



Minutes of the Executive Council meeting

Held at

Black Hawk Auckland Exhibition Centre

Ardmore, AUCKLAND

on

February 24/25, 2018

1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Nigel Trainor (NT) President
Geoff Collins (GC)
Bevan Dale (BD)
Clinton Hoeben (CH)
Stephen Meredith (SM)
Karen McIntyre (KM)
Lisa Slade (LS)
Steve Tate (ST)
Maree McKenzie (MMcK)

STAFF (AND SUB-COMMITTEES)

Peter Dunne (PD) – Director Secretary
Graeme Sugden (GS) – Treasurer (1pm Saturday)
Ann Coulson (AC) – Audit & Risk (Chair) (1pm Saturday)
Becky Murphy (BM) – (CH&W) (11:30 am Saturday)

APOLOGIES

Beth Warman (BW) & Keith Brown (KB)
Judging – no leave of absence applied for
Moved SM; Seconded LS – Accepted

WELCOME

NT welcomed all to the meeting.

LATE ITEMS FOR AGENDA

It had been agreed at the November meeting that Late Papers would not be accepted. PD reported this had caused no issues.

NT called for any additional items.

PD noted receipt of a judge appointment to be ratified (added to NZDJA matters).

Further to emailed advice it was noted that Aurelia Moly & Nicole Harrison (both Masterpet NZ) would join the meeting @ 9 am on Sunday, 25 February.

CH noted a Siberian Husky Club had made contact with the office. PD noted this would follow due course.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved ST; Seconded BD – Adopted

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI)

As now required the COI spreadsheet was included in the minutes. 10 EC members have now provided all detail.

NT, LS & CH advised PD of amendments to be made.

PD to follow up on the one not received.

CH & SM noted a conflict on the agenda regarding Southern Cross Staffordshire Bull Terrier Society application for a 2nd show.

CH also noted a conflict on the agenda in relation to the Dogue de Bordeaux Club's proposed change of name.

EMAIL VOTES

Two since November 25/26

1. Exclusion of dog
2. Agility Judge's promotions

Moved CH; Seconded GC – Ratified

It was noted that the email vote request for the transfer of dogs was eventually not required as it was settled between the members concerned.

OBITUARIES

Tui Muir (HAMILTON), Hilary Nilsen (KERIKERI), Bill (Taffy) Morris (CHRISTCHURCH), Penny Jones (TAUPO), Margaret Anderson (WAIUKU), Kellyanne Pattinson (WAIMATE) and Jan McPherson (CHRISTCHURCH).

The meeting noted with regret the passing of Tui, Hilary, Bill, Penny, Margaret, Kellyanne and Jan.

CORRECTIONS/CONFIRMATION OF NOVEMBER 25/26, 2017 MINUTES

Minutes taken as read.

Matters noted

- Sentence to be removed under Welcome
- Masterpet NZ feedback on 2017 NDS in EC papers as reported in minutes
- PD to check on communication regarding a dog listed under Dogs on Report P 30
- Online Show Programme going well – PD to check payment options/direct link
- A&R need to be communicating more
- PD to check notes re naming of dog

Minutes confirmed with the removal of the sentence and a spelling correction.

Moved SM; Seconded CH – confirmed

2. IMPORTANT ITEMS**2018/2019 MEETING DATES**

INTL WK	2018/2019	Venue
30	July 28/29	Wellington
37	September 15/16	Wellington
47	November 24/25	Wellington
8	February 23/24	Wellington
14	April 6/7	Wellington
25	Jun-21	Wellington

All meetings tentatively set in Wellington with PD to look at options re an Auckland and SI meeting/s.

“BLUE SKY” UPDATE

It was agreed that a workshop is held at ACOD on at least some of the content contained within the document. Discussion was held on how more members than just the delegates might be involved. Options included by webinar (over the internet) and/or a Friday and/or Sunday sessions. It was felt that 2018 might be a year that the weekend format is adapted slightly with format change being a discussion item. There was also a possibility that an international breed specialist be targeted to attract other attendees.

TRADE ME BAN

A draft letter was tabled in relation to the Trade Me action announced recently. Dogs NZ believes Trade Me has publically misled the public through the misinterpretation of data from a Cambridge University study on brachycephalic dogs. The authors of the study support the Dogs NZ interpretation. Executive Council support contact with Trade Me requesting a deferment of their action and that a copy of the supporting letter be provided to Dogs NZ's external parties.

