



Minutes of the Executive Council meeting

Held at

Mecure Leisure Lodge

DUNEDIN

on

November 26/27, 2016

1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Nigel Trainor (NT) Chairperson
Geoff Collins (GC)
Brian Harris (BH)
Beth Warman (BW)
Geraldine Gulbransen (GG)
Steve Chester (SC)
Keith Brown (KB)
Maree McKenzie (MMcK)

STAFF

Peter Dunne (PD) – Director Secretary
Becky Murphy (BM) – Canine Health & Welfare Officer (present as requested)

APOLOGIES

Steve Tate (ST)
Stephen Meredith (SM)
Karen McIntyre (KM)

Moved KB; Seconded GC – Accepted

WELCOME

NT welcomed all to the meeting and requested a minute's silence for the passing of his predecessor Clyde Rogers. KB was acknowledged for the manner in which he compered the funeral service.

LATE ITEMS FOR AGENDA

Late Papers had been circulated electronically on Thursday, 24/11 and hard copies were provided at the meeting. Added on the day was a report from John Vuleta pertaining to his recent monitoring of a SI club.
It was noted that a member would join the meeting @ 10am (26/11) to speak on DNA testing and Martin Hewitt had accepted EC's invitation to provide an update on NZDJA matters.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved NT; Seconded BH – Adopted

OTHER

Nominations were called for the vacant position of SI Vice President.
BH nominated: GC; seconded MMcK
No other nominations
BH accepted (badge presented at SLKA show on 26/11)

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Discussion held on the need to disclose conflicts in terms of relationships held with companies other than the NZKC principle sponsor. PD to send out current register for updating by EC members. Other conflicts to be noted subject by subject during the meeting.

EMAIL VOTES

Result of email votes held and passed as set out in papers:

1. Shannon Aldous reinstatement to Aspiring Judges panel (20.10.16)
2. National Events dates & calendar change (20.09.16)

Moved BH; Seconded BW – Ratified

GC's comments on 2. to be added

Discussion was held on the new member approval by EC members as circulated weekly. It was felt that a register be kept of individuals convicted of animal abuse. EC members to advise office of name/s, date/s and detail/s. This information will be collated on the spreadsheet as circulated to EC.

Moved BH; Seconded BW – Passed

OBITUARIES

Noel Hutchison (WAIUKU), Mrs. J Maguire (TIMARU), Allan Stott (UPPER HUTT), Mrs. G N Munro (CHRISTCHURCH), Keith Fisk (CHRISTCHURCH), Gordon Morris (NAPIER), and Clyde Rogers (AUCKLAND).

The meeting noted with regret the passing of Noel, Mrs. Maguire, Allan, Mrs. Munro, Keith, Gordon and Clyde.

CORRECTIONS/CONFIRMATION OF SEPTEMBER 17/18 MINUTES

Minutes taken as read

Moved BH; Seconded SC – passed

Corrections

1. Strategic Update – PD to amend as previously advised by GC
Moved GC; Seconded BH – passed
2. PD to check date of CBTC date of show which coincides with that of CKA & advise CBTC accordingly

Minutes confirmed with the corrections made.

Moved KB; Seconded BW – confirmed

2. IMPORTANT ITEMS

NZKC STRATEGY

ACOD WORKSHOP

At the September EC meeting it was agreed that a workshop would be held at the 2017 ACOD to discuss the options available re NZKC structure and representation to include those put forward by John Green in 2009. Subsequently, a paper was provided in the papers with information provided from the NZKC Business Plan. In answer to the question raised “are there matters more critical?” it was decided that the workshop should address membership and in relation to “is ACOD still relevant in its current format?” that all club Presidents should be invited. The forum will include a SWOT analysis.

NATIONAL EVENTS DATES FEEDBACK

A call for submissions on the change of dates had been advised in the October DW with a reminder sent to clubs. Submissions were received from 17 clubs (representing 209 NZKC members) and from 14 individual members. All submissions were against the change with the consistent reasoning being the impact of weather conditions in July for the NDS. It was agreed that the changes not be implemented in 2018.

