sell the land and buildings at 11 Prosser St (Porirua Exhibition Centre) and relocate the National Office into suitable lease accommodation as Executive Council, having considered all options firmly believe this represents Dogs NZ best interests.

##### **Rationale:**

Executive Council is presenting a recommendation to ACOD for approval under Rule 27 C to sell the Dogs NZ land and building at 11 Prosser St.



This was not a decision that Executive Council has reached lightly. The New Zealand Kennel Club purchased the property in 1981 with the proceeds of the sale of the National Office in Webb Street and a large bank loan.

The facility has been for the past 40 years our national office, the venue for a number of National Dog Shows and the home for dog training and breed shows in the Wellington region.

However for the past 10-15 years we have struggled and failed to fund the required maintenance and capital improvements to keep the facility “fit for purpose” for dog shows and general hire. We now have an aging building which requires substantial investment at a time that we face declining utilisation by Dog NZ members and clubs.

The urgent need to replace the current roof of the facility has focused Council and management on the true level of funding required to accept a roof replacement tender and repair the substantial water damage to the floor, walls and ceilings of the building and office space.

This work has been costed at \$1.1m. It does not include any future plans to upgrade the event and office facilities with modern show manager, grooming spaces, café facilities and office upgrades. This has been estimated as requiring a further \$1.5m investment.

Executive Council after much discussion decided that it was not in the best interest of Dogs NZ to commit to the ongoing level of funding required to upgrade and maintain the Porirua Exhibition Centre. Instead Council is recommending that we sell the facility.

The sale of the facility will deliver immediate financial benefits to Dogs NZ. It will relieve the financial pressure on the annual operating budget. Revenue from the investment of sale funds will allow for greater investment in all our Dogs NZ activities. We will also enjoy a very strong reserves that can fund any future facility development projects that Dogs NZ may choose to undertake.

If we continue to retain the Porirua Exhibition Centre we will own an aging, underutilised building, that requires at least \$2.6m in investment before it is “fit for purpose” for future dog activities, with no guarantee that hire income will cover increasing rates, insurance and maintenance costs of the Porirua site.

This recommendation rationalises our property portfolio to a size that we can support long term and strengthens our cash reserves so we can invest in the future growth of Dogs NZ.

**Moved: Steve Tate / Keith Brown– CARRIED**

**Discussion:**

*Catherine McManus, Executive Council* – noted a great deal of time and effort has gone into this proposal and E.C have taken on a lot of information. Catherine advised she would like to move an amendment and add to the proposal,

“Any income from the sale of 11 Prosser Street is to be held in a managed fund until there is a firm proposition in place with the intent to purchase and /or secure a suitable replacement venue in the Lower north Island”.

**Moved: Catherine McManus / Nigel Trainor - CARRIED**

*Ros Mihaka, Rotorua Kennel Association* – Queried, if Council are coming in on Monday morning, have they made an indication as to what could happen? I have a client in

Rotorua who was told the client said they have 48hrs to get out of the building. Is the office going to vacate and what will happen with shows?

*Steven Thompson, Director Secretary* – Once you receive a report that rates your building against code less than 33% you have to advise council. Dogs NZ have 15 years to remedy the issue. Not expected to have to leave but we are on a registry that notes we are in an earthquake zone building. We have to place notices around building.

*Bill Murdoch, Central Hawks Bay Kennel Society* – commented regarding the amendment and placement into a managed fund. There are different kinds that carry different risks. At least note placed in a conservative capital protective fund. An amendment to the amendment to change *managed fund* to a *conservative investment fund*.

**Moved: Bill Murdoch / Nigel Trainor – CARRIED**

*Nigel Trainor Geraldine Country Kennel Association* – He is officially talking to the amendment and the wording around the principal invested.

**“Any principal and income from the sale of 11 Prosser Street is to be held in a conservative capital protection fund until there is a firm proposition in placed with the intent to purchase and / or secure a suitable replacement venue/s in the Lower North Island”.**

*Sonya Sloan, Wellington Group / Multibreed & Specialist* – Commented that the 26 clubs she represents want to include the word *open market*.