ACOD PREVIEW

Relevant dates and staff timelines were included in the papers for EC's information. It was agreed that an approach be made to Masterpet NZ regarding the rescheduling of the speaker from 2017 and that the topic of “Culture” be set out as Discussion Paper 1 to ensure it does not get pushed off the programme. Discussion Paper 2 could be the “Blue Sky” workshop. As previously agreed all EC profiles will be included in the Yearbook. Timing does not allow this to be done in the Dog World. Alternatively, they can also be displayed on the Dogs NZ website.

STAFF REVIEWS

An overview of the processes applying each year was outlined in the EC papers and was noted as such. The final performance review reports for each of the 11 staff have just been completed with meetings to follow shortly.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AT 2018 NDOA (EASTER)

At this point:

NT – Sunday (to advise re Sunday evening function)

CH – Monday (Team's event)

KB & BW – PD to contact

KMcl – to advise

GC – in attendance for weekend (not competing)

No accommodation requirements to date

2019 NDS JUDGES

In her absence BW had provided an update and a copy of the Terms of Reference. It was agreed from the TOR that the sub-committee should select and advise the organising committee of the group allocations. As it stands BW had submitted four names and NT 4 alternatives. The sub-committee is to progress the selection and advise the office accordingly bearing in mind that only two judges may be required in 2019.

NZ COMPANION ANIMAL COUNCIL (NZCAC) UPDATE

Report provided by PD (Dogs NZ Board Member)

- Board Meeting held in Akld (14 February) - all 2018 dates set out in papers. Wgtn Forum held (21 February) - all 2018 dates in papers. EC urged to attend within their areas.
- Next NZCAT (Trust) Meeting is being held in March. Applications close 1 March and too early for Dogs NZ, BOAS consideration.
- 2018 Conference detail provided – theme is Human Behaviour Change for Animals (Akld – 17-19 September). With the LGNZ Conference not offering the same opportunities in 2018 it was felt that Dogs NZ could have a significant presence at the NZCAC Conference. One benefit is cost effectiveness. PD to progress. A request is to be made to NZCAC regarding a speaking spot for Becky Murphy given the conference theme.
- Next Companion Animal Training & Behaviour Accreditation (CATBAG) meeting is being held in Akld on 9 March. PD to attend. GC unavailable.
- Detail on the new NZCAC Facial Technology was provided in addition to the same relating to the LostPet.co.nz service. Both are administered by the NZ Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) in addition to the microchipping service,
Report received. Moved; GC: Seconded; ST – received

3. OFFICE REPORTS**DIRECTOR/SECRETARY REPORT** (Matters not reported elsewhere)

- Further to the November report highlighting the number of time consuming complaints and issues being addressed by the office and PD in particular the trend has continued. An overview was provided on four such matters. NT questioned whether we should be offering mediating services and be advertising for individuals interested in undertaking such a role. This is already allowed for in Disputes Regs and is a matter for further consideration.
- In addition to the above there have been four new complaints from members of the public regarding Dogs NZ breeders. There is a clearly a link between introduced measures such as the BCOE, LRL scheme and requirement to register all progeny. Extra resource needs to be allocated to these compliance matters.

- PD advised that the office currently has 5 breeders whose actions of late, and typically with a history of the same, require their kennel names to be cancelled with a 28 day right of review appeal to EC. KMcl asked that these come before EC first.
- An update was provided in the papers regarding matters attended to since the November EC meeting or the status of as of February.

IT Report

Security

No issues since November with introduced processes working well.

Website

Very close to transition of club's section of the website to the new site. On track to have members also transitioned to new site by 30 June 2018.

The new on-line enrolments section has been successfully trialled by the Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club for domestic dog training classes.

The new website has also allowed optimisation of google search rankings. In addition the more user friendly site has resulted in the following viewings: by PC (35%), mobile devices (55%) & tablets (10%).

On-line Show programme (OSP)

Clubs using the system continue to rise – 51 on-line live shows at date of print. 74,781 entries to date – up 12,009 from November 25/26 report. Feedback continues to be positive with most queries relating to NAF/RAF's and Temporary Permissions to Show.