Moved GG; Seconded MMcK – passed

GC advised that they would now consult with Obedience members as to NDOA moving to Easter or remaining at Labour Weekend. Further discussion ensued on other options & it was agreed that a white-boarding session would be held on this topic at the Feb. EC meeting. Some considerations for the session are 1) Is this about the National Dog Show or a National Dog Show week? 2) What are we trying to achieve with our 3 National events? 3) Are they for the exhibitors or the public or both? 4) If they are for the public are we catering for them? All submitters will be advised of the decisions made and a notice will be placed on the NZKC website.

RESTRICTED REGISTER (RR)

A paper was provided highlighting the drop in active kennel names (2011– 2,790 to 2015 – 2,217), in membership numbers (2011 – 6,627 to 2015 – 5,631) and in conformation show levies (2015 -- \$91,058 to 2016 -- \$78,118). Given that the NZKC is in the business of promoting the

breeding of pure-bred dogs and sanctioning shows for them to be exhibited in, the impact of dogs being placed on the RR was raised. The % of the dogs being placed on this register has increased from 18.56% (2011) to 26.92% (2015). Currently it is cheaper (\$18) to place a dog on the RR as opposed to the Full Register (FR) (\$33). It was agreed that this financial disincentive be removed and that an alternative model be introduced to make it cheaper for dogs to be placed on the FR. Three scenarios were provided showing a return equivalent to what is currently being derived from the registration of dogs. It was agreed that the following registration fees would apply - \$25 on the FR and \$40 on the RR. As endorsements can also be placed on the FR an extra fee of \$5 per endorsement shall apply.

Moved BW; Seconded KB – passed

The change in fees will be advertised in the Feb. DW and be emailed to all active kennel name holders (primary). The changes will be implemented on 01.04.17

COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES

A full list of NZKC committees/sub-committees was included in the EC papers. Discussion was held on each and the definition of committee vs sub-committee. A structure chart will be provided and a definition provided, both for the Feb. EC meeting. It was agreed that in the meantime the Strategic Sub-committee be dissolved given the Strategic Plan is in place.

DNA TESTING

A member joined the meeting (Sat. 26th @ 10am) and spoke to her experience regarding an exported dog being registered incorrectly i.e. wrong sire. Whilst she had previously unsuccessfully lobbied EC to have all dogs DNA tested for parentage she believed that in the first instance it should be introduced for exports, then imports and at some point all dogs. EC agreed in principle with applying it to exports with PD & BM to investigate the implications and options available for the Feb. EC meeting. Certainty for owners and NZKC integrity were seen as compelling rationale.

REVIEW OF BREEDERS CODE OF ETHICS (BCOE)

The BCOE has been in place for 10 months and is working very effectively given the work undertaken by Mercury IT. As most breaches are penalised under the Registration Regulations (RR,) with progeny placed on the No. 2 register, it was recommended:

The No 2 Register is renamed, as appropriate in the NZKC Registration Regulations, to the Limited Register which, by definition will mean dogs limited to competing in Agility, Obedience & Working Trials competitions and those that do not meet certain NZKC Breed Standards or have been bred outside of the conditions of the BCOE.

Moved BH; Seconded GC – passed

Furthermore, given the above it was also recommended:

The BCOE is embedded, as appropriate in the RR, and conversely reference is made in the BCOE to the RR.

Moved BH; Seconded KB – passed

Drafts of recommended changes to be provided by 16/12 for advertising in Feb. DW Discussion was held with regard repeat offenders. It was determined that the Australian models be looked at first. PD to write to all states and provide a recommendation for the Feb. EC meeting.

As not all breaches of the BCOE are treated under the RR consideration needs to be given to those that are not. PD & BM to provide recommendations for the Feb. EC meeting. BM to co-ordinate through the CH&W committee a review of the BCOE with recommendations to go to the Feb. EC meeting. These will be considered and then published.

