



Minutes of the Executive Council meeting

Held at

11 Prosser Street

Elsdon, PORIRUA

on

September 16/17, 2017

1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Nigel Trainor (NT) President
Geoff Collins (GC)
Beth Warman (BW) +
Clinton Hoeben (CH) +
Maree McKenzie (MMcK)
Steve Tate (ST)
Stephen Meredith (SM) +
Karen McIntyre (KM) +
Keith Brown (KB)
Lisa Slade (LS)

+ Arrived late Saturday (10:20 am) due to flight disruptions
EC photo taken

STAFF

Peter Dunne (PD) – Director Secretary
Becky Murphy (BM) – Canine Health & Welfare Officer (3:00 pm on Saturday, 16 September)

APOLOGIES

Bevan Dale (BD)

WELCOME

NT welcomed all to the meeting and made special mention of Lisa Slade, (first meeting) congratulating Lisa on her appointment to Executive Council.

LATE ITEMS FOR AGENDA

Late Papers had been circulated electronically on Thursday, 14/09 and hard copies were provided at the meeting. Added on the day were 1) a Certificate of Appreciation consideration and 2) Suspended Australian judge.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved ST; Seconded MMcK – Adopted

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI)

NT – wife Robynne and NZDJA
EC members reminded to complete the standing COI spreadsheet. PD to check MMcK's. Still six to be completed.

EMAIL VOTES

Three since July 29/30

1. 2017 NDS Trillian Trust funding application
2. Queenstown Dog Agility Club recognised status
3. AEC toilet spend

Moved ST; Seconded KB – Ratified

OBITUARIES

Jane Lindup (MOTUEKA), Mervyn Chapman (CHRISTCHURCH), J (Dale) Powell (WAIPUKARAU), Kelly Jackson (GORE), Mr. P Atkinson (HAMILTON) & Glenis Dyson (DUNEDIN).

The meeting noted with regret the passing of Jane, Mervyn, Dale, Kelly, Mr. Atkinson & Glenis.

CORRECTIONS/CONFIRMATION OF JULY 29/30, 2017 MINUTES

Minutes taken as read.

Moved MMcK; Seconded CH – passed

Matters noted

- All Action Points (AP's) to be noted on back page.
- Draft Event Cancellation policy still to be acted on.
- PD to contact Ann Coulson re Chair of Audit & Risk

Minutes confirmed with no corrections

Moved CH; Seconded KMcl – confirmed

2. IMPORTANT ITEMS

STRATEGIC

NT had asked time be set aside for a “strategic session”. Discussion centred on “vision statements” – should it read “go to organisation for dog owners” or be more specific focusing on what we do? First requirement is to establish a Mission Statement i.e. why we exist or what we actually do. PD to arrange a facilitator for the Saturday (24 November).

Trade Me to be added to the list of “audiences” in the Communications Plan. It was noted that interaction was held with them.

SOCIAL MEDIA (SM)

The draft “Policy Statement” SM Code of Conduct was tabled for discussion. Agreed that “Policy Statement” be removed from title and document. Under “Breach” remove first paragraph. Updated code to be circulated for sign off and noting in Dog World.

DOGS NZ PROPERTIES

NT had asked that this topic be placed on the agenda under strategic given the importance of the three venues to Dogs NZ. PD confirmed all properties have been alerted to the need for “10 year” thinking and all are pro-active in this approach as clearly demonstrated in the reporting. A basic “assessment” document is in draft form and will be circulated once the three national events are behind us.

SELECTIVE BREEDING

The matter of selective breeding, as highlighted by NAWAC in their opinion paper, has clearly demonstrated the need for Dogs NZ to make a clear distinction between our breeders, their dogs and the rules, regulations, codes of ethics and health testing they are bound by and subject to and those non-member breeders who are totally unregulated.

Clearly a focus is being placed on certain breeds by NAWAC in the early part and Dogs NZ has already been proactive in addressing this. A meeting was held with the Southern Bulldog Club on 28 August. The club will progress their Taskforce as promoted at ACOD working with the other three bulldogs clubs and the French Bulldog Society and work independently of Dogs NZ. BW was not comfortable with not being extended the opportunity to attend the meeting. The current Dogs NZ Brachycephalic Working Group will be disestablished as it stands and be reformed with an ad placed in the Dog World calling for applications from breeders of the four most popular brachycephalic breeds to join members of the CH&W Committee. All clubs will also be contacted directly. The promotion of health testing and healthy progeny will remain the focus of both groups. Proposal recommended to meeting.

