



ACOD 2022 Minutes

Minutes of the 136th Annual Conference of Delegates

Saturday 25th June 2022, 10.00 am

Brentwood Hotel, Wellington

1. Roll Call

The President, The President, welcomed delegates to 136th Annual Conference and thanked everyone for attending.

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

Moved: Lavina Diamanti/ **Seconded:** Ray Greer

President: The President

Senior Vice-President and North Island Vice-President: Stephen Meredith

South Island Vice-President: Keith Brown

Councillors: Jill Brooker, Phil Johnson (Agility), Catherine McManus, Steve Tate, Donna Hailes, Nigel Trainor, Fiona Hodgson, Karen Sadler (Dog Training)

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
Canterbury Ladies Kennel Association	Arvine Gamlin Lynley Drummond
Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Association	Bill Murdoch Elza Maulder
East Coast Ladies Kennel Association	Helen Clark

Eastern Bay Of Plenty Kennel Association	Kay O'Carroll
Franklin Kennel Association	Kerol Goodwill
Geraldine County Kennel Association	Elizabeth Monson
Gore & District Kennel Association	Sue Pinnow
Hamilton Kennel Association	Giselle Jeannes
Hauraki Canine Association	Merle Powley
Hawkes Bay Kennel Association	Darren Slade
Hibiscus Coast Kennel Association	Shirley Rolfe
Horowhenua Kennel Association	Anita Shugg Rosemary Cleator (Life Member)
Huntly & Districts Kennel Association	Pam Douglas
Hutt Valley Kennel Centre	Gary Carleton Lyn Carleton
Kapi-Mana Kennel Society	Caroline Matheson
Kumeu Kennel Association	Ray Greer Karla Magnus
Ladies Kennel Association	Diane Rogers
Manawatu Kennel Association	Geraldine Gulbransen Lisa Sutcliffe
Marlborough Kennel Association	Susan Van Der Pol Lavina Diamanti
Nelson District Kennel Association	Carol Dayman
Nelson Ladies Kennel Association	Elaine Beattie
New Plymouth Kennel Centre	Carole Tipler
North Canterbury Kennel Association	Karen McIntyre
North Harbour Kennel Association	Gary Withers
North Otago Kennel Association	Raelene Guthrie
Otago Kennel Association	Louise Thompson-Parker
Pencarrow Kennel Association	Lisa Slade Cassidy Slade
Rotorua Kennel Association	Ros Mihaka
Ruahine Kennel Association	Elza Maulder
South Canterbury Kennel Association	Nigel Trainor
South Taranaki Kennel Centre	Steve Tate (Executive Council)
Southern Ladies Kennel Association	Carolyn Lewis

Southland Kennel Association	David Legat
Taupo Kennel Association	Meg Hamilton
Tauranga Kennel Association	Michele Reichmuth
The Plains Kennel Association	Keith Brown (Executive Council)
Tokoroa Canine Association	Karla Magnus (Kumeu KA)
Upper Hutt Kennel Association	Martyn Slade (Pencarrow KA) Jessica Burgess
Waikouaiti Kennel Association	Elizabeth Monson Simon Monson
Waimakariri Kennel Association	Martin Hewitt
Waimate Kennel Society	Kathryn Stewart
Wairarapa Kennel Association	Sandra Macklin Amorine Ward
Wanganui Kennel Society	Erica Rowe Amanda Calman
Wellington Kennel Centre	Carolyn Stevens Samantha Diggins
Wellington Ladies Kennel Association	Anne Dobie
West Coast Kennel Association	Janine King
Life Member	Maureen Boyd Jack Boyd Ray Greer Jean McErlane Lesley Chalmers Dianne Tyssen Pam Douglas Betty Parker Bernard Fears Rosemary Cleator
President	Brian Harris
Executive Council	Stephen Meredith Jill Brooker Keith Brown Donna Hailes Catherine McManus Steve Tate Phil Johnson Karen Sadler

	Nigel Trainor Fiona Hodgson Lynley Drummond
Dog Training	Karen Sadler Geoff Collins Ruth Thorburn
Agility	Chris Richardson (Chair) Phil Johnson Nicola Parmenter Karen Morrison Rosemarie Baker
Auckland Group & Multibreed	Kathleen Hardwick
Auckland Specialist	Margaret Wilson
Hawkes Bay Region	Bronwyn Murdoch
Waikato	Pam Douglas
Wanganui / New Plymouth	Steve Tate
Wellington Group & Multibreed / Specialist	Sonya Sloan
Canterbury Group & Multibreed / Specialist	Bernard Fears
Otago/Southland	Sarah Abrey

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.

NZ Gundog Trials Association	
Bay of Islands Canine Association	
Napier Kennel Centre	
Wairoa Kennel Association	
Wanganui Kennel Society	
Clint Banks	Agility
Karen Grant	Agility
Sue Howe	Dog Training
Philippa Hosken	Dog Training
Davida Brown	Delegate
Lynley Bray	Delegate
Ashleigh Donaldson-Rogers	Delegate
Rob Ellis	Delegate
Tracey Locke	Delegate
Lynne Oldbury	Delegate
Karen Leslie	Delegate
Robert Alcantara Jr	Delegate
Heather Christieson	Delegate
Beth Warman	Life Member
David Fifield	Life Member
John Muir	Life Member
Margaret Dickey	Life Member
Margaret Murray	Life Member
Norm Claude	Life Member
Geoff Whitfield	Life Member
Shona Prebble	Life Member
Sean Deery	Life Member

Apologies:

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Mover: President - CARRIED
Gary Carleton/Marie ?