A member outlined her thoughts on the 8 week rule and also requested dispensation for a litter. The latter was granted and she will be advised her letter will be kept as a submission for later consideration.

DANGEROUS DOGS

With the Government's latest announcement (23.11) on its action plan to reduce the risk and harm of dog attacks intended to be introduced as legislation in February, 2017 it was determined that NT & PD will develop an appropriate position statement on the legislative changes. The NZKC and the public, to obviously include NZKC members, will have an opportunity to have a say during the Select Committee process.

THE KENNEL CLUB INVITE

An invite had been extended to the NZKC President & Senior Vice President to attend a 2 day congress in June, 2017. An agenda was provided. Whilst a presence was seen as having benefit, attendance was not supported given the proximity to the ACOD & the cost involved. PD to respond accordingly requesting a copy of the minutes/findings from the congress.

ANKC/FCI UPDATE

No feedback had been received from ANKC since the minutes of a Dogs NSW meeting were provided on 11/10. NT to make contact with Hugh Gent to attain update and introduce himself as the new NZKC President. EC members to give thought as to what they believed NZKC should do at the relevant time. General consensus was that the FCI requirements were arguably not a big deal.

2016 NDS

Reports were provided by SM (Show Manager) and ST (apology for meeting). In addition Margaret Pantling & Kathryn Stewart provided a Prelude review. GS had provided the A&R sub-committee with a draft set of accounts which were spoken to. It was determined that:

- SM's reports will be further discussed in Feb. when Stephen is present. NT will summarise the reports for Feb.
- GS will provide BW with a full set of draft accounts and invoices to investigate if the Prelude result is under-stated. If necessary BW will come to Wgtn to assist GS.
- Whilst there were learnings to be taken from the event it was very well received by exhibitors and the public alike.

With the first full three year cycle (Akld, Wgtn & ChCh) now behind us PD tabled an overview of all in addition to statistical comparisons across 13 categories. Also noted was the success of the recent Wellington Pet Expo which featured 5 NZKC Breed stalls and a CGC stand manned over the two days by separate Obedience clubs. It was noted that for understandable reasons it is difficult to get breed stalls at our NDS's so does the opportunity exist to work closer with Pet Expo?

2017 NDS

Gary Withers (Chairperson) provided an updated report.

- Richard King has accepted the position of Chief Steward with all main stewards appointed and four call stewards identified. Suzanne McKandry will source prizes and Gael Bassett will act as Set Up Crew Manager.
- Quotes for carpet received and within budget.
- Meeting held with Masterpet at venue to allay previous concerns. Sponsor discussion on Agility involvement @ NDS but SC confirmed at meeting as this will be display only there will be no impact on the sponsor. Display times need to be considered by 2017 NDS committee.
- Event schedule being finalised – Monday/ Benefit Show; Tuesday-Wednesday/Speciality & Group Shows; Thursday/Prelude & Friday to Sunday/NDS & Speciality Shows (at Ardmore).
- Advertising (with Meg Hamilton assistance) commenced in November DW.
- Request for Benefit Show on Monday (2 October, 2017) during NDS submitted for approval.

Moved; GG: Seconded; MMcK – passed

Report received: Moved; BH: Seconded; GG – received

Discussion was held on the timing of the YKC finals during the event. PD to have confirmed the YKC – CONF committee's preference and advise the 2017 NDS personnel accordingly. EC supported the finals being held as part of the NDS.

2018 NDS

Dates confirmed as Friday, 5 October to Sunday, 7 October.

Two options for venue are 1) Eukanuba Wellington Events Centre @ Porirua and 2) Manfield @ Feilding. Both to be pencilled in while PD provides a report. If held at Feilding support from Manawatu KA to run Prelude to be sought.

NZCAC BOARD REPRESENTATION

With the sad loss of Clyde Rogers noted a replacement for the NZKC representative was discussed. Despite two other NZCAC Board members holding joint positions i.e. on the NZCAC Board and on the separate Trust it was felt that NZKC representation should be differentiated. BH already sits on the Trust and, as supported by NZCAC, PD was appointed as the NZCAC Board representative.