Moved ST; Seconded KB – passed

ANKC AGM

The invite to the ANKC AGM and Board meeting was further discussed. PD will firstly check the dates of the ANKC Board meetings to see if they coincide with those of Dogs NZ (particularly 24/25 November) as it was felt that a full Video Conference of both boards may be more effective. If a Video Conference does not look viable then NT will look to attend.

FCI ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Given that the ANKC had now resolved to sign off on an agreement to continue as a FCI Associate Member it was agreed that Dogs NZ should be proactive in making an approach to FCI regarding similar terms and conditions.

Moved ST; Seconded KMcl – passed

ACCREDITED BREEDERS SCHEME (ABS) REVIEW

BM tabled a six page report from the CH&W Committee providing a summary of recommendations and a proposed process as the initial findings in the review of the ABS. The first part of the process is for EC members to provide feedback to BM by Friday, 22 September highlighting perceived issues, barriers to entry and possible solutions. An updated draft will then be presented to the CH&W Committee for a selected membership survey to then be drafted. It is intended that the tiered scheme structure will also outline where other registered Dogs NZ breeders fit in the overall scheme.

EC "POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEW

The second "4 of the 15" documents were tabled for review. The recommended changes will be made and circulated for inclusion in the EC folders. Another 4 documents will be included in the November papers for a similar review.

Moved; ST: Seconded; KB – amendments approved

2017 ACOD REVIEW (UPDATE)

A summary of actions already taken and matters noted for implementation at the 2018 ACOD were tabled. Proposed 2018 remits will be tabled at the November meeting.

2017 ACOD DISCUSSION PAPER 2 – BREEDING OF CROSSBREDS

The discussion points from ACOD were listed in the EC papers & it was agreed a workshop be held in November on this subject given its importance to Dogs NZ and the overwhelming support from the floor that registered breeders be discouraged from the practice.

2017 ACOD DISCUSSION PAPER 3 – THIRD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Once again the discussion points from ACOD were listed in the EC papers and it was agreed that these thoughts be embraced and considered by the "Blue Sky" group. The small number of All Breed judges in NZ was noted.

2018 ACOD

The 2018 ACOD timelines were set out in the EC papers and noted.

SUB-COMMITTEES/COMMITTEES

An updated list of the current sub-committees/committees was tabled and will be placed on the Dogs NZ website. It was noted that the management of such a large number of sub-committees/committees brings challenges in terms of adherence to Dogs NZ strategies, general direction, planning and reporting. Consequently, it was agreed that all should have Terms of Reference in place. PD to progress with the relevant Chairs. A review is also to be undertaken on the frequency of appointments for all sub-committees/committees and thoughts were offered and noted in relation to these. The current practice of advertising for "expressions of interest" in the July Dog World for some sub-committees/committees in consultation with the relevant Chairs was also discussed. There was agreement that the latter is important for efficient functionality. EC Liaison Officer roles to be disestablished in 12 month trial.

A draft over-riding document will be placed in the November EC papers for further discussion. NT suggested that the Audit & Risk and Health & Safety sub-committees be merged but it was determined that these remain stand-alone in the interim. PD to approach Ann Coulson to chair Audit & Risk.

KB recommended that KMcl & LS be appointed to the CH&W Committee.

Moved; KB: Seconded; CH – passed

CLUB SURVEY

Key points from the survey (176 responses) were set out in the EC papers as were a number of the question summaries. A hard copy document will be provided to NT, LS and KMcl (as part of Blue Sky consideration. The document will also be placed on the EC section of the website. PD to refresh EC on the workings of the relevant section. The basic extrapolations of membership numbers was questioned by EC.

BENEFIT SHOW (BS)

A late advice was received from Wanganui KS to hold a BS on 24/25 March, 2018 in conjunction with their Championship Shows.

Moved; LS: Seconded; MMcK – passed (SM against)

The advice was lodged on the new, standardised form as recommended be put in place by EC. CH noted that it did not include provision for information on other means of fund-raising undertaken. PD to add.