Staff in Attendance

Steven Thompson	Director Secretary
Colleen Begg	Club and Membership Manager
Sharon Bosma	Executive Administrator
Clive Phillips	Treasurer
Rhea Hurley	Canine Health & Welfare Officer

2. 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:

Edith Coulter, Timaru	Elsa Pym, Te Horo
Judeen Foreman, Levin	Bruce Christoffersen, Upper Hutt
Colleen Brooky, Pukekohe	Phil Smith, Dunedin
G (Denise) Hart, Rotorua	Bruce Needham, New Plymouth
Marilyn Switalla, Rangiora	Elizabeth (Liz) Wilkinson, Christchurch
Marie Cummins, Otane	Laraine Hilton, Christchurch
Barry Catton, Hamilton, Life Member	William Farnell, Auckland
June Catton, Hamilton, Life Member	Alwyn Isaacs, Dunedin
Lorraine Russell, Lower Hutt	Sue Oomen, Masterton
Jenny Hamilton, Christchurch	Rodney Johnston, Wanganui
Ray Adcock, Dunsandel	Chris Thompson, Otane
Junell Moss, Christchurch	Noel Davis, Christchurch
Ann Coldrick, New Plymouth	Eileen Curry, Lower Hutt
Robin Smith, Wellington	Brian Falkingham, Leeston
Joan Hewinson, Christchurch	Trish Waipouri, Broadwood
Leeanne Lyons, Auckland	Malcom Davies, Pukekohe
Elaine Russ, Lower Hutt	Gloria Gwatkin, Christchurch
Rolf Meltzer, Blenheim	Brenda Morrell, Waipawa
Anthea Whitley, Rangiora	William (Bill) Crawford, Wellington
Len Inkpen, Palmerston North	Christine Healy, Auckland

2 A) Affiliations and Disaffiliations

Note that there have been no new affiliations or disaffiliation in 2021/2022.

2 B) Breeders Hall of Fame

The President invited Steven Thompson to present this award alongside him.

The President spoke to the Prestonville Kennels presentation.

Dianne is a breeder of grand champions, supreme and speciality grand champions of cavaliers, breeder of all breeds winners in Australia NZ and Japan. She is an all breeds judge she is listed by Dogs NZ as a specialist cavalier king spaniel judge, also she has judged Cavalier specialties in NZ, Australia, Sweden, Canada the USA including the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club National Show and she approved award CCs in the UK for the breed and has judged at the prestigious Darlington Show.

The President and Steven Thompson presented Dianne Tyssen, owner of Prestonville Kennels, the 2022 Breeder Hall of Fame award.

2 C) Life Membership

The President presented Martin Hewitt with Life Membership.

3. Minutes of 2021 Annual Conference of Delegates

Motion: That the Minutes be taken as read.

Jill Brooker / ???? - CARRIED

Matters Arising: There were amendments arising. Ray Greer, Kumeu Kennel Association and Bernard Fears, Life Member were both present at the 135th Annual Conference of Delegates.

Motion: That the Minutes of the 135th Annual Meeting held on Saturday 19th June 2021 be approved as a true and accurate record.

Ray Greer / Bernard Fears – CARRIED

4. Reports

- President's

The President presented the President Report 'as read'.

The 2020/21 year has seen some major changes within the club.

Let us review the last twelve months.

- During 2021 National Events including the scheduled FCI shows, National Dog Show, NZDAC had to be cancelled.
- We needed to rely heavily on local judges to maintain a health show schedule that made us the envy of dog clubs around the world who suffered and still suffer lockdowns.
- The decline in membership has stabilised and we are now focused on automating membership renewals and introducing new membership recruitment programmes.
- The balance sheet remains strong with nil debt and healthy cash reserves.

Financial 2021/2022 Results

Dogs NZ posted an operating profit (\$135k) before depreciation which resulted in a net profit of (\$54k) which was (\$215k) 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

Chaired by Martin Hewitt, 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. The document presented to last year's ACOD will guide the future direction of Dogs NZ.

Capex Committee

Capital Expenditure Committee chaired by Steve Tate has made a number of long-term venue strategy recommendations to EC resulting in the sale of the Porirua property. 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. A presentation will be made at this year's ACOD by the Lower North Island Property Group on the progress to date.

Our Sponsor

Nestle Purina is our naming sponsorship and we are working closely with the Purina Pro-Plan team to develop a number of programmes to support breeders, new puppy owners, canine training and the promotion of club shows. Covid 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 Purina 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 delighted that during Easter 2022 the first was held in Christchurch with plans for a second and third in Auckland in early July.
- 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

- Rhea Hurley is our new Canine Health & Welfare Officer. A representative of NZVA-CAV committee sits on our Canine Health and Welfare Committee.
- We continue to work closely with the SPCA Inspectorate team and cooperated with them on a high profile court case involving a Dogs NZ registered kennel name.

Canine Health & Welfare

- The development of a RFG scheme in conjunction with the University of Cambridge for breathing tolerance testing for brachycephalic dogs was delayed by covid. But plans are underway to get the scheme up and running in NZ.
- The Pugs become 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; and English Springer Spaniels.
- A health scheme to be used by judges in New Zealand similar to that in Scandinavian countries has been rolled out and data collected will be used for the benefit of our members.

National Office Staff

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 Keith Brown who has served Dogs NZ with considerable skill and devotion and has decided to stand down from EC duties. Keith has served on EC for many years and his contribution has been enormous. Keith's passion has seen the Museum Trust grow both financially and within the show calendar. Keith has served as South Island Vice President and his dedication will be sorely missed around the board 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.
- Ann Coulson and Paul Robinson whose sound advice on the Audit and Risk Committee has been invaluable. Sadly, Ann has tendered her resignation from the committee Thank you Ann, for all you have given to Dogs NZ during your term on the committee.
- The Capex Committee who have had to make some tough calls this year and going forward.
- Geoff Whitfield who as Chair of the Complaints Committee has done an amazing job dealing with issues that take a special person to resolve..
- Martin Hewitt and the Breed Standards Committee.
- The 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.

The President added that it was a great privilege to serve with the EC members for the last 12 months. They are dedicated to the point where we have some strong debate, which means we get to the right answer in the end. We have a really strong working Executive Council over the last 12 months, and I would like to thank you very much to all of you, for that work.

There were no questions.

Motion: That the 2021/2022 Annual Report be adopted.

The President / Carolyn Matheson – CARRIED

- **Financial Report (year ending 31 March 2022)**

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

Steven Thompson took attendees through the Financial and Capex Report. It's going to focus on the future we are trying to build within the organisation.