*Amanda Calman, Wanganui Kennel Society* – We need to include the ability to secure alternate venues to move the office.

*Karen McIntyre, North Canterbury Kennel Association* – There is concern around “money” and as to how the “money” it is managed. Karen questioned, will the members have an input into what venue is purchased?

BH noted in an ideal world yes but he cannot guarantee it. KM noted that members need to have a say.

*Margaret Wilson, Kumeu Kennel Association* –have had the opportunity to be included.

*The Director Secretary* noted that If they (Clubs/members) have a proposal and they’ve identified a development they can bring that to E.C.

*Owen Dance, Life Member* – noted office space can be separate from the venue. If the opportunity arose then that is fine but an amendment to the wording may have to include that.

*Clive Phillips, Dogs NZ Treasurer* – Talk about the trust model. As well as the E.C there is also management. Anything that we do, we have a process that goes via the Audit and Risk Committee such as investment and money spent. We also have to justify ourselves to the auditors. Members need to rely on the people, management and the systems in place and trust that.

*Martyn Hewitt, Waimakariri Kennel Association* – He is voting in favour in the original motion and more than happy with the amendment.

*Lesley Chalmers, Life Member* – There is history of Harriot Drive where funds were absorbed. The money was ring fenced for improvements in Porirua venue and it never was. Lesley made a point of saying that’s what people are afraid of.

*Bernard Fears, Canterbury specialist.* Concern was expressed by some clubs that they needed to know that the money will be protected for the benefit for all members but

especially for the Wellington members. The amendment certainly changes the way his vote for the clubs he represents.

*Geoff Whitfield, Life Member* – As a collective body people have resorted funds that were ring fenced for day to day operations. 63K short in operations. Issue in building and running a business that doesn't make enough money to survive, 80K short for rent, then we've got a strategic 10-year plan how are we going to fund all that? We need an amendment like that to address it. Protect the capital gain we've made over the years and make sure it doesn't dwindle away.

BH noted a vote to the amendment, green card in favour of the amendment

**“Any principal and income from the sale of 11 Prosser Street is to be held in a conservative capital protection fund until there is a firm proposition in placed with the intent to purchase and / or secure a suitable replacement venue/s in the Lower North Island”.**

**Vote: Green 63 / Yellow - AMENDMENT - PASSED**

Discussion of the Amended Motion:

*Nigel Trainor, Geraldine County Kennel Association* – noted one amendment to the substantive motion **“and relocate the national office to suitable accommodation”.**

**Moved: Nigel Trainor / Karen McIntyre – CARRIED**

**Discussion:**

Nil.

Straight to the Vote.

**Vote: Green 68 / Yellow 0 - AMENDMENT – PASSED**

*Carol Dayman, Nelson Ladies Kennel Association* – Has the earthquake report reduced the value of the building as per our estimates?

*The Directory Secretary* Advised that until we go to market we don't know. The value is on the site, not the building.

*Nigel Trainor, Geraldine County Kennel Association* – The roof needs replacing at quite a sizable cost. It has served us really well for the past 40 years but now the time has come and we need to move. A big thanks to the Wellington region. We need to own, he hates leases, but a lesson learnt that we need to maintain our buildings. Something we can all utilise.

*Rosemary Cleator, Life Member* – asked if there was any information on the alternatives that Dogs NZ have looked at so far.

*The President* advised he and the Director Secretary have had a discussion with Horowhenua District Council and Upper Hutt City Council about working alongside both parties moving forward. They are also looking at other sites as a green sites and that will continue. They have also spoken with Total Span and have a ball park figure for a new building. We are seeking all information and communication will be seamless.

*Karen Sadler, Obedience Committee* – do we have a minimum tender?

*The President* noted that that sale will be a tender process in which we have 5 days to accept any tender offer.

*Ray Greer, Life Member* – Commented on Harriot Drive and is familiar with all that has gone one. What scared him the most was the seismic report in DogiE news this week. The building is dangerous. That report tells us that there is no other option.

*Solitaire Robinson, Wairarapa Kennel Association* – Thank you to E.C for their amendment.

*Karen McIntyre, North Canterbury Kennel Association* – Noted that Clubs are split on the vote. Have we considered demolition of building and re-build?