RISK REGISTER

As required the current register was tabled for discussion. PD and GS to sectionalise and in the first instance send CH the section relating to Health & Safety.

EC ATTENDANCE AT NZDAC & NDOA

GC NDOA BD NZDAC MMcK NZDAC (Sunday only)

ST confirmed as attending NZDAC (Saturday) and NDOA (Sunday). In both cases he will be driving. PD to advise both committees.

2017 NDS

Report provided by Gary Withers (Chairperson)

- Final full committee meeting has been held focusing on overall financial result and the staging of a successful show
- Entries down about 10% in line with other shows
- 2 successful grants received for \$2k (Akld CC) and \$10k (Trillian Trust)
- Forecast loss of between \$10-15k

A photo of the motorway billboard was included in the EC papers attracting favourable comments. SM advised there is a dinner being held at the conclusion of the show at Ardmore for those still in Akld. Request that EC members be at VEC by noon Thursday for assistance with the set-up. PD confirmed that MP has acted on request to follow up on TV coverage. PD to discuss with GS the provision of cash (prizes) for the Prelude. Noted that the card for challenge certificates was too flimsy. PD to query. PD to ask GS if it is possible to extract the Obedience costs from the NDS & Prelude. Noted that there have only ever been two cost centres before & that separate budgets were not provided.

Reports received. Moved; KMcl: Seconded; LS – received

2018 NDS

Report provided by PD

- Looking to follow 2015 format to include 3 Highlights packages (1 Friday evening and 1 Saturday evening)
- Budget provided showing profit of \$9,759 (\$19,465 in 2015)
- Weather risk noted in relation to grooming marquee
- Parking will again be challenge and campervans to be considered.
- Volunteer interest already is pleasing
- 2 of 3 judges signed contracts returned with other imminent
- Activity timelines set out

- Final day format discussed. At PD's request MMcK had provided an oversight of other major shows held off-shore. The key change will be no in-show awards other than puppy in show. A number of other initiatives were discussed. MMcK will summarise these with PD to email EC for sign-off. Support of the format was recommended:

Moved; MMcK: Seconded; KB – passed

The holding of the NDS over 4 days rather than 3 to be considered when the full week's programme is drafted. This could ease pressure on grooming space requirements.

Report received. Moved; ST: Seconded; BW – received

2019 NDS

At this point interest is being shown in Marlborough and Canterbury. BW is calling a meeting in Christchurch to gauge interest. Expressions of interest for consideration are required by 10 November as advertised in the Dog World.

NZCAC UPDATE

Report provided by Peter Dunne (Dogs NZ Board representative)

- AGM held in ChCh on 15 August. Short meeting with rule changes approved 1) proxy votes introduced and 2) NZVA CAV representative replaced by NZ Vet Nursing representative. Year end profit of \$156k
- Well attended Member Forum held the same day
- Board Meeting held on 15 & 16 August with emphasis on strategic direction. Need for Dogs NZ to determine what of its activities fall under the "companion animal" banner.
- Brian Harris submitted a NZ Companion Animal Trust meeting report from 27 July

Report received. Moved; KB: Seconded; CH – received

SOUTH ISLAND "BLUE SKY" SHOW CALENDAR UPDATE

Report provided by Karen McIntyre

A three page report was tabled following work undertaken by KMcl, CH, Lavina Diamanti and Jack Boyd. A SWOT analysis as undertaken raised a number of questions for further debate and a subsequent need to address these from different perspectives. The next step is to undertake a targeted survey on the questions identified. KMcl to provide PD with questions to install on Survey Monkey.

EC agreed group was moving in right direction and had no issue with club survey material being utilised and own survey being undertaken. Recommended that registry "numbers" may also provide context.

Report received. Moved; KMcl: Seconded; CH – received

NDS JUDGES

Report provided by Beth Warman

Four considerations were tabled:

- 2016 NDS judge issue
- 2017 sub-contracting of NDS judges
- 2018 NDS and beyond
- 2017 reserve judges

It was agreed that there was little to be gained from dwelling on the 2017 situation. Following on from the 2016 issue and discussion regarding 2018 and beyond it was recommended that the Dogs NZ NDS judges not be shared prior to our event and that this be reflected in the contracts "not to accept a judging appointment in Australia within 6 months of this appointment"

Moved; LS: Seconded; CH – passed

BW tabled suggestions for reserve (back-up) judges in 2017 should the need arise.