NAF/RAF's

Recommendation that Show Regulation 10.13 be deleted as it is being abused too often and is now not required. Such registrations can be processed with urgency assuming correctly completed paperwork. Office can enter the dogs on-line but it is club's role.

Moved; ST: Seconded; MMck – passed

Temporary Permission to Show

Currently, they are being treated outside of the Registry which is not ideal i.e. duplication and will be addressed in near future.

Report received; Moved CH: Seconded; MMck – received

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ann Coulson (A&R Chair) & GS in attendance (AC report under Audit & Risk – Section 5)

- The December financial reports (summarised) were included in the EC papers. The A&R Sub-committee had previously received the full set of papers.
- Net cash deficit to December 31 stood at (\$111,180) against a budgeted surplus of \$44,977. The key impacts for the month were the cost of \$28k for roof repairs at the Ardmore venue and legal fees (\$12k) associated with the extra High Court hearing held in October. The fee increases for most registry items were introduced on 1 January, 2018 and should address budget shortfalls in this area from that date forward.
- The agility figures will also impact on the EOY bottom line with NZDAC \$7,298 and Agility \$19,298 both negative to budget. GS to investigate the treatment of the AC's investment in equipment on behalf of its member clubs.
- The treatment of NDOA within the financials was also discussed. As income is derived by the regions prior to the years it is held the reported result as a loss does not reflect the true position. A note will be placed in the accounts outlining the income received in advance and the actual result.
- Total cash at 31 December was \$1,253k and up \$3k from 31 October when last reported.

Dec. accounts approved. Moved: CH: Seconded SM – approved

- The January financial reports had been circulated in full to the A&R Sub-committee during the week and were spoken to. Net cash deficit to January 31 stood at (\$86,176) against a budgeted surplus of \$82,152. There was a further negative variance to budget of \$12k due to a \$6k impact of the JDT camp and registry fees being behind budget. The latter is as a result of the Xmas/New Year back-log and should correct itself in February.

- Late invoices were received for NDS vans and in particular that used for the transportation of gear to and from Auckland. GS is to check the coding and the budget as SM commented it was an unknown to the organising committee.
- In response to NT's query on the ability to pull back of the likely deficit AC responded that was not feasible at this time.

2018/2019 Budget

- A draft budget (summarised) was included in the EC papers. The A&R Sub-committee had been provided the full budget the previous week.
- It was agreed that there was a need for A&R to communicate more on the financials and that there may be a need for tele-conference calls.
- The budget as presented showed a cash surplus of \$16,580 and deficit of \$72,763 after depreciation.
- EC agreed that a deficit was not acceptable and in the first instance the budget must be at least break even after depreciation. All cost centres are to be reviewed and in particular the three properties, the NDS and Agility. It was felt worthwhile for there to be a discussion on finances at ACOD across the three disciplines albeit a smaller group than typically gets together on the Sunday morning.
- NT asked that A & R also needed to look at the structure of the Obedience regions and additionally the number of bank accounts in operation across the organisation.
- KMcl & LS asked if any cognisance had been taken of the ANKC experience when tail-docking was banned in Australia. They will provide the office with the likely impact from 1 October, 2018.

Reports received; Moved: SM: Seconded CH – received

EVENTS & ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR (Mandy Poore - Events not reported elsewhere)

- 2018 NDS update – Event structure falling into place as per EC requirements. Kevin Hicks in process of appointing Stewards. 30 rooms booked for accommodation. Parking remains work in progress with a discussion to be had with Turners Cars management. Branding being signed off by Black Hawk.
- Steady bookings in Wgtn venue. Electronic calendar in place and working well.
- 2019 NDS – indication from ChCh they would not oppose Blenheim proposal. Have had to reschedule Blenheim meeting due to Cyclone Gita.
- 2019 Discover Dogs – options at moment are Stadium Southland or a Wgtn venue. PD signalled concern that the increasing workload on events may not be able to be matched by available resource within the office.
- 2018 ACOD – in hand. Seeking DOC & AC requirements.