The Directory Secretary spoke to the Dogs NZ Financials presentation:

- 2021/22 financial result better than budget.
- Cash rich balance sheet.
- FY 2022-23 Budget – Back to the new normal?
- What Capex investments are we planning?
- Business Plan Investments.
- Investment in staff to improve membership services.

Questions opened to the floor:

Bill Murdoch, Central Hawkes Bay Kennel Society: Governance and processes for the financial accounts – likes the Dogs NZ structure, the EC and sub committees and people with expertise. Risk, Audit and Finance committee, Bill was surprised and shocked when he read the EC minutes from October 2021 meeting – Budget for 2022/23 requirement for the RAF committee to review the budget before it goes to the EC. This was not done and we received version 1 at the same time as EC not leaving us any time for considered discussion before it was presented. Please note this for future years. Why did this report not go to the RAF and for the EC why did you accept this report from the Director/Secretary rather than send it back to the RAF before it was received?

Steven Thompson, Director Secretary commented on this. Budget process this year, Steven Thompson and Treasurer Clive Phillips went through all the chair committees, to bring down the 200k deficit to a draft budget that we were aiming to present to both RAF and EC in the February 2022 meeting. It was only a draft budget, we were not asking for sign off for that budget but, feedback. This would go into a final budget that would go to EC for sign off. EC did not sign off this budget until the April-May 2022 meeting, because we were incorporating the feedback that came back from the draft.

Nigel Trainor, EC commented: The draft budget did go to the RAF committee, they did put in their input. The final budget did go straight to EC because the feedback had already been incorporated. The budget is the responsibility of EC not FAR they are the ones that will give us advice, we took their advice. So what Ann is referring to in those minutes, is the very final budget.

Bill Murdoch – line items: Page 73 in the Yearbook. For 2023 a forecast of a small surplus of \$3,301. If you look at the revenue there is interest, which last year was \$16,795 for 2023 it is \$182, 226, the interest can only come from the income from the sale of Prosser St. Bill referred to the minutes which had been accepted and the final recommendation “any principal and income from the sale of Prosser St is to be held in a conservative capital

protection fund until there is a firm position in place with the intent to purchase and or secure a suitable replacement venue in the North Island. Principal and income is the focus, appears to me, that the interest has been put into operating funds rather than added to the capital as was required by the delegates last year. If that is the case, then the actual position budget for next year would switch from a surplus of \$3,301K to a deficit of \$178,925. Comments on whether I'm correct that its interest from capital and it has gone into the operating budget rather than added to the principle.

Nigel Trainor replied: When you receive money you have to receive the interest into your accounts as revenue. It will be added to the principle. The cash sits with the investment, its standard accounting.

Bill Murdoch - Should it not appear as an expenditure item.

Nigel Trainor – You're not expending it, you're just putting it in a different bank account.

Bill Murdoch – Expenses line: You have increased personnel, so in far as effective monitoring of expenses go, the personnel expenses are increasing from \$705,405 to \$828,662, that's an increase of \$123,000, and it's a significant increase. Is that all taken up with the increment increase in staff?

Steven Thompson – Yes, if you want to employ a full time vet with those qualifications, you have to pay. We have been on a fool's errand of underpaying staff for decades in this organization. If you want to have an improvement in services and you want to be able to do all the things that we want to do in our strategy, you need to have suitably qualified staff. And in the current staffing environment you need to properly remunerate them. Or else you are going to end up with a whole lot of staff with a poor skill set and you're not going to be able to do the things you want to do as an organization. Any staff we recruit is to improve the service to members.

Bill Murdoch – Chair of RAF report minutes, they made the comment that with show levies they were conservative in the budget, they were going back to a full year calendar, yet in the budget for show levies for last year were \$62k, the budget for 2023 moved down to \$52k. Previous years were it was a full show calendar 2018 (\$116k), 2019 (\$111k). It undercooks the budget from an income perspective in my view.

Clive Philips (Treasurer): When we put this budget together, we started this process back in December 2021. The first draft was put together at the end of January 2022, we were in the middle of lock downs at that stage and it was prudent to set show levies at a level we felt could be sustainable. We've had two months actual results and while we're ahead of budget we actually behind last year by about \$5-6k. We could have lifted it up but if we don't reach it we're going to be well off the mark. Isn't it better to be conservative? I've worked in a lot of companies overseas and you have revenues set at realistic levels, and it's the organizations' that over exaggerate their revenue or have a very optimistic level that run risks of falling

short. We have set now 2 or 3 years of delivering results that are pretty close to what we budgeted. So I don't think we should have all these questions on it quite frankly.

Bill Murdoch: I have one further question if you don't mind, and I take exception to that last comment. We are the delegates and we're entitled to ask questions.

Nigel Trainor: True it's a conservative budget for the revenue and we deliberately did that as we don't know what's in front of us with covid, rising costs and so forth. However, the EC had quite a large debate yesterday on our financials in terms of being able to cover the costs of our depreciation to actually ensure our facilities are well maintained and we're investing in those. The Treasurer is right, somehow as an organization we are going to have to find more revenue streams. If we keep going with depreciation you will not keep your investments up to speed in those properties both Ardmore and Forrester Park. Last year I asked for the properties to be revalued, but we haven't done that as it's costly, I did this to bring onto the books the real cost of that venue in Auckland. If you put the real costs in there our depreciation will climb significantly and that depreciation climbing significantly should be brought into our accounts to generate the cash to reinvest in Ardmore we're running in my opinion a major risk with Ardmore of having another Wellington on our books if we don't think outside the square. There is no magic wand, it's going to take time to fix this, and EC will have some good debates over the next year on that. How can we generate more revenue if we want to keep things maintained? It's a very serious question and its perplexing when you think about it so we're going to have to evolve we're going to have to think outside the square.