*Susan van der Pol, Marlborough Kennel Association* – It is a leap of faith but we need to take the opportunity and trust E.C.

*Dianne Rogers, Ladies Kennel Association* – Instructed to vote yes. We can't forget the building is not fit for purpose. Forget about the roof, there is no parking! It was great when it was built and the committee has done great with limited funds. As Ray Greer pointed out, we have to think about the safety of our staff.

*Keith Brown, The Plains Kennel Association / E. C.* – Noted that we are in a stronger position than many others in the world. Respect for E.C and our working committees and sub committees. We are looking at accommodating Dogs NZ staff in the Porirua area.

*Rosemary Cleator, Life Member* – asked about alternatives. Horowhenua were asked to vote yes only if there is another venue. She is unsure if there are any suitable alternatives.

*The President* assured her that there are a number of options.

*Geoff Whitfield, Life Member* – strongly recommend E.C does not look at leases. We are where we are today because of capital gain. We have to look at land. Lack of information of positive. Lack of maintenance has put us in a corner and it's inevitable that we have to sell. First instance, move the staff into a suitable office that we own and second move to purchase land where we can hold dog shows.

*The President* spoke that we have an estimate of a building much the size of Auckland at \$1.8m. Also, lease of office space in Porirua that includes the right of purchase.

The President requested a Roll call.

The Director Secretary called the roll for votes:

Wellington NO

Otago / Southland NO

**Vote: Green 66 / Yellow 2 - RECOMMENDATION – PASSED**

The President thanked the members for their confidence in E.C going forward.

**Recommendation 2 – Recommendation by Pencarrow Kennel Association to award the President an annual honorarium of \$15k (with annual CPI increases)**

Stephen Meredith on behalf of the President invited Lisa Slade to present the recommendation.

**Rule:**

There is no current rule.

**Recommend:**

We recommend to award the role of President an honorarium of \$15 000 annually and the amount increases with CPI yearly.

**Rationale:**

Most all breed clubs currently pay or have the ability to award key members of their committee an honorarium to carry out tasks on a yearly basis however, there isn't any allowance to do so for the President of Dogs NZ.

The position of President currently is a non-paying position however, the expectations on this role is significant. The role leads the executive council and represents all member canine activities, is responsible for Dogs NZ staff members and significant infrastructure. The role of President is pivotal to a successfully run organisation and we need to attract and reward the position to enable the best possible outcome for our members. The role itself is very time consuming with a heavy work load and by not supporting the person in the role with financial reward, we risk the quality and stability of the organisation.

Therefore, we propose the position of President of Dogs NZ (NZKC) be recognised and awarded an annual honorarium of \$15 000 for recognition of representation of our members, the significant impact of the position holders time and to encourage quality nominations for this key role within Dogs NZ.

Lisa spoke to this recommendation.

**Moved: Lisa Slade / Rob Ellis – CARRIED**

**Discussion:**

*Lesley Chalmers, Life Member* – noted there is an allowance in the budget to claim for our expenses.

*Lisa Slade* noted that our current President has spent \$900 for the year. The amount is recognising the value that we place on the role.

*Stephen Meredith* advised it's a recommendation that goes to council and they will bring the appropriate rule back next year.

*Lisa Slade* commented that we can't afford not to when asked if we can afford it.

*Amanda Calman, Wanganui Kennel Society* – It is a good idea but not right now. \$15K wouldn't make her want this role. Noting in concept the idea is great but not until Dogs NZ is financially stable.

*Ray Greer, Life Member* – As an ex-president the money will mean nothing. If you want to give back, you take that role on for your members. The thought is there, it is nice but he doesn't think it will bring in the right people.

*Martyn Slade, Pencarrow & Upper Hutt Kennel Association* – He is in favour of paying the President as there is no other club not one that does not get paid. They deserve it and should be paid.

*Keith Brown, The Plains Kennel Association / E.C* – What part of this is about is finding the correct people for the role? That's where this initiative has come from.

*Michelle Reichmuth, Tauranga Kennel Association* – The moment you take on the President role you're liable for employees.