Report received; Moved: CH: Seconded ST – received

DOG WORLD REPORT

Report provided by Frances Phillips (and GS) for 1 December, 2017 to 31 January, 2018

- A breakdown of advertising from the Dec/Jan & Feb magazines was set out. Advertising is up on budget. The new advertising rates for members commenced on 1 November but too early to see impact.
- Surplus to 31 December is \$32k and well ahead of budgeted \$19k. The unbudgeted increase in subscriptions has contributed to this but at the same time masks the decline in membership. Expenses are also down.

PD to review when DW printing was last taken to market and the process undertaken.

- An overview of contributors (Dogs NZ & independent) was set out in full. NZGTA looking to reduce content to every second magazine. CH&W continue to monitor health related articles.

Report received; Moved SM: Seconded; GC – received

CLUB & MEMBERSHIP MANAGER (Colleen Begg)

- Southern Cross Bull Terrier Society – application for second show. Approved subject to nominated judge being confirmed. Confirmed there is not a clash with Tauranga KA.
- New West Highland White & Scottish Terrier Club have provided the office with a copy of their new constitution and office-holders detail.

- Dogue De Bordeaux Club – proposed change to Show Regs (19.14.1). EC agreed the club should submit this as a recommendation to ACOD to attain a feel from the membership as to the change.
- Dogue De Bordeaux Club – proposed change of name to United Mastiff Breeds Assn. Correspondence was also received opposing the change of name and in particular noted that the rules of the club had not been abided by. EC agreed that the club should be reminded to follow due process and abide by its rules before submitting a request for the name change. It was also to be pointed out that the club should discuss the establishment of a totally new club to firstly gauge interest in that option.
Moved KMcl: Seconded; ST – passed
- Horowhenua KA – seeking to have the first weekend in February (Waitangi Weekend) each year to stage their show. As there is no such weekend in place and given the difficulties created with such an approach EC agreed that the dates in the Intl calendar be abided by and that in the years that they do not suit HKA they need to go through due process and advertise their proposed change of dates.
Moved KMcl: Seconded; CH – passed
- Golden Retriever Club – application for second show. Approved subject to nominated judge being confirmed.
- SI Collie Club – Following the 2 Dec meeting (G Doyle appointed as Dogs NZ observer) there have been a number of resignations from the committee & subsequently a SGM was called for on 4 March. G Doyle appointed to chair the meeting.

Dogs on Report:

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

Now completed all observations without incident and owners advised no longer on report.

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

Whilst under observation at the AEC Benefit Show on 3 February, 2018 the dog snapped at the judge and therefore was ineligible to compete until the date EC next meets. The owners have advised the dog will not be shown again. PD to check what formal advice has been given and how would Dogs NZ prevent the dog being shown (unobserved) in the future.

Shantileigh Pretty in Pink 03287-2017 Mastiff owned by L Kennedy

Female Mastiff excused from the ring at the AEC Benefit Show on 4 February, 2018 for lunging and aggressive behaviour towards the judge. Owners have been advised (on 9 Feb) that the dog is now to be observed. A report from the judge has been sought.

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

Now completed five observations without incident. Sixth was arranged for 18 February with report pending.

CH Rahkantra Little Bit Of Magic 03716-2014 German Shepherd Dog - owned by C Orchard

Reported by Canterbury KA for nipping a girl at their show on Friday, 17 November, 2017. Incident occurred outside of the ring. Owner has been advised that the dog is on report with indications that an appeal may be lodged. Not received and now out of time. Has since been shown without incident. EC agreed that the owner should be written to expressing concern and that obedience training should be undertaken.

Moved CH: Seconded; SM – passed

Waitoha Flow Like Bowie 04358-2016 Border Collie - owned by H Crengle

This male dog bit a fellow exhibitor at the All Breeds DTC Obedience Test on 21 January, 2018. Owner has been advised that the dog is now to be observed.

Waitiro Designer Lace 03990-2017 Rottweiler owned by C Duder

This female puppy (not male as reported) is on report for biting the judge at the Kapi-Mana KS show on 21 January, 2018. Owner has been advised accordingly. Subsequently shown on 3 & 4 February without incident at Hibiscus Coast KA shows.