3. OFFICE REPORTS

DIRECTOR/SECRETARY REPORT (Matters not reported elsewhere)

- Two local club meetings have been held of late in Porirua. The first involved the 5 All Breed clubs in addition to the two from Kapiti Coast. It is intended to put in place an umbrella group to oversee but mainly assist in the running of all Championship Shows at Porirua in addition to instigating a number of new initiatives.
The second meeting was open to all Wgtn clubs and is essentially a venue AGM. The key topics involved the maintenance and enhancements to the building particularly in light of the 2018 NDS being held here again in October.
- A meeting was held with NZGRA who are looking to contract a Dogs NZ trainer for a pilot project at Rimutaka prison.
- The last of the 2016/2017 JDH heats was held at the Porirua Benefit Show on Sept 9.
- Nine submissions regarding the proposed change to the Shih Tzu Breed Standard have been passed onto the committee for further consideration.
- A questionnaire in relation to the "weighing of Miniature Daschunds" has been developed and will be advertised and circulated immediately.
- The inaugural meeting of a Companion Animal Training & Behaviour Accreditation Group (CATBAG) was held in Wellington on August 30 Groups represented included SPCA, NZVA, AUT, BARK, MPI, Pet Dog Trainers Assn and Dogs NZ (both GC & PD). Many overseas models were presented with both regulation and accreditation discussed.
- With the focus on the 3 x National events further work on the website and OSP has been minimal of late.
- Mercury IT is working well with the Registry team with enhancements to the Registry data-base. A colour drop down box is now in place for the Labrador and in a similar pilot the health test results will be implemented for the same breed. Once installed and tested both initiatives will be introduced wider commencing with the more popular breeds.
- The initiative to encourage more breeders to register progeny on the Full Register rather than the Restricted Register based on price is working with only 21% of progeny being placed on the latter (previously 43%) albeit with the measure only able to be taken over a 2 month period.

Report received; Moved GC: Seconded; KB – received

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The July financial reports (summarised) were included in the EC papers. The A&R Sub-committee had previously received a full set.
- Net cash surplus to July 31 stood at \$39,495 against a budgeted figure of \$83,600. A one-off timing issue was noted (favourable).
- A July breakdown (2016 to 2017) highlighted a fall-off in Registry income.
- A separate report was tabled for the NDS & Prelude. The current forecast loss is between \$15-20k with \$10k pending in relation to a funding application.
- Total cash at 31 July was \$1,531k and up from the 30 June figure of \$1,384k.
- Under Financial Review recommendations for increases in fees for Kennel Renewals, Litter Notifications and Transfers were set out. LS spoke of further increased costs for breeders. ST requested that an assessment be made of the impact of CPI (lack of such application) since the last adjustment. PD to provide prior to an email vote for support or other.

Report received; Moved: KB: Seconded CH – received

EVENTS & ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR (Mandy Poore)

- 2017 NDS – Paula Bennett, Deputy Prime Minister of NZ and Akld Mayor Phil Goff have confirmed attendance.
- Still awaiting 3rd signed Judge's contract for 2018 NDS

- Ten nominations received for Canine Heroes @ 2017 NDS with winners confirmed.
- Limited interest in Wgtn Pet Expo on October 28/29.

Report received; Moved: ST: Seconded KB – received

CLUB & MEMBERSHIP MANAGER (Colleen Begg)

- Four clubs with outstanding accounts (7 last year at the same time). One club has a show scheduled for December.
- New Manawatu KA Benefit Show date TBC
- No objections received for change of dates for Hutt Valley KC (2018 on), South Canterbury KA (2018 on), Eastern BOP KA (2018 on) & Auckland KC (2019 on) so have been added to calendar and clubs advised.
- Huntly & District KA Auckland have advertised their proposed changes from 2018 on in the September Dog World -- objections close 10 October.
- Request and recommendation that the West Highland Terrier & the Scottish Terrier Clubs merge. New name to be advised.

Moved: BW: Seconded CH – passed

Dogs on Report:

Lorde of Charlesworth 04460-2014 Golden Retriever owned by S Charlesworth

This dog has now completed 6 observations without incident and is no longer on report – owner advised.