*Diane Rogers, Ladies Kennel Association* – Her initial reaction was no but then she thought about the hours her husband put in and noted you take days off work and time out of your day to day life. The President does it for the love of the hobby.

*Pam Douglas, Life Member* – Rule 17 e, d: Pam read out and asked to remove the recommendation as it is completely out of order. Withdraw on the basis of rule 17.

**Moved: Pam Douglas; Seconded: Karen McIntyre – WITHDRAWN**

Stephen Meredith agreed that this recommendation is out of order and it will come back next year as a remit.

**Vote: Green / Yellow - RECOMMENDATION – LOST / POSTPONED**

### **Recommendation 3 – Recommendation by Pencarrow Kennel Association that all dogs can be entered into stake classes without having a breed entry or an exemption granted**

The President invited Lisa Slade to present the recommendation.

#### **Rule:**

DEFINITIONS OF STAKES CLASSES PERMITTED AT ALL BREED, GROUP, MULTI-BREED AND SPECIALIST CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND OPEN SHOWS.

7.1.2 Unless specifically exempted all dogs entered into a Stakes Class must be entered into a breed class. Neutered Dogs and Spayed bitches exhibited at Championship Shows are specifically exempted from the provisions of this sub-clause unless neutered and sprayed classes are on offer at the show. At Championship shows where Obedience Tests

and/or Agility classes are also scheduled it is not necessary for a dog to be entered in a breed class to compete in an obedience test.

**Recommendation**

All dogs can be entered into stake classes without having a breed entry or an exemption granted.

**Rationale:**

Pencarrow Kennel Association supports and welcomes new exhibitors of pedigree dogs to dog showing and would like to remove any barriers to help encourage new members to exhibit and join Dogs NZ.

Currently our rule only lets owners of dogs show their dog if they are entered in a breed entry class first before they can enter a stake class. An exemption can be granted by executive council on application of the owner to enter a stake class without a breed class entry, however this needs to be done in advance and ideally line up with an EC meeting.

Pencarrow Kennel Association believe that by removing barriers for our new exhibitors will help encourage more members to try dog showing at a level above ribbon parades and then move onto breed classes. This will also help our clubs attract entries for their stake classes, which in turn supports our new judges who primarily judges these classes.

Lisa spoke to this recommendation.

**Moved: Lisa Slade / Seconder: Caroline Cederman- CARRIED**

**Discussion:**

No discussion.

The President noted straight to voting via a show of cards.

**Vote: Green 39 / Yellow 26 - RECOMMENDATION - PASSED**

**Recommendation 4 – Recommendation by Weimaraner Club Dogs NZ upgrade the Certificate of Registration document to a similar quality to the Champion Award document and send it out to new owners with an accompanying letter congratulating them on buying a pedigree dog**

The President invited Dianne Tyssen to present the recommendation.

**Recommendation 4 by The Weimaraner Club Inc**

That Dogs NZ upgrade the Certificate of Registration document to a similar quality to the Dogs NZ Champion Award document, and send it out to new owners with an accompanying letter congratulating them on buying a pedigree dog.

**Rationale:**

There is an opportunity to promote pedigree dogs in New Zealand at a time when mixed breed dogs are increasingly popular. The current certificate of registration is posted out to new puppy owners folded in three without a covering note. It would help promote pedigree dogs if the certificate was on cardboard and not folded so that it could be framed. It would add meaning to the document, as well as promoting Dog NZ, if an accompanying letter went out with the certificate of registration, congratulating the new owner and outlining the advantages of owning a registered pedigree dog in New Zealand.

**Moved: Dianne Tyssen / Seconded: Michele Reichmuth - CARRIED**

**Discussion:**

*Pam Douglas, Life Member* – She is in favour but include in a package of benefits.

*Susan van der Pol, Marlborough Kennel Association*– In favour but with an option to potentially opt out.

*Sonya Sloan, Wellington Group / Multibreed Specialist* – noted Clubs are in favour of actual idea but looking at costs is their concern.