Bill Murdoch: Thank you for the answers and the Chair for allowing me more than the allocated time. There is one last thing I would like to raise it refers to the investment of the funds from the sale of Prosser St. And I assume we'll have more opportunity this afternoon to discuss this when we get the Forsyth Barr presentation, but in the context of the finances, it gives us 86% in cash and 13% in shares (Steven Thompson confirmed this), and again I go back to the recommendation in the minutes from last year, principle and income to be held in a capital protection fund. 100% is a capital protection fund, not 13% which is in shares which is volatile and not capital protection. Just pointing it out, so its noted in the meeting that not all the funds from the investment in the building have gone into a capital protection fund.

Steve Thompson: Bill they have.

President, Brian Harris: I'm sorry Bill, but I have to point out one thing to you and your absolutely incorrect, and not for the first time. Bill the monies that were raised from the sale of Prosser St are sitting in cash and fixed deposit and include some of the funds generated by EC activities previous to that. So that in that fund we have conservatively is more than the Prosser St sale. The funds that are invested in share and from the funds generated from the members from the last 3 or so years and that is where the share money comes from. The money from Prosser St is in a conservative fund and includes more money than came from Prosser St.

Keith Brown, EC: Thank you Bill for your heart felt thoughts on the balance sheet. I can understand where the members are coming from and their thoughts but for our Director Secretary and our Treasurer, dealing with Executive Council can be tiresome and I assure you I can be a problem. But, let's look at show levies. Bill, you mentioned that it is lower. You must remember in our April meeting we only gave the go ahead for the future for the clubs from the 1 September 2022 to start holding two championship shows. Next year we are in unknown waters still and we have dropping show entry numbers. So we've got to find a balance and we've got to write something down to show you. But, it's unknown. None of us know how many entries we're going to get for a dog show in 2 months' time. At the moment we're struggling. FCI, we're trying to deliver a service to your members and for your showing of something different, and that's unknown territory as well. But Bill on my behalf I thank you for your questions and it's a debate. This is a very quiet conference from years ago. But, I thank Steven and our Treasurer for their work and dedication to Dogs NZ and to our President. But show levies, none of us know what the income is. That's going to be for the future.

Sonya Sloan, representing Multi-breed, Specialist Breed Group Clubs in the Lower North Island.

My members want to know the question or suggestion that the thoughts heard that Dogs NZ want to buy the building where the office staff are accommodated. They would like to know where this money is coming from, at this point. Or is this just a rumour.

Steven Thompson, Director Secretary: It is one of the options we are looking at, because it was actually proposed, the idea that we should look at owning our own National Office. And it's been a tradition that Dogs NZ owning its own National Office. Even before we had Prosser St, we owned the office building. A big part of the capital for Prosser St, came from that. So one of our Life members said it would be good for us to look at that option. When we signed the lease for the current building we built into the lease that we could have the option to purchase that building, because the building owner wants to retire. That is one of the options going through to Capex and RAF. We have \$8 million in cash sitting on the balance sheet at the moment. So we have enough money to be able to fund whatever proposal may come from the working group on a facility in the Lower North Island and a National Office. That process will take another 12 months.

Samantha Diggins, Wellington Kennel Centre: You mentioned updating the Registry. As a breeder and an exhibitor, I'm a proud person to know the pedigrees behind my dogs. Will you be adding the old registry cards that have been stored for many many years in one of the back rooms of the old building, digitilising them. I know this has been a mentioned thing for 15 years and it's never happened as far as I know. Is there a cost built into the updating of the registry to be added to this data. Because, it is the history of our club, it's the history of our breeds. And I think we should have it done. My personal opinion that my breed West Highland Whites has no registry online for them before 1966 and they have been in NZ in the Registry since pre 1921 because I have a copy of all the Registry notes myself. Because I sat down and I wrote them all down, it took me days. Will this be built in please?

Steven Thompson: We've kept all those old registry cards, they are in long term storage in Wellington. They are available to us at a future date to digitize them and add them to the Registry. At the moment we are fully concentrating on completing the handover of the registry to the new platform, which has been a considerable amount of work that Sue Conner and team have been doing for the past two years. We've still got two final projects to do in that area which is to do with frozen semen and dog transfers, which we are working on at the moment. Once that's completed we need to go into the Membership area. Because we need to drive a fair amount of cost savings in those memberships. If you had read the accounts as closely as Bill had, who will have noticed that our postage costs are climbing towards \$200k. We've got to get smarter on how we deliver that. I'm quite happy to add the digitisation of historical record to the scope of work. It might be a good project to get some funding for a student in the summer to do. So I'll put it on the scope of work and we'll look at doing that.

Samantha Diggins: I can speak to that regarding a student over the holidays. When I was on the Museum Committee we tried to get students to do this, but it was impossible nobody wanted to do it. I'm just really concerned that as a member that these records will just get shoved to the side, stay in long term storage and eventually disappear. It is the history of our club we've got to look back. I will continue to bring this up and I want it recorded in the minutes. I will continue to stand up and push for this.

Bernard Fears, Life Member, representing Canterbury Specialist Group and Multi breed clubs. We don't get a great deal of feedback leading up to Conference from our clubs. It's a great deal of apathy. But funnily enough this year there was a common theme coming in and it revolved around dissatisfaction with our current registry. We've got a skeleton in the cupboard and it's not a dead skeleton, in fact it's coming back to haunt us. Because there are so many errors in our current registry that in some respects our registry is a bit of a laughing stock. I've got two pedigrees here that were printed off from our records that are absolutely gobbledygook. They have dogs with their parents as different breeds. My question is, how are we going to go about correcting these, what is now on record, and these are post 1960, possibly 1970 maybe a little bit later. Somehow, somebody in our past employment or a contractor hasn't served us very well. And there are considerable errors in the registry that need to be addressed. These dogs may be 50 years ago but as we get older and pass on, these things are going to be forgotten. I've got a record here from a lady in America who spends considerable time studying pedigrees. It just so happens she took dogs from the Breed National this year and she started looking at their ancestors. She's traced back some of them 26 generations. Now if she takes some of the information that is in our Registry which she is likely to do, what she is going to be producing, and she publishes it, will be rubbish and it will make us look stupid. So my question is, are we going to correct the errors that we've got in the Registry, and if you want examples I can give you some.