Bushsong Ironjade Topazhikaru (IMP –AUST) 5100088824 Tibetan Mastiff owned by C Chester and E Kuo

The owners have advised the dog has been undertaking training and has since been shown and observed at two shows without incident.

Maslaghan Under Pressure 07057 – 2016 Shih Tzu owned by V & G Hose

The dog has been shown and observed at one show.

Bullestate Red Cloud at Shiann 05760 - 2016 Bulldog owned by S Robertson

The dog was dismissed from the ring at The Plains KA's Championship Show on 3 September for aggressive behaviour. The owner was advised by the Show Manager of the 7 day stand-down period and by the office of the six required observations. The judge has been emailed for comment.

Federal Star of Justice JD RN 02922-2015 Pyrenean Sheepdog Long Haired - owned by T Page

The dog was excluded from the event by the Test Manager at the Taieri Canine Training Club's Championship Event on 3 September for its menacing disposition towards the judge. A judges report has been received and the owner advised by the office of the six required observations. The owner has written letters of apology to the judge and Agility Committee.

Lone Ranger of Sarelle CDX 03867-2013 German Shepherd Dog - owned by M Ingham

The Test Manager at Hawera Dog Training Assn's Championship Obedience Test advised that the dog (GSD) broke from a stay and attacked another dog. A third dog also became involved culminating in an owner being bitten. Two dogs and the owner required treatment.

The GSD was excluded from the show and the owner advised by the office of the six required observations. The owner has advised the dog will not be taking part in Obedience for some time but has since taken part and been observed in two Agility events. The owner has indicated that the dog (male) is to be neutered.

There was discussion regarding the relevance of agility observations vs at obedience events. This matter is to be considered further.

Report/s received; Moved BW: Seconded; SM – received

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

- Accredited Breeders Scheme – numbers remain static albeit with 7 new and 10 resignations. The latter are due to an inability to provide test results for sire and/or dam.
- There have been 9 breaches of the BCOE over the past 4 months.
- Attended meeting with MPI (with PD) to discuss proposed animal welfare regulations particularly tail docking and dew claw removal. The Dogs NZ displeasure at the lack of science based justification for the intended ban on tail docking (banding) was expressed. MPI suggested a joint meeting with Veterinary Council on dew claw removal. BM to confirm. A Dogs NZ draft letter to MPI was tabled and will be sent on behalf of NT and BM.
- Tri-coloured Bulldog. A DNA test had been requested and was undertaken. Given the results the progeny will be registered but the owner has been advised another test is required (at Dogs NZ cost) to be taken by BM at the NDS.
- It was recommended that an Animals in Entertainment sub-committee be formed to take a pro-active approach to the upcoming NAWAC review. PD to approach Agility with GC (Obedience) and LS (Breed) confirmed at the meeting.
- NZVA collaboration. NZVA CAV are keen to be involved in Dogs NZ seminars relating to responsible breeding. This then becomes an opportunity for education for veterinary surgeons and breeders alike. They are also keen to assist in the development of puppy packs for ABS members in the first instance.
- Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS) chamber. An opportunity exists for Dogs NZ to be proactive in the importation of a chamber to diagnose BOAS at a time when concerns are being raised with regard selective breeding and particularly in relation to brachycephalic breeds. Funding opportunities to include a Dogs NZ contribution were discussed as was where such expenditure rates in terms of priority order.

CH&W Committee meeting report (28 July) – matters not covered elsewhere

- DNA testing of exported dogs – recommendation that where parents are alive and available the dog for which a CEP is to be granted should have parentage proof by DNA. Furthermore, it was recommended that a preferred or exclusive New Zealand based DNA laboratory provider is sought to address cost and turnaround issues. The meeting agreed that a recommendation on the latter should precede a decision on the first recommendation.
- CH&W committee looking to draft a DNA general policy for Dogs NZ given the increased availability and utilisation of this form of science.
- NZVA Elbow Dysplasia Scheme – CH&W committee had been asked for comment on the scheme by NZVA. They do not support its continuation in its current format. It will be communicated that support would be conditional upon it becoming faster and digital.
- Definition of brachycephalic breeds. On approach NAWAC confirmed they do not have a list of such breeds.