*The President* noted the Director Secretary has numbers. *The Director Secretary* noted he likes the idea but wants to use this as a marketing opportunity to attract new members in our sport. There will be a cost of \$30K on top of the current stationery expenses. The Director Secretary presented another way to promote pride in pedigree dog ownership via power point presentation. The Director Secretary spoke about a very specific piece of marketing that is already doing this noting he will send this out to all Clubs so they can view this online tool vs open rates.

*Miranda Stevens, Purina Pro Plan* spoke and noted it is digital as well as a work in progress but welcomes feedback.

*Stephen Meredith, Executive Council* – He likes the idea as it is special and important but may be not in the current financial climate.

The President put to the vote.



**Vote: Green 34 / Yellow 32 - RECOMMENDATION – PASSED**

The President noted that the Executive Council will take the recommendation on board and try to implement when the funds are available.

(At 1.00pm ACOD broke for lunch & resumed again at 1.30pm)

## **6. Dogs NZ 10-Year Strategy**

Martin Hewitt (Dogs NZ Strategy Committee), Miranda Stevens (Purina Pro Plan) and Steven Thompson (Director Secretary) presented the Dogs NZ 10-Year Strategy.

### **Dogs NZ Strategy 2021-2030, An Overview**

- Strategy Committee Mandate
- The Focus of the Sub-Committee is developing strategies to:
  - Develop growing & sustainable revenue / membership growth.
  - Credible voice on behalf of all dogs owner.
  - Maintain our “social license to operate.”
  - Promote pedigree dog ownership to the general public.
  - Make Dogs NZ relevant to general dog owners via dog training & dog sports activities.
  - Ensure utilization of our facility assets to maximize financial return.
  - Strengthen the administration of member clubs.
  - Leverage of our Sponsorship partners.
  - Develop event schedule to increased participation in our three key dog sports.
- Strategy Committee Membership
- Strategy Committee Work Schedule
- Our Mission / Purpose
- Strategic Priorities – how we’ll achieve our goals
- Enablers
- How we will implement the Strategy
- What are we doing in the current FY to achieve our strategic goals?
- 2020 Achievements
- What is Next?

### **Questions opened to the floor:**

There were no questions from the floor.

The President thanked Martin Hewitt, Steven Thompson and Miranda Stevens for their presentation.

#### **7. Acknowledgement of E.C Resignation**

The President acknowledged Trina Nichols, Lisa Slade and Arend van den Bos and presented each of them with gifts.

The President noted due to the loss of Clinton Hoeben, Trina Nichols stepped up in to the position. He noted her knowledge in real estate will be put to great use with the sale of 11 Prosser St.

The President acknowledged Lisa Slade's 4 years of service and as Chair of the Canine Health and Welfare Committee.

The President acknowledged Arend van den Bos' service noting for the last 2 years as the Obedience Chair and in Rally-O and especially in the set-up of Scent Work.

#### **8. Announcement of Votes Recorded (North Island Executive Council)**

The President announced the results of the postal ballot as follows:

- Stephen Meredith (69 votes) Successful – 2-year term (to June 2023)
- Fiona Hodgson (54 votes) Successful – 2-year term (to June 2023)

#### **Announcement of Votes Recorded (South Island Executive Council)**

The President announced the results of the postal ballot as follows:

- Nigel Trainor (unopposed) Successful – 2-year term (to June 2023)
- Donna Hailes (unopposed) Successful – 2-year term (to June 2023)

#### **Announcement of Votes Recorded (Obedience)**

The President announced the results of the postal ballot as follows:

- Karen Sadler (113 votes) Successful – elected as obedience representative
- Arend van den Bos (112 votes) Unsuccessful

#### **Announcement of Votes Recorded (Agility)**

The President announced the results of the postal ballot as follows:

- Phil Johnson appointed as Agility representative

#### **9. Election of Vice Presidents North and South Island and Senior Vice President**

The President called for Nominations for the position of North Island VP.

- Steven Meredith
- Jill Brooker (declined)

The President declared Stephen Meredith nominated and appointed unopposed as Vice President North Island

### **Election of Vice President South Island**

The President called for Nominations for the position of South Island VP

- Keith Brown
- Catherine McManus
- Nigel Trainor (declined)

### **Results**

A vote was taken by ballot.