Brian Harris, President: Many people will know I'm a pedigree freak. I take my Samoyeds back to the very first dogs that came off the Scott and Shackleton ships. The case that you are raising resulted not from our staff, but from Australia. In the period of the 60's and 70's, Australia sent pedigrees for dogs based in the name of the dog, and not the registration number. So the registrations for every dog, no matter what breed it was that came to NZ in those years had the same registration number. Our registry is based on the dog's registration

number, and hence that's the reason why those records are a bit in the gobbledygook situation as stated. But, it's not our staff that did it, it's a result of a pedigree sent to us from Australia. Now we can do the work to go through all those records, digitize them, give those dogs' new numbers, because our system is worked on numbers, so those dogs will need to get a new registration number. We can do that, but I would ask you where is the funds coming from to do it? And if a record is 50 years old can we justify a considerable expense for that purpose. Two questions for you: a) do you want to go ahead with it; and b) and how are you going to fund it. Because, it won't be cheap, there are a lot of dogs.

Bernard Fears: I believe that the integrity of the registry is imperative. And even if its 50 years old and it costs a lot of money it should be done. The records should be correct, or corrected. I understand what you're saying that there was this crossover with numbers that came from Australia. But it was only when we digitalized the records that this has arisen. They've been contaminated and they need to be uncontaminated. The records should be corrected and stand good. Because otherwise they are worthless.

Lavina Diamanti, Marlborough Kennel Association: Bernard I think you have a lot of valid points there, but there are some things we need to be aware of what Brian has said. I have been involved with two projects over my career of digitalizing. First, one with Marlborough District Council, and my job there was taking old records and getting them ready for digitizing. My current role, I've got a project where my team are digitizing old records. Whatever you estimate it time, multiply it by ten at least. The integrity of our registry is absolutely paramount, that's what Dogs NZ was built on, but you have to be able to fund it, and you have to be able to get it done and you have to be accurate.

Susan Van der Pol, Marlborough Kennel Association: Congratulations on a vet, it was really good to see on tv the other night that Dogs NZ was who they spoke to. Not some tin pot association or some cuddly backyard breeder that did doodles. It was really good to see a Dogs NZ representative, so well done to seeing the investment paying off.

Steven Thompson, Director Secretary: Thank you. Adding Rhea to the team means we can be much more pro-active talking about dog health issues. You would have realized that this week we released a media statement based on a UK study about designer breeds being way more healthier than pedigree dogs, and the common misconceptions about that. So we're hopeful that will get some pickup. Rhea will do some more live media interviews. We're going to be much more pro-active in that area now.

Dianne Rogers, Ladies Kennel Association: Just going back to Bernard's comments. In the real world I administer NZ's largest cemetery and one of the oldest. We too, have a lot of cards, in fact I have a whole room of them. Some of them have been digitalized but we still have a lot that haven't. And we also have daily genecology enquiries to us and telling us we have something wrong. What I suggest to the members, if you find something wrong, email the office and that's the first step to getting things right. As Lavinia said it's a massive task going through and digitalizing these old records. The best thing we can do in my small team is to fix

them as they come to us. So that's what I would encourage you all to do if you find something wrong, let the office know.

Steven Thompson, Director Secretary: It sounds like a commonsense part to it. I will say on the Registry from an office point of view, it's an honesty system that runs a registry. It's only as good as the information we get. And it's up to breeders and owners to be honest about that information coming through.

Lavinia Diamanti, Marlborough Kennel Association: Steven I want to go back to what you said. It's the Facebook post with regard to the integrity of pedigree dogs and the health. I applaud Dogs NZ, when I saw that post I went "yes" this is what we need to be doing and we need to be doing not once every few months. Facebook only gets momentum when its gets regular posts. We need as an organization to be investing in social media and getting that message across and sharing those. Let us become the voice of dogdom and let us be the ones that people turn to. And we can only do that by spreading the word. Let's get one a week.

President: please accept the Financial Report as in the 2021/2022 Yearbook as read.

Motion: That the 2021/2022 annual accounts be accepted.

Martin Hewitt / Ray Greer- CARRIED
REPORT RECEIVED

5. Remits (1)

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 Executive Council

Fiona Hodgson was invited to present this Remit on behalf of the Executive Council.

Motion

Remove Rule 14(f) and renumber Rules 14 (g) and 14 (h)

Rule 14 (f) RECOGNISED SHOWS

~~Dogs shall not be in a show for a period of more than two days, except with the prior approval of the Executive Council, but no dog is to be present at a show for more than three days.~~

Rule 14 ~~(g)~~ (f)

Rule 14 ~~(h)~~ (g)

Rationale

With the move to hosting National Dog Show, NDOA and NZDAC over three-four days this rule is no longer relevant to the modern show world.

Moved: Fiona Hodgson/ Seconder: Chris Richardson

Questions from the floor:

Sam Diggins, Wellington Kennel: I was asked to talk to this, due to the fact that the Executive Council had already had permission to do this by prior approval of the Executive Council. They also wanted to bring up that they had deep concerns about the fact that if we change this rule we have PETA and other community animal welfare people who could latch on to this idea that we are making it longer that dogs can be at shows. There are places in the world where dogs are not even allowed to be in a crate with the door shut at a show now. I have been asked to bring the idea of how will this look to the animal welfare clubs and societies out there worldwide that are actually against dog shows going.

Fiona Hodgson, EC: We have considered this quite deeply. EC can only extend the period to 3 days, if you read the rule. We can't go to 4 days. The welfare of the dogs was discussed a lot, so the intent is that we look at a show regulation similar to what Agility has in their regulations, which says something along the lines of 'safety of the dog is paramount, using the term welfare and looking at putting a regulation in the show regulations to cover off that the welfare of the dogs and the way they are at shows is paramount. Does that help?

Sam Diggins, Wellington Kennel: I'm assuming it does. If that is going to be happening and we do vote for this to have been changed, should there not have been an additional rule for the welfare part to come in, or are we going to have to wait another year for this to happen.

Fiona Hodgson, EC: No, because this regulation can be added without ACOD.