Report received; Moved ST: Seconded; CH – received

DOG WORLD REPORT

Report provided by Frances Phillips (and GS) for April to July

- Breakdown of sponsorship advertising pages per magazine provided
- Financials provided – surplus showing of \$19,623 against budget of \$12,190 due mainly to increase in fees and advertising revenue
- As pagination is made up of 8 page blocks and an increase from 80 to 88 comes at a cost of \$1,000 the decision to include EC minutes will likely have an impact on the bottom line.
- Looking to organise the pages into subject groupings where possible
- Club survey feedback was very positive for the Dog World

Report received; Moved GC: Seconded; CH – received

4. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGILITY COMMITTEE (AC)

Reports provided by Bevan Dale & Nick Chester (NZDAC Event Manager)

- Ratification sought from EC for regulation addition for new certificate to be awarded for dogs and handlers earning 100 challenges. This is to take immediate effect and apply retrospectively.
Moved CH: Seconded; BW – ratified
- Open forum for members being held at next AC meeting

NZDAC

- Record number of entries – 631 dogs and over 5,200 entries competing in 9 rings. There are over 150 campsites booked and 50 stall holders
- Now have sole use of venue – learning for next time i.e. have expectations confirmed in writing
- Working closely with Waipa District Council – funding support of \$2k
- Have-a-go ring set aside for the public
- Team trials all completed

Reports received; Moved GC: Seconded; KMcl – received

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

Reports provided by Geoff Collins (Chairperson) & Sue Richardson (NDOA Event Manager)

- Meeting held 3 September in Porirua.
- Next meeting (SKYPE teleconference) on 9 November
- First step post the successful Domestic Dog Training Conference will be “training the trainers” seminars. An ad looking for suitable personnel will feature in the October Dog World.
- Rally-O to now follow Obedience competitions at 2017 NDS given pressure on space. Keen to ensure there is adequate signage – Karen Browning organising. Entries (112) down 10 from 2014.
- Several items to go out for voting in October after August discussion round

Judge Promotions and appointment (all immediate)

- Promotion of Rowena Pearson to Rally-O Excellent panel
- Promotion of Sheelah Stevens to Rally-O Excellent panel
- Promotion of Jo Miller to Test B panel
- Appointment of Jeffrey Walkington to Special Beginners/Novice panel

Moved SM: Seconded; CH – ratified

NDOA

- Starts with Working Trials on Thursday/Friday in Foxton area
- Full programme over the 4 days to include Inter-Region event on Sunday morning
- Door charge applying (\$5 adult/\$2 child). Advertising/promotion targeting the public

Reports received: Moved GC; Seconded CH – received

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Report provided by Rosemary Cleator (Chairperson)

- Following launch of Good Basics programme at the 2017 DDT Conference 10 clubs have taken the programme on board with first assessment held.
- First of the new green Dogs NZ CGC badges have been issued.
- Now working through difficult task of finalising newly branded ribbons, polo shirts and dog coats.
- Involvement in LGNZ in Akld went well
- Due to over-run by previous speaker CGC speaker at ChCh Canine H & W seminar never had opportunity to speak.
- Staging of CGC assessment/s at 2017 NDS is under discussion.

Report received: Moved GC; Seconded ST – received

MUSEUM TRUST

Report provided by Keith Brown (Chairperson)

- AGM held previous evening (Friday, 15 September) – 5 of 7 Trustees in attendance
- Profit of \$6,697.16 for year (\$6,094.53 from 2016 NDS Benefit Shows)
- Looking to organise a “working bee” for general sort out of material in museum
- Letter tabled from AEC approving use of old Secretary's office for museum space.
- Support requested to move Museum from upstairs to Board Room (downstairs) Noted
Moved KB; Seconded MMcK – passed

PD to investigate implications of move on all other activities

Report received: Moved LS; Seconded BW – received

NZDJA

Report provided by Ray Greer (President) & Debbie Hull (Secretary) - list of judges for promotion

- Face to face meeting now being held in Akld on 17 September
- RG attended the Waikato branch meeting in August with matters progressing comfortably. Meeting agreed that NZDJA Secretary is due a letter of apology after treatment at July branch meeting.
- RG will also attend September meeting.