Reports received: Moved: GC: Seconded BD – received

CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE OFFICER

Report provided by Dr. Becky Murphy and in attendance (Saturday, 24 February)

- Due to a family bereavement BM had been unable to attend the CH&W meeting in Dec, 2017 so a number of matters had been carried over until the February meeting.
- Registration of puppies from 11 year old Vizsla bitch – had been processed within the office as the paperwork was supported by a vet's letter. BM subsequently spoke with the vet concerned who maintained she was misled by the breeder. Verification of this was requested in writing but has not been received. It was noted that the bitch had also produced a litter a year earlier with a letter from a different vet. The breeder is to receive a letter putting her on notice and advising that the matter is being investigated. Following contact with NZVA the NZ Vet Council is also to be made aware of the incident.
- Trade Me ban – covered elsewhere in minutes
- Seminars – dates TBC with NZVA (CAV).
- Invited to speak at NZVA Conference in June – three (60 minute) topics 1) A collaborative approach to responsible dog breeding 2) What's behind inherited orthopaedic conditions? and 3) Selective breeding – yes or no?

Report received; Moved ST: Seconded; MMCK – received

BM then spoke to the CH&W Comm. meeting held the day before at the Heartland Hotel, Akld.

- Accredited Breeders Scheme (ABS) review – looking to start afresh with requirement for examinations removed but introduced at the “new kennel name” level. Looking at tiered level across all kennel names/breeders with a minimum number of litters bred introduced before access is allowed to the lowest tier of ABS. The number of recommended tests will remain the same in the ABS but those deemed to be mandatory will be reduced to encourage more testing targeted at the most prevalent diseases/disorders. The ABS is also to have more of a husbandry focus which will be consistent with Agility & Obedience breeders becoming more involved. Applications will need to be made annually to move up a breeder tier. Also need to consider financial incentives for breeders.
- DNA policy – there is a clear need for education on the terminology used i.e. what it is and what it is for. Already in place within ABS. CH&W Committee is looking to establish 5-10 year plan to cover exports and imports as priority. In discussion with Massey Uni re preferred status. Currently it provides a 1 week turnaround and financially viable for breeders. There is also potential for Dogs NZ to accredit members to take DNA swabs.
- BOAS chamber – question on whether Dogs NZ purchases the chamber outright with lease arrangement or in partnership. A key consideration is the independence factor required for the testing. Self-regulation (breeding decisions) will apply as it currently does for the likes of hip scores. BM to follow up with Massey Uni re previous discussions on BOAS chamber and PD with ANKC (following letter sent post November meeting). An application to the NZCAT for funding support remains an option. BM & PD to establish full costs i.e. purchase, transport, licencing etc.
- BWG appointments made – Boxer – Helene Owen, English Bulldog – Tricia Kraan, French Bulldog – Loretta Lovell & Pug – Ashleigh Rogers.

NT noted that he felt there needed to be in-depth discussions on the use of endorsements and the abolishment of the Restricted Register. Underpinning any such changes would be a need to change the culture of the organisation and a greater focus on canine health & welfare matters.

4. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT & RISK

Ann Coulson (Chairperson in attendance). Written report provided.

- Report to December showing a negative performance against budget of \$156,157 sends clear message that future budgets must be tested against reality with performance to budget expected from all groups.
- To assist the groups involved the expected guidelines from EC need to be communicated. This will involve a consolidation of the policies in place for dissemination (hard copy) to the Chair, Secretary & Treasurer of each group. A register will be maintained as each individual must sign a form stating they have read the document. All changes in personnel will need to undertake the same.
- Suggestion that a series of short workshops are staged to talk through budgets and how results will be achieved.
- Future NDS's should be based on guaranteed income before costs are contracted and incurred.