Sam Diggins, Wellington Kennel: So we'll get plenty of knowledge about this wording of the regulation. Wordings of regulations just do through, so we don't vote on them.

Fiona Hodgson, EC: Yes

Sam Diggins, Wellington Kennel: So I'm assuming there will definitely be the language of dog wealth and health paramount, to appease exhibitors, and these groups out there that do pick up on these changes and these wordings.

Fiona Hodgson, EC: I'll personally make sure it happens.

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

Vote: Green 68 Unanimous – RECOMMENDATION - PASSED

There are no recommendations or discussion papers for this meeting.

6. Confirmation of Officers

The President spoke of the recognition of the Service of a long standing Executive Councillor, who has decided this year to step down, Mr Keith Brown. Yesterday at EC, as a group, acknowledged the service that Keith has given to this organisation. After 8 years on EC service as the South Island Vice President for many over those years, Keith has decided to move into other areas of Dogdom and I want to acknowledge the huge service that he has given to our organisation over those 8 years. Keith Brown was presented with a gift of wine.

Keith Brown, EC: I just want to thank the membership for the support you have given me over the last 8 years and also to my previous EC members I've worked with. I developed some very strong friendships over these years.

Postal ballot for the North Island delegates:

- Steve Tate 78 votes
- Jill Brooker 66 votes

Both have been re-elected to EC for the next 2 years.

The unsuccessful candidate Rob Ellis received 35 votes.

Postal ballot for the South Island delegates:

- Catherine McManus 69 votes
- Lynley Drummond 36 votes

Both have been elected to EC for the next 2 years.

The unsuccessful candidate Sean Deery received 33 votes, and Simon Monson 24 votes.

Call for nominations for the position of Vice President North Island:

- Steve Tate 37 votes
- Stephen Meredith 31 votes

The President declared Steve Tate nominated and appointed as Vice President North Island.

Call for nominations for the position of Vice President South Island – ballot vote:

- Nigel Trainor 34 votes
- Catherine McManus 33 votes

The President declared Nigel Trainor as Vice President South Island.

Election of Senior Vice President – ballot vote:

- Steve Tate 35 votes
- Nigel Trainor 30 votes

The President declared Steve Tate as Senior Vice President, and presented him with his VP badge.

The President introduced Lynley Drummond as the new EC member to the delegates. Lynley has served on Canine Health & Welfare Committee, I'm delighted that she has joined the Committee of CKA. Lynley accepted her EC badge, presented by the President.

The President paid tribute to the enormous amount of work that Stephen Meredith has done as Senior Vice President.

Anne Dobie, Wellington Ladies Kennel Association: I want to thank Bill Murdoch for talking about some issues today. I was so disappointed in how he was treated, I was disappointed that you (turned to face EC) would tell him he is wrong, and not the first time. I'm disappointed that our Director Secretary got obviously defensive when he was asked some questions and you (pointing at Clive Philips) don't like us asking questions. We're the members, our clubs have asked us to come here and ask questions, and that's what we're going to do. So thank you and I expect the rest of you to be a bit more professional this afternoon.

7. Appointment of Auditor and Solicitor

Motion: That Deloitte be reappointed as Auditor for ensuing year.

Ray Greer / Martin Hewitt – CARRIED

Motion: That Gibson Sheat be reappointed as our Solicitors.

Kathleen Hardwick / Arvine Gamlin – CARRIED

Agree to Subscription Fees and Show Levies

Motion: That 2022/2023 fees and show levies be approved as per page 40 of the Year-Book.

Jill Brooker / Arvine Gamlin - CARRIED

Authority to borrow

Motion: That Executive Council continue to be given Authority to borrow a maximum of \$250,000 for the year ending 30 June 2023 for the day to day running of the New Zealand Kennel Club trading as Dogs NZ.

Kathryn Stewart / Ray Greer – CARRIED

Nomination for Patron

Motion: New incoming Governor General.

Pam Douglas / Merle Powley – CARRIED

The President called for a motion to destroy the voting papers.

Ray Greer / Lisa Slade - CARRIED

ACOD broke for lunch at 12.30pm and resumed again at 1.00pm

Lesley Chalmers, Life Member: I have to make a statement. While I don't condone the remarks which were made. I have to say that Mrs Dobie's speech was completely out of order and disrespectful of the position of President of the NZ Kennel Club and I would not like to see it recorded in the minutes.

The President presented a badge to Ruth Thorburn, who is now joining the Dog Training Committee.

8 Presentations

Dogs NZ Lower North Island Presentation by Lisa Slade Lower North Island Venue

- To secure a replacement venue for the Porirua Exhibition Centre that caters for both inside and outside events in the Lower North Island.
- The working group is looking at the future use and maintenance of any venue and alignment with the strategic direction of Dogs NZ.
- Locations of interest: The working group have looked at multiple venues within the preferred catchment area and have been able to either eliminate them quickly due to not meeting the requirements or work in smaller groups to ascertain if the venue will be worthy of taking through to a business case.
- Properties of interest are: Ashhurst Domain Reserve; Foxton Raceway and Muhunua East Road, Ohau.
- Infrastructure – building option costs were discussed.

Questions opened to the floor:

Sonya Sloan, Wellington Group & Multibreed/Specialist: A few of the clubs asked for more transparency on what you are doing. A number of clubs in the Lower North Island who are struggling to find somewhere to hold their shows said they haven't heard anything for a year, so it's just bringing it to your attention.

Lisa Slade: The working group has only been together for about 8 months. We have looked at about 20 properties. Apart from the ones discussed, the others don't meet our protocols. We will update everyone through EC, not our working group.

Sam Diggins, Wellington Kennel Centre: Next year are we going back to our dates for our shows, is that correct?

The President: The 5 year calendar becomes operable from the 1st January 2023.

Sam Diggins, Wellington Kennel Centre: So what about for example us, we have Queens Birthday weekend in winter, where it's impossible to get an inside venue because: a) it's a long weekend; b) because we're in Wellington; and c) who wants to show outside at that time of year because it's so cold. Is there any opportunity for clubs like us to apply to change our dates for one year, and still be able to hold our date for the year after? We would like to keep our Queens Birthday weekend date, because it's a good date for us when there is a building. But as there is no building for it, are we able to apply for a change of date for one year and still be able to hold date for 2024.