Judge Promotions (having passed Theory & Practical Examinations - all immediate)

Jenny Hamilton	Working	Diane Riley	Non Sporting
Samantha Diggins	Toys	Jan Brownlie	Non Sporting
Cathy Wallace	Toys	Mark Lawrence	Gundogs
Lavina Diamanti	Gundogs	Giselle Fletcher	Gundogs
Diane O'Neill	Hounds	Kay O'Carroll	Hounds
Wendy Hicks	Non Sporting	Robynne Trainor	Toys
Caroline Matheson	Toys	Ashleigh Rogers	Toys
Sandi Meads	Griffon Bruxellois	Karla Magnus	Samoyed
Lavinia MacKenzie-Goodwin	Working		

Moved LS; Seconded SM – ratified

Report received: Moved GC; Seconded ST – received

FORRESTER PARK

Report provided by Anne McLachlan (Chairperson).

- Benefit Shows ran well and thanks to Show Manager Martin Trent for good time management. Whilst not confirmed finances look very positive. Thanks to Black Hawk and Inter-islander for support and branding looked very good. A good response was received for the show format questionnaire with results to be collated.
- Ring barriers looked great and are efficient to use. Purchase of further 3 a high priority to cover all three rings.
- 30th anniversary celebration (and cake) in addition to COA awards to Lindsay Bryant & Alwyn Isaacs were all well received.
- An alleged unsavoury incident after the show is being investigated.
- Have good photographs of the 21/22 July flooding for meeting with DCC amongst a number of other items on the agenda.
- Pricing is being undertaken on urgent maintenance items and once these are known an assessment will be made on the viability of the kitchen upgrade.
- Smoke alarms have been installed as a result of the Fire Engineer's report.
- All electrical outlets and appliances have been tested by John Hamilton as certified.
- The building was tagged recently but is being cleaned by DCC.

Report received. Moved BW; Seconded KB – received

AUCKLAND PROPERTY GROUP

Report provided by Christine Wood (Chairperson)

- Road sign is being made – copy in EC papers.
 - A special meeting was held to identify, timeline and cost upcoming maintenance and projects.
 - Arena Roof – screws need replaced with drone footage confirming the need for a chemical clean and replacement of the existing ridge and spouting. Approval sought to have all required work done at cost of between \$25-30k + GST
- Moved CH; Seconded KB – passed
- PD to check with GS re capitalisation of part of this work
- Toilet Block – work already outlined and approved and will be completed by October 1 i.e. in time for 2017 NDS week
 - Rental property – compulsory insulation must be in place by 1 July, 2019. The current estimation is \$4.5k + GST with other quotes being sought. Installation is planned post 1 April, 2018
 - Disabled Car Parks – as the current configuration is non-compliant interim measures are being undertaken to address this.
 - New Shed – as previously signalled this work is planned to commence post 1 April, 2018 at a cost of \$25.7K + GST (capital expenditure)

Given the extent of the work planned there will be an updated R&M forecast provided for 2016/2017.

Report received. Moved SM; Seconded CH – received

JUNIOR DOG TRAINING (JDT)

Report provided by Sallie Remon (Chairperson)

- JDT group having great year to date with numerous JDT Jumpers classes being held throughout the country
- Further to the above a fund raising sponsored walk was held in the July school holidays with funds going towards the 2018 camp in Manawatu
- New clothing is looking very smart
- Several JDT members competing at NDOA & NZDAC
- A top Obedience dog and handler competition is being run with the winner being announced at NDOA.

Report received. Moved KB; Seconded GC – received

5. CLUB MATTERS**DOMINION BULLMASTIFF CLUB (DBC)**

Following an enquiry from a committee member a Dogs NZ view was provided in relation to a matter of procedure. Copies of letters sent on 29.08.17 and 06.09.17 were tabled for EC information. In effect the 06.09.17 letter replaced the former given the agreed ambiguity in the DBC rules. The Dogs NZ letter recommended the club seek legal advice in terms of the presentation of rule changes at either a SGM or AGM. It was also suggested at the meeting that contact could be made with Incorporated Societies for advice.

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ADVISORY COUNCIL (GSDAC)

KMcl provided a report from a meeting held on 7 September to which she had been invited to represent EC. The purpose of the meeting was to establish a way forward resulting from an issue with the Breed Surveyors Forms and changes of height. This had caused friction amongst the surveyors and whose responsibility it was to ensure correctness. The report was also provided to the Secretary of GSDAC to include suggestions on meeting protocols.