Moved; KB: Seconded; GC – passed

3. OFFICE REPORTS**DIRECTOR/SECRETARY REPORT**

(Matters not reported elsewhere)

- Rebranding – IPONZ has accepted all Trade Marks (3) and these are being advertised for 3 months. If no objections they will proceed to registration no later than 25 February.
- Overview of past 4 year's financial results provided. Combined cash surpluses of \$922,000 attained and cash reserves increased by \$623,000.
- Staff structure overview provided. Office had determined that vacant position be advertised reflecting previous JD for Event's Manager. Given feedback from Staff Committee further justification is required to retain existing JD.
- PCC have recently visited to provide overview on their review of council land holdings. PD to keep EC abreast of future developments.
- PD to attain quote for full assessment of Porirua building to include 1) deferred maintenance and 2) post-earthquake overview.
- 83 clubs have now utilised on-line show programme (171 shows involving 34,755 dogs). Results are next initiative.
- Unique visitors to website consistently over 30,000 per month. (June – 29,079 & July – 29,543 only exceptions)
- Paper presented on new NZKC website and presentation provided on power-point. IT sub-committee to review paper and provide comment. Costs involved are staff time (Sue Conner) and as part of normal monthly contract held with Webcoda. PD to provide breakdown of latter for EC.
- Registry upgrade report provided.

Report received; Moved BH: Seconded; KB – received

TREASURER'S REPORT

September & October financial reports were tabled. The net cash surplus to October 31st stood at \$17,156 against a budgeted figure of \$97,242 and a last year figure of \$173,080.

- Legal expenses are well over budget and property valuations @ \$7k are an unbudgeted item. The 2016 NDS has added to the impact with the first draft of accounts showing a \$15k deficit.
- Total cash at 31 October was \$1,235K down from September \$1,369k.
- Overall income at \$1,192k up \$37k on budget with expenditure of \$1,175k up \$117k.

Report received; Moved BH: Seconded; KB – received

CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE OFFICER (Dr. Becky Murphy BM in attendance)

- CH&W presentation at NZCAC Conference well received. Repeat to be held during show at Forrester Park.
- Database, health test results on pedigrees and additional health certificates – meeting being held on 30 November with Mercury IT. May be 2018 implementation. Cost outlined in original Mercury proposal.
- Request being made for new kennel standards to be published in Vetscript.

- Two new Accredited Breeders joined since last report.
- Fewer breaches of Breeders Code of Ethics (BCOE) being picked up. Recently, a vet's report supported the breeding of an 11 year old bitch. Over-ride to be placed in code to give NZKC ability to reject.
- Labrador LRL scheme – Draft regulations were printed in the November Dog World with some verbal feedback given whilst in Dunedin.
- CH&W Committee. Jill Brooker has resigned from committee. PD to acknowledge. Cath Watson (Companion Animal Vet) recommended for appointment as independent member. This will give 4 vets on committee and 3 non-vets so good balance maintained.

Moved KB: Seconded; BH – passed

Next meeting in Feb (EC meeting) and then every second EC meeting thereafter.

- MPI appointing independent person to review submissions on tail banding of dogs. No time-frame set at this time. Dew Claw regulation going through normal parliamentary process with outcome due mid-2017. NAWAC has yet to provide the updated paper on selective breeding.
- Brachycephalic Working Group nearly finalised with rep from 3 Bulldog clubs and French Bulldog Society. First meeting to be held in early 2017 with desired outcome being the use of the NAWAC document to drive self-regulation.
- 37 submissions received on proposed changes to ABS health tests. Final list close to completion.
- ABS nutrition tests included in papers. Change 12 d from "commercial" to "appropriate" & 19 f to read B, C & D.
- Name change for No. 2 Register & DNA testing of exported dogs covered elsewhere.