- Keith Brown (39)
- Catherine McManus (28)

The President declared Keith Brown as Vice President South Island.

### **Election of Senior Vice President**

The President called for Nominations of Senior Vice President

- Stephen Meredith
- Keith Brown

### **Results:**

A vote was taken by ballot:

- Stephen Meredith 42 votes
- Keith Brown 26 votes

The President declared Stephen Meredith as Senior Vice President

The President welcomed the new appointees to Executive Council, the Obedience Committee and the Agility Committee, and presented them with their respective badges.

### **Executive Council:**

- Phil Johnson
- Fiona Hodgson
- Nigel Trainor
- Karen Sadler

### **Obedience Committee:**

- Geoff Collins

**Agility Committee:**

- Nicola Parmenter
- Karen Morrison
- Rosemarie Baker
- Clint Banks
- Karen Grant
- Diana Grausden

**10. Discussion Paper**

There are no discussion papers.

**11. Appointment of Auditor and Solicitor**

Motion: That Deloittes be reappointed as Auditor for ensuring year.

**Gary Carlton / Ray Greer - CARRIED**

Motion: That Gibson Sheat be reappointed as our Solicitors.

**Margaret Wilson / Bernard Fears – CARRIED**

**Agree to Subscription Fees and Show Levies**

Motion: That 2021/2022 fees and show levies be approved as per page 46 of the Year-Book.

**Jill Brooker / Keith Brown - CARRIED**

**Appointment of Patron**

Motion: New incoming Governor General.

**The President / Ray Greer - CARRIED**

**12. Authority to borrow**

Motion: That Executive Council continue to be given Authority to borrow a maximum of \$250,000 for the year ending 30 June2022 for the day to day running of the New Zealand Kennel Club trading as Dogs NZ.

**Ray Greer / Martin Hewitt – CARRIED**

### 13. F.C.I Presentation

The President spoke to his FCI Show presentation.

- What is F.C.I.?
- F.C.I Executive Committee
- F.C.I Asia, Africa & Oceania Section
- How are they funded?
- F.C.I Shows
- What are the differences?
- The 10 Groups
- F.C.I Classes
- Grading
- Awarding the CACIB
- The reserve CACIB
- Placings
- Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex
- The Judges

#### Questions to the floor:

The President Confirmed FCI standards will apply and noted it is up to you to measure the dog correctly. If you don't you will be disqualified.

What support will you provide stewards? The President advised there will be two stewards for each ring. One with the Judge and one writing the grading cards. Stewards are without doubt the most important person on the day.

Dianne Tyssen asked, will any critiquing be done on the day? The President answered, only best of breeds will be.

### 14. General Business

*Sonya Sloan, Wellington Group / Multibreed specialist* - Commented on the dogs used on the cover of Dogs NZ Gazette should be to enhance our magazine.

*Keith Brown, The Plains Kennel Association / Executive Council* – Advised that with the sale of Porirua, the Museum will go into storage and until such time we have a new venue. The Museum is raising funds to hopefully build their own building to house our items in. Any donations are very welcome. Also the Museum can now run shows for themselves which they will do.

*Lorraine Handley, Ruahine Kennel Association* – asked Purina Pro Plan, can we get sent the pdfs of breeder’s advice? The Director Secretary will look in to it.

*Amanda Calman, Wanganui Kennel Society* – Dogs NZ Gazette: Can Dogs NZ members opt out of a hard copy magazine and select an electronic copy only? If not, distribute to local vets?

*Rob Ellis, Upper Hutt Kennel Association* - Commented on Dog World noting there is a lack of Show Dogs in the magazine. Could we link in to Australia for articles?

*David Brown, Hibiscus Coast Kennel Association* – with regard to the Dog World it is important that Breed Clubs and supply Dogs NZ with the articles.

*Solitaire Robertson, Wairarapa Kennel Association*– asked if the E.C agenda could be made available to members prior to their meetings. The President / Director Secretary will look into it.

Unknown – graphic designer, how to get a design done. Suggested Dogs NZ have a package for an advert rather than just design an advert. She will provide this information to the E.C.

The President noted, there being no further business, thanked all present for their contribution and wished them safe travels home.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.