Report received. Moved KMcl; Seconded ST – received

6. REGULATIONS

MERLE TO MERLE MATINGS

Following a call for submissions in relation to a proposed ban on merle to merle matings an addition was made to the Registration Regulations:

5.1.6 No progeny resulting from a merle to merle mating in any breed may be registered on either Part 1 or Part 111 of the Register

Moved SM; Seconded ST – passed

A letter was also tabled from the CH&W Committee in response to the one submission specific to the case of Rough & Smooth Coat Collies. The committee shared the concern that the inability to register a dog in its true colour introduced a risk that would make the mating ineffective in some instances. The office will look at the AKC model to see what may be able to be done which would work within the requirements of the Breed Standard.

SHOW REGULATION 19.13 – EXCLUSION OF DOGS

Following previous feedback from EC BW & PD tabled amended regulations which in effect had removed one level of behaviour to be addressed. The ensuing discussion requested that the next two lower levels also be removed but they be replaced with a distinction between aggression and attack. Draft amendments will be tabled at the November meeting. The amendments will flow through to the draft Incident Checklist and Report which was also tabled. The current Guidelines for Observers is also to be updated and tabled for approval.

SHOW REGULATION 4 – JUDGE APPOINTMENTS/PROMOTIONS

PD had worked with the NZDJA in looking to align the Show Regulations (4.1.2 a & 4.1.2 b) with the NZDJA Regulations in relation to Judge appointments and promotions. A copy of the letter to NZDJA outlining the changes was tabled which they were considering on Sunday, 17 September. It was recommended that the changes to the Show Regulations be made to take immediate effect and be advertised in the October Dog World.

Moved LS; Seconded SM – passed

It was also proposed that it no longer be deemed compulsory for judges to furnish details of overseas appointments. An offer had been made to NZDJA to manage the process. After discussion it was recommended that the clause be removed in its entirety, the fact be advertised in the October World and NZDJA be advised accordingly.

Moved NT; Seconded KB – passed

7. REGISTRY

ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD DOG

A request was received to import semen compatible to an imported bitch owned by a Dogs NZ breeder. PD to check where the dog is physically, from where the semen is to be imported from and will a Certified Export Pedigree be available. BM to also be asked regarding the value of a BITSA (Breed Identification) test.

WHITE SWISS SHEPHERDS (WSS)

A request was received to register a WSS bitch and her litter. A pedigree certificate from the Netherlands was provided which was incomplete and appeared to have limitations placed on it. The incomplete sections appear to relate to dogs exported from New Zealand some time ago. PD to make further enquiries of the breeder and check the Registry in relation to the exported dogs.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

CHARITABLE TRUST

Correspondence to and from Kelly Martin regarding assistance in establishing a Dogs NZ Charitable Trust was tabled. In effect Kelly advised it was not her field of expertise.

SPECIALIST JUDGES

KB presented a letter titled "in favour of specialist judges" highlighting the situation in the USA where it was maintained that AKC was accepting of non-affiliated speciality breed clubs and the judging and exhibiting within these without any consequences. The letter was critical of the New Zealand stance in relation to judging at these shows. KB to draft a letter for PD to send with EC approval to AKC.

ADVANCED JUDGING COURSE

A Dogs NZ member had sent detail on a joint Kennel Club and Finnish Kennel Club initiative which has created an advanced judging course entitled "eye for a Dog". EC agreed it was worthy of sending to the NZDJA.

9. OTHER**GENERAL BUSINESS****CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

A late application will be considered at the November meeting.

SPECIALIST SHOW JUDGE DURING NDS WEEK

PD to check whether a judge contracted to judge on 6 October, 2017 is indeed eligible to do so and advise CH accordingly.

OBEDIENCE DIGITAL SCOREBOARD

PD to ensure it is taken to Akld for NDS

LINDUP DOGS

PD to check if dogs have been transferred

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2017-2018 term)

Saturday/Sunday, November 25/26	Wellington	(apologies – MMcK, BW & ST)
Saturday/Sunday, February 24/25	Auckland	
Saturday/Sunday, April 7/8	Wellington	
Friday, June 22	Wellington	