The President: The regulations allow for you to make applications for a change in date. You apply to EC to find a date that is suitable and there are no other shows with that date already held, then there is no issue.

Sam Diggins, Wellington Kennel Centre: So there is no opportunity for another club to come in and take our date.

The President: The EC rules that the 5 year calendar takes place.

Canine Health & Welfare Committee Presentation

Fiona Hodgson introduced Rhea Hurley, fulltime Vet / Canine Health & Welfare Officer.

Lynley Drummond spoke to the DogsNZ health testing strategy and the importance of LRL's presentation.

- Research study of the health of pug dogs in the UK: disorder predispositions and protections.
- Research study on "How much is that doodle in the window? Exploring motivations and behavior of UK owners acquiring designer crossbreed dogs (2019-2020).
- Current legislative tools.
- Dogs in NZ.
- DogsNZ Strategy for promoting Canine Health and Welfare and effective advocacy for pedigree breeds.
- LRL's (litter registrations limitation).
- LRL's – popular breeds.
- LRL's for "at risk" (brachycephalic) breeds.
- LRL progress.

- LRL's going forward.
- Summary.
- What next?
- Dogs NZ Litter Registration Limitation (LRL) – The Process.
- Judges Breed Observation (JBO).
- Respiratory Function Grading (RFG) Scheme.

Questions:

Kathleen Hardwick, Auckland Multibreed: With the retirement of the eye specialists, is there any plans in place to get another eye specialist?

Rhea Hurley: I've been talking to Callum Bayley and Peter Collinson to talk about how we manage this going forward. I have a paper to put to the committee, next time we have our meeting to look at this.

Lynley Drummond: There are a few vets around, and we have another one in Christchurch.

Carolyn Stevens, Central Golden Retriever Club: We got in touch with Callum, and he will not work on weekends, and that is when we have our clinics. The charges he gave us per dog were eye watering. There will need to be an awful lot of work done in that respect. The other issue is heart specialists. If you are pushing for heart testing on our golden retrievers, we don't have any heart specialists.

Lynley Drummond: The requirement in the Golden Retriever proposal is for the heart certificate. DogsNZ has a heart certificate that can be completed by your local vet, if the vet suspects there is anything unusual, then you are required to go to cardio specialist, of which there are a couple. As a committee we need to talk to Vets NZ and vet schools, we want to have healthy dogs, can you help us.

Janine King, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Breeder of 46-48 years: Disappointingly I wrote to the Canine Health & Welfare Committee, asking for assistance for our LRL. But, basically got shut down. Subsequently, I have written to the 3 Cavalier Clubs with a little success. We need the back up and assistance to help us. Cavaliers are very popular with lots of registrations. It was pretty disappointing.

Lynley Drummond: The intention from here on in, things like that do get captured and the responses are thoughtful.

Rhea Hurley: Please contact me and I will pass everything onto the Committee.

Carol Dayman, Nelson Ladies Kennel Association: Question regarding German Shepherd LRL, which I believe started 3 years ago. A lot of us put submissions in, and suddenly we see it's

been re-advertised. Those that put submissions in, what's happened to those, have they vanished, do we need to resubmit? Nobody has given any feedback on the German Shepherd LRL.

Fiona Hodgson, EC: The Committee requested information from others.

Lynley Drummond: We did go back and ask for some further information, everything will be there. But to be honest, I can't give you a definitive answer today. But let's get back to you on it. There is one last plea, could breeders and everyone else please start talking about health.

Dianne Tyssen, Cavalier Breeder: I have been passionate about getting health testing done for our breed. We have a huge problem in our breed, in that we have a high volume of cavalier breeders. There is no real testing of what they are doing. Part of the testing I believe should be that DNA profiling is done of all puppies that are registered at time of registration and vaccination. This would help with some of the issues that seem to be coming up with multiple health issues in our breed. Does it have to be a support of 75% of these that you send them out to, can it be less. As Janine has just said, she sent out letters to the 3 Cavalier Clubs that are in NZ, that are active and we had our recent AGM at Otago/Southland and we're supportive of applying for this. The concern is, that we can apply for this and because not 75% of the so called registered cavaliers will reply and want to do something about it, it could fall by the wayside.

Lynley Drummond: You need to talk to as many of the breeders you can, and get them onside.

Dianne Tyssen: How are we going to do that? Because a lot of these of people breeding cavaliers in the North Island, do not want to know anything about health, future testing, being responsible for dogs that they breed. They are not going to be supporting any LRL for our breed.

Lynley Drummond: Does DogNZ make it mandatory, it's a discussion that hasn't been held at any length. At the moment the LRL system is going through the breed clubs. IF you don't get the response, then I think it needs to be readdressed for the sake of pedigree dogs. But it's too soon to be doing that at the moment.

Karen McIntyre, North Canterbury: The 75% is actually of the respondents, not the total number of registered breeders.

Margaret Wilson, Auckland Specialist Breed and Labrador Breeder: It is nothing to fear, it works in your favour for the breed. You cannot register a Labrador puppy if the parents don't meet the requirements. That is expanding our genetic pool of tested dogs and giving us information about how to get even healthier dogs. We don't have forever to do this, we need to up our game.

The President: We have to do this if we are to survive.

Forsyth Barr Presentation

Grant Tatton and Mike Green

- The macro events have been moving the markets.
- The market impact: what has this meant for equities?
- Where to from here?
- Geographic thoughts: New Zealand, Australia, International.
- Long term performance.
- The Mandate.
- The Portfolio: Portfolio Summary and Portfolio Appraisal.

Questions:

Bill Murdoch: That's consistent with what we were told this morning. My question is, when you look at the portfolio of \$7 million or so, do you treat that as \$7 million as a whole, or do you split it up, and does the 7 year time horizon apply to the portfolio as a whole. Because what happens if we do want to withdraw the funds sooner.