Report received; Moved MMCK: Seconded; BW – received

CLUB & MEMBERSHIP MANAGER (Colleen Begg)

- The Saluki Club and Southern Irish Setter Club were given until the Feb. EC meeting for payment of annual subscription, annual returns, holding of shows etc.

Moved; GG: Seconded; BH – passed

- EC agreed with recommendation that East Coast Hound Association remain active provided the club pays its annual subscription for 2016 year prior to April 2017, updates its information on NZKC files, continues to hold regular committee meetings and that their championship show is held in April 2017.
- South Island Shetland Sheepdog Club's efforts noted.
- Public Liability Insurance - accounts for partial payment until April 2017 were posted to all clubs in October 2016. It is planned to incorporate a full year in with the club's annual subscription accounts to be issued in April 2017.
- So far have received 9 applications for shows to be held in conjunction with the Eukanuba National Dog Show in Auckland in 2017. All have been granted with the rider that the NZKC or the club can amend the date given if it does not suit either party at a later time.
- Number of clubs reporting changes to Constitutions to reduce quorum required for meetings.
- Considerations for SI clubs (in first instance):
 - Re-examine the number of shows granted; are there too many?
 - Encourage clubs to cluster their shows for show weekends including more than one all breeds club?
 - Is there a need to see beyond local and foster an attitude of regional so that, for instance, instead of an all breeds club and a specialist breed club holding their shows in the same weekend, the all breeds clubs in the area plus all the specialist and group clubs?

The 2017 ACOD may be an ideal forum for such discussion.

Report received; Moved KB: Seconded; BW – received

Office to check on placement of NZ Groomers Assn. Judges list on panel.

Dogs on Report:

KOOLRUNNINGS SHELBY DRIFT'N 01258-2016 – Alaskan Malamute owned by A Hutchby & L Johnson

Has undertaken 6 observations with no incidents. No longer on report and owners advised.

BRIA'S GIRL OB/7835 Springer Spaniel/Heading Dog owned by K Edwards

Has undertaken 6 observations with no incidents reported. Felt that original incident may have been as a result of being handled by young person. Owner has advised she will handle from this point forward.

CH LORD BRACKEN OF LAVENHAM 03216-2013 Collie (Rough) owned by R J & D Baker and J Madeley

This dog was placed on report for an incident at Canterbury Working Dog Association's Championship show on 28 September 2016 when it broke from his owners and jumped on a Swedish Vallhund walking past with its owner outside the ring. The other dog was not physically injured, but according to the owner and witness reports, was visibly shaken and acting in a distressed manner and was not shown further that day. The Collie (Rough) has completed three observations. He is being shown at 3 shows over the Canterbury show weekend and observers have been appointed.

CH OSUNO MAGIC MAMBO 01635-2015 Swedish Vallhund owned by P Harris and H Lawrie

This dog is on report for lunging and biting a Shar Pei waking past with its owner outside the ring at Southland KA's Championship Show on 29 October 2016. The Shar Pei suffered cuts to its face but was not badly injured. The owners have been advised the dog is on report. This Swedish Vallhund was itself attacked at Canterbury Working Dog's Championship show on 28 September 2016. One of the owners/handlers of the dog made the point in their statement that because the dog was attacked at the other show "he has a lot of mistrust of other dogs, especially one's (sic) that threaten completely in his face, giving him no room to rove. He is always kept on a very short lead to be safe".

EL-TORO DAMASCUS 03815-2016 Chihuahua (Smooth Coated) owned by J Moss

This dog is on report after being excused from the ring at the Eukanuba National Dog Show on 1 October 2016 for aggression towards the judge, Nancy Liebes of USA. The owner has been advised of the requirement for the dog to be observed. The dog has not been shown since and is undertaking show training.

KERRYBRENT ISHA LADY LUCK JD 00376-2013 Border Collie owned by S Robertson

This Border Collie has been observed at 4 events without further incident. The last two observations are due with personnel appointed and the owner of the dog advised.