Mike Green: We will be having a discussion with the team in the very near future. It's is managed as one. But we are aware of what you are looking to achieve. Cash is seen as a separate holding, because you just wanted a short term allocation.

Grant Tatton: We are focusing on having \$5.5 million of cash available.

Bill Murdoch: So your target is to have \$5.5 million for equities?

Grant Tatton: No, we are not buying equities based on a full value of \$7 million.

Bill Murdoch: So equities would be about 60% of the portfolio.

Grant Tatton: Yes roughly 60% would be based on shares.

Bill Murdoch: Would it be in a more balanced fund, than a conservative fund.

Grant Tatton: It's currently invested as a conservative mandate.

Sam Diggins, Wellington Kennel Association: As an animal based society has there been any consideration of looking at shares that are focused on animal health, to acknowledge our core business?

Grant Tatton: Yes, there was. When we spoke to the Board late last year, we mentioned a couple of names which were close to DogsNZ. One is Ebos, owners of Masterpet; Nestle, the owners of Purina. Both companies are still on our radar, however the share price at the moment look a little bit over valued for us to be comfortable for a long term investment.

??? WHO SAID THIS – VIDEO AT 4.22: Were you given any background into carefully looking into the companies you were investing in as an ethical part of DogsNZ. DogsNZ does not want to be part of any company that uses animal testing etc. Were you given that mandate?

Grant Tatton: Yes, there is a mandate into what we can and can't invest in. DogsNZ, EC and the management team have the ability to tell us where they don't want certain companies or industries and we can completely strip that out. So that's what we do with Dogs NZ.

Lady in green jumper: Revert back to the presentation made by Lisa Slade. I was surprised that there wasn't more about the "lease" thing. Because last year there was active discussion on the preference not to lease but to buy outright. I see the two main things are involved in a lease. Leases not to be considered unless it's a very last resort. We agreed that we wanted to buy so that we would always have that asset, and it would increase in value.

The President: The Committee is very aware of the cost structure of putting a property together. All options need to be looked at. If we cannot afford to buy a property but the lease is a viable option then we need to do what's best for the member's money. Are we buying a property for 30 years when we may not be having a dog show, or are we looking for a property that will enable us to go forward and remain financially viable. All options are being investigated.

Purina Presentation

Miranda Stevens, Sponsorship Manager

- The partnership between Purina and Dogs NZ has been extended to 2024.
- Instore and Online Visibility Exhibitor Stands.
- eDM Programme Refresh.
- What we will deliver this year: Support the National Dog Shows – NDS / NZDAC / NZDOA; Support Dog Training Seminars & Conference; and Develop Dogs NZ New Member/Breeder eDM and Welcome Kit.
- Coming up: membership app; website redesign and link with Purina digital; and support Dog Training Programme, CGC and CGB Graduation Packs.

No questions

Talk on Selling Pedigree Dogs by Keith Brown.

Question asked by lady in green and white blouse: Could the Councils around the country be a little bit more proactive with our registration fees, supporting us with this. I notice there are a couple of Councils up North that are putting their DNZ numbers and getting a discount.

Janine King: We have about 5000 member, I would be really happy to every new person I sold a puppy to, to give them DogsNZ membership. What do they get for that? A magazine. For the general public it doesn't mean anything. Why does a company that might have 400 employees get discounts everywhere, but we've got a really big database, why aren't we getting petrol discounts, tyre discounts etc why aren't we doing all these things to add value to our membership.

Keith Brown: I would also like to see on one of the click boxes on the site, that when we transfer these puppies, there is a box for us to actually pay for that member's membership for the year, as we do the transfer. We use to be able to do that.

Presentation on Young Dog Showing

Margaret Wilson

- A Brief History.
- Membership.
- What we do: to educate young people in the caring and handling dogs; to enable young people to participate in a range of dog sport activities; to encourage young people to become active members of Dog NZ; and to promote sportsmanship within YDS activities.
- Introduce new members to our sport.
- Current developments: establishing a national committee to support the regional activities; rewrite of our regulations; a new training video for judges; review of the judges exam; expand activities beyond the handling competition; and fundraising.
- What do we need from clubs: a commitment to a 30 minutes time slot in a ring during the day. We do everything else; more qualified judges; and support for fundraising.

8. Discussion Paper

There are no discussion papers.

9. General Business

Lavina Diamanti: At the 2017 ACOD I presented a discussion paper and I titled it: "Where have all the Dog Show people gone." A comment I made in that paper was that in 2017, if we still wanting to be showing dogs in 2030, we need to change our way of thinking. We do have to change. A small positive change – a sub-committee was put together in 2018 and we put together a document called "The Blue Skies Proposal". Presented at the 2018 ACOD, was about encouraging new membership.

Conformation dog showing, how do you know if you won or lost? We have a sport where we don't know why we've won or lost. My proposal is that all championship shows we grade the dogs. This gives the exhibitor some understanding of why they were placed where they would. It would require a show regulation change, EC can do that, it doesn't need to come to ACOD. It will give our exhibitors a sense of achievement, not left wondering. It could be a card, ribbon or verbal grading. Our exhibitors deserve to know what our results are.

I invite EC to seriously consider this idea, and for EC to dig out the Blue Skies Proposal. Make it your agenda for the next 12 months to find ways to encourage new exhibitors, and find ways to keep our existing exhibitors, and keep conformation going forward.

Geoff Collins, Dog Training: I find it frustrating when I go into conformation shows and I get a challenge or I don't get a challenge. You don't know what to work on. Was it the dog, or maybe me, but it would be nice to know what to work on. It would encourage me to do it more.

Rosemary Cleator: Initial consultation with CGC changes. What do you consider to be consultation? Is it asking for a survey, and then being refused the results of that survey? Is it then asking for feedback to be written in, but then none of that feedback being presented? The EC has made significant changes to the CGC manual and they've done it because they believe the consultation has taken place. So I just want it brought to the attention that the consultation has not been an open forum. It has been a closed shop and nobody knows who has consulted and who has provided what information.

President: If there is anything that you take away from this meeting today let it be the LRLs because they are the lifesaver of this organisation for our breeds and dog showing.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.