CH DERINGOLSTA PETRA 06986-2014 German Shepherd Dog owned by G & D Ingham

This dog was excused from the ring at the Eukanuka National Dog Show on 30th September 2016 for aggression towards the judge, Claudio de Giuliani of Italy. The owner advised that it was subsequently learnt that the dog had an injury to her back which has been treated. After being placed on report the dog has been observed without incident at two shows held over Labour weekend.

APPEALS

1) OAKWAY URBAN ANGEL 02718-2016 – German Shepherd Dog owned by P & L Halliwell

The dog had been placed on report and at its first observation was dismissed from the ring by the judge for aggressive behaviour. Under Show Regulation 19.13.3.4 it was then declared ineligible for exhibition at any NZKC show. The owners appealed the ruling for consideration at the 26/27 November EC meeting. EC asked that the observer's report be tabled before a decision was made.

2) OPALI VOM VOLKERSON 06835-2014 – German Shepherd owned by B Glover

Given the alleged seriousness of an incident at the Waikato German Shepherd Club's show held on 8 October it was referred to EC under Show Regulation 19.13.5. After due consideration it was recommended the dog not be declared ineligible but be placed on report with the mandatory 6 observations required.

Moved BH: Seconded; GG – passed
BW against; GC abstained

4 & 5. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

DISPUTES

Report provided by Geoff Whitfield (Chairperson)

Both 2016 cases which had been put before the committee have now been resolved. A new complaint has just been lodged for consideration.

AGILITY COMMITTEE (AC)

Report provided by Steve Chester (EC representative)

- NZDAC 2016 was reported as being a success from a competition perspective and financially. Final accounts yet to be sighted however.
- NZDAC 2017 planning well underway. Bevan Dale working on TV coverage with progress sounding positive.
- Agility elections are due in 2017 and nominations are being called for in the Dec/Jan DW.

Report received. Moved SC; Seconded KB – received

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

Report provided by Geoff Collins (Chairperson)

- Last meeting (Skype) was held on Thursday, 10th November.
- October voting saw all proposed pass for ratification by EC. All set out in EC papers. Moved BH; Seconded KB – ratified (effective 01.01.17)
- Survey Monkey has been trialled and should be used in April voting round.
- Training & Seminar sub-committee establish with Domestic Dog Training Conference pencilled in for July 2017.
- Obedience will now consider timing of NDOA – Easter v Labour Weekend.
- Obedience Top 20 has generated keen interest with 2015/2016 winner awarded at 2016 NDOA. Scoring has been tweaked for 2016/2017.
- Keen for results of shows to be available on-line and working with office on this.
- OJA have introduced CANI-q qualification for judges as part of professional development.
- Working with OJA to hopefully have all judges fall under their jurisdiction. Currently only Obedience judges.

Report received: Moved GC; Seconded KB – received

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Report provided by Rosemary Cleator (Chairperson)

- Annual get-together held on 18 November in Porirua.
- Following an approach from Masterpet CGC will advise when assessments are being held for promotional material to be supplied. Agree that signage should be utilised in all presentations and elsewhere within reason but not so as to interfere with the running of the activity.
- CGC opposes Breed Specific Legislation in relation in changes in legislation surrounding "dangerous dogs". A number of questions were raised by the CGC committee in relation to the proposed legislation and their assessments. PD to respond accordingly.
- Proposed Canine Good Basics is still under discussion and hoped to have lesson plans to assist clubs by July 2017.
- Stand at Porirua Pet Expo worked well for CGC

Report received: Moved KB; Seconded BW – received

NZDJA

- Recommendation from NZDJA for EC to ratify an ex-gratia promotion of Rosemary Weaver to judge the Terrier Group (2017 panel).

Moved GC; Seconded SC – ratified

Martin Hewitt (NZDJA Chairperson) joined the meeting on Saturday, 26 November.

- In light of feedback received NZDJA's professional development document has been withdrawn. Branches & members have been invited to put their ideas/thoughts forward.
- As a result of issues raised on the practical examinations one member has received an ex-gratia promotion and there will be a revamping of the examinations themselves.
- NZDJA next meet on 8.12 to discuss the feedback on the written examinations. At this point two questions have been changed. Protocols are being developed in terms of the writing of the questions.
- NZDJA website up and running.

The meeting thanked Martin for his attendance.

BREED STANDARDS & CLASSIFICATIONS

Report provided by Martin Hewitt (Chairperson)

- Recommendation to adopt new FCI Standard for Lagotto Romagnolo as circulated. Disqualifying Faults be amended to Very Serious Faults. Change to be advertised in Feb. DW requesting comment.

Moved KB; Seconded MMcK – ratified

- Recommendation to adopt new FCI Standard for Coton du Tulear as circulated. Disqualifying Faults be amended to Very Serious Faults. Breed be placed in Toy Group. Change be stated in Feb. NZDJA be advised so Open Book examination can be prepared for all Toy Group judges.

Moved BH; Seconded BW – ratified

BW presented paper on approach from Shih Tzu breeders regarding comment on overseas changes to Breed Standard. No request for change had been made by NZKC breeders through the office. Request for Breed Standard in entirety to be sent to Breed Standards for review.

FORRESTER PARK

Report provided by Anne McLachlan (Chairperson).

- Benefit Shows provided good financial result and support from local clubs despite lower entries.
- Hall occupancy up due to time of year.
- New 20 year lease agreed with DCC subject to 1 month notice for objections.
- Facility due for November commercial clean – first for a number of years.
- Recent resignations of Lindsay Bryant & Wayne Summers to be acknowledged formally. Dianne Sprott appointed as Treasurer to replace Wayne.
- Rubber chip covering of show tables has received favourable comment.
- Meeting with EC during their time in Dunedin late November.

Report received. Moved BW; Seconded GG – received

AUCKLAND PROPERTY GROUP

Report provided by Christine Wood (Chairperson)

- Process to appoint new Committee (2017-2019) completed and once office bearers confirmed they will be sent to EC for ratification.
- Signalled again that Amenities Block needs replacement. Estimated cost is \$50-\$60k with Benefit Show to be held during 2017 NDS to add to proceeds. Project is in investigation phase and committee sought approval to keep it moving forward. Looking to apply for grant/s with assistance from office.
- Committee has lodged submission opposing change of NDS date to July due to potential loss of income.

Report received. Moved GG; Seconded MMcK – received

6. CLUB MATTERS

CLUB SURVEY

A draft of the intended survey to go to all clubs was included in the EC papers. Whilst not fully completed the 8 questions tabled signalled the main purpose of the survey i.e. to extract information and feedback to ensure that the NZKC moving forward remains relevant as an organisation. PD to review Q. 4 on membership to ensure the material collected is relevant. GC to review the layout to see if data can be input more effectively. Question to be asked in terms of best assistance that can be provided to clubs. Final draft to be sent to EC before release.

SOUTH OTAGO KA – CHANGE OF DATES

South Otago KA had advertised for a change of dates enabling them to run their Championship shows the same weekend as Southern Ladies KA. No objections were received. Support was sought from EC allowing for the combination of dates. Southern Ladies KA had provided a letter of support to the move.

Moved KB; Seconded BW – passed

NZGTA AGM

SM & PD had attended the AGM with the latter presenting on the intended NZKC rebranding to Dogs New Zealand. Despite issues over the past 12 months SM & PD both felt that there was a clear majority present focused on the progress of their sport. NZGTA would like a closer relationship with NZKC which is positive.

CHANGE OF CALENDAR – 2018 on

A notice had been placed in the October DW with a reminder sent to clubs of the need for a correction in the Breed calendar for the 2018-2020 years. Only one club had raised an issue at this point. The correction only affects the early part of the year and all clubs impacted upon will be sent the 2018 dates for a further opportunity to raise any issues.

NORTHERN STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB – 3rd CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

The club applied for a 3rd show to be held in conjunction with the 2017 NDS and with the Terrier Club. Recommendation in support:

Moved KB; Seconded MMcK – passed

TASMAN GUNDOG CLUB

EC had previously approved a 3rd Championship show for 2017 for the club in celebration of their 30th anniversary. As the approval was based on the use of gundog specialist judges EC felt disappointed that this had not transpired. PD to check the status of the application, report to EC and, with approval, write to the club as deemed appropriate.

AUCKLAND PUG DOG CLUB

The club had written directly to EC displeased with the time taken by the office in dealing with their informal complaint regarding alleged abuse of a judge by an exhibitor following their show. PD acknowledged that the time delay was unacceptable and that the club should have been advised after the September EC meeting that as NZKC does not currently have a social media code of conduct in place it was powerless to act.

THE ST. BERNARD CLUB

John Vuleta reported on his monitoring of the club over the past 12 months. John recommended that, given the progress made during the period of monitoring, it now be allowed to operate normally as with any other club.

Moved BW; Seconded KB – passed

PD to advise club and also acknowledge John's contribution formally.

7. RULES & REGULATIONS

2016 ACOD TRAVEL EQUILISATION LEVY

Recommendation: That the TEL be increased by the annual CPI adjustment of 0.4% (to 31.03.16) which equates to an increase of \$1.03. The levy payable in 2017 would be \$257.29.

Moved BH; Seconded GG – passed

SHOW REG. 19.13 – EXCLUSION OF DOGS

A paper was lodged in the EC papers by PD given the recent publicity on dog bites/attacks and following on from the forum held at ACOD with the most relevant topic to NZKC being *“Is the NZKC doing enough within its own environment in relation to dangerous dogs i.e. within a) its own sports and competitions”*. Notes from the forum were included in the EC papers as well. Reference was also made to communication from a member in relation to a dog originally placed on report. Recommendations were made to amend the Show Regs. under 19.13.2 Exclusion by Judge & 19.13.3 Procedure on Exclusion. After ensuing discussion PD is to amend the recommendations and distribute for an email vote.

The Dogs Victoria Incident Procedure had been provided by BW to include the Reporting Procedure. BW to send latter to GG to place in a flowchart and PD & BW to review the full procedures and present a draft to the EC Feb. meeting. Cognisance will also be taken of the paper as also provided by Gail O’Keefe.

SHOW REG. 19.12 – EXEMPTION SOUGHT

An exemption was sought, and supported, for an imported dog with cropped ears to be allowed to compete in Obedience Tests.

Moved GC; Seconded KB – passed

8. REGISTRY

GREAT DANES (MERLES)

An application was received from the Great Dane Club asking that dogs with the coat colour, merle, be allowed to be placed on the Full Register to allow them to be bred from but not shown. The request asked that they be treated as a mismarked Harlequin as is done in the UK. It was agreed that the letter be referred to both the Breed Standards and Canine Health & Welfare Committees for comments to be considered at the Feb. EC meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT

- **IN/** Letter from ANKC noting Clyde Roger's ill health, inability to attend Board Meeting and best wishes for a speedy recovery.
- **IN/** Marlborough KA 2016 Benefit Show report.
- **IN/** Forrester Park 2016 Benefit Shows (3) report.
- **IN/** Letter of thanks from Robyn Gaskin re Breeder of Merit Award made at NZGTA AGM.

11. OTHER

PRESIDENTS SUM UP

Difficulty and cost of getting in & out of Dunedin for an EC meeting was discussed. However, it was felt that a meeting held every 3rd year (last was July, 2013) was well worthwhile and, once again, at the time of a local Championship Show. It had given an ideal opportunity to not only mix and mingle but also update those present on the rebranding and on canine health & welfare matters.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2017)

Following notification from Christine Wood (AEC) that due to a change in the Show calendar, there would be no shows at their grounds over the weekend of February 18/19, 2017. Consequently, the February meeting will be held in Wellington and a new date for an Auckland meeting will be confirmed later to coincide with show/s being held at the venue.

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February 18/19# Wellington, April 8/9 Wellington & June 23 Wellington# Apology BH