Report received; Moved BD: Seconded; LS – received

AGILITY

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

- AC has reviewed the Agility regulations in relation to the committee elections and these are out for consultation (closing 28 February). Once that process is completed they will be tabled for ratification (AC in April and EC in June). A copy of the proposed changes/additions was included in the papers.
- 2018 NZDAC – planning well underway. Being held indoors at Manfeild so limited to 30 x 30 rings against norm of 30 x 40. Smaller rings will mean loss of entries and limited number will mean longer days (9am to 9pm). AC had expressed concerns around budget with entries budgeted the same as in 2017 (Northern Region) and Budget No 3 is still missing the Intl judge's costs. Entry fee is \$8.50 v \$8 in 2017. It had been proposed that a club levy (2018 NZDAC region only) be imposed to cover any loss but this was not accepted.
- BD & GS will undertake a sensitivity analysis on the budget and in first instance increase entry fee to \$9. BD to send GS Tax Accountant's letter re GST treatment.
- BD noted that there is another venue and committee option in 2018 if required.
- Karen de Wit has resigned from the 2018 NZDAC Committee and the Agility Committee. Steve Chester, as the next highest polling AC candidate, will replace Karen on the latter.
- A number of sub-committees have been created to work on jump heights, judge's training and standardised equipment (focus on safety). As reported earlier levies have been increased to fund new equipment in the future.
- Noted that NZDAC attracts nearly as many dogs as the Australian Nationals i.e. 2017 numbers – 633 v 709 respectively. Dogs NZ members are looking to attend the Australian Nationals again and tend to do very well given focus on competing to win for Championship status rather than qualifying.
- Letter of thanks received from 2017 NZDAC Organising Committee.

Reports received; Moved BD: Seconded; CH – received

PD to check Agility Societies status on Registry.

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

Report provided by Geoff Collins (Chairperson)

- Meeting held on 11 February in Porirua. Next meeting is on the Sunday, 24 June post ACOD.
- Both Sue Richardson & Lee Engert have stepped down from their Central Region roles on the Obedience Committee due to injury & ill health respectively. Positions are currently being advertised.

- Five expressions of interest received for “training the trainers” and these were discussed on 11 February with preliminary assessment made. Now look to engage with one or more to conduct the training.
- Dogs on Report and Observations (for Obedience)
 - Must be observed at same type of show to requalify in that discipline/format
 - Must be handled (when under observation) by same person as when placed on report if to be handled again by that individual in competition
 - Requirement for behaviour training BEFORE observations as Obedience is unique in that dog is off lead, close to other dogs and sometimes away from and out of sight of the handler.
- Breeding of Cross-Bred Dogs – DOC does not support ban of such breeding but rather responsible breeding according to BCOE. Believes all members breeding cross breeds should be registered Dogs NZ breeders with option to become an accredited breeder. Finally, believe that all breeders should put their dogs through the CGC programme as proof of good temperament. ST noted that the CH&W Committee would strongly support what DOC have outlined.
- Show Cancellation Policy – DOC had discussed and set out what should apply when an Obedience show was cancelled. As it stands KMcl & CH have some tweaks to do on the policy as applying to Breed. Once completed this will be sent to PD to on-send to DOC & AC so they may amend for their own disciplines and introduce accordingly.
- 2018 NDS – Obedience judges contracted (to include reserve) and Rally-O judge approved. Meeting agreed that a minimum level of 3 entries is to apply for Working Trials (clear condition upon entry).
- 2018 NDOA – the first Easter NDOA is being held at the RDA building in ChCh. Given tight timeframe and limited resources the event is unlikely to have a public focus. This needs to be considered in the future and also the impact of the 4th national event.
- Judge promotion for ratification – Jenny Rutherford to Test C panel
Placement on Honorary Judges panel – Wayne Perham
Moved GC: Seconded; KMcl – ratified
- Several regulation changes went out in February for discussion with intent to go to vote in April.
- Central All Breeds DTS redesignated from associated club to a recognised club i.e. no longer required to hold Obedience Championship show.
- GS working with Mark Signal on on-line enrolment system for public to enrol in domestic dog training classes and has been trialled by Titahi Bay COC. Now available for any club either tied to Dogs NZ club site or as shell with basic contact information and enrolment's page.
Report received; Moved GC: Seconded; MMcK – received

2018 NDOA

Report provided by Arend van den Bos (Chairperson)

- Key difficulty has been short passage of time - 2017 Labour Weekend to 2018 Easter and attracting new committee members
- Unsuccessful with grant applications (2)
- Appreciate efforts of Sue Conner and Mandy Poore within office
- In addition to normal competitions 2018 NDOA will offer CGC assessments over three days (Foundation, Bronze, Silver & Gold) and some Canine Good Basics for the public and their dogs.
- All key arrangements in place
Report received; Moved GC: Seconded; MMcK – received

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Written report provided by Rosemary Cleator (Chairperson)

- Canine Good Basics programme receiving good uptake from clubs and is under the umbrella of Black Hawk. Would be ideal to run an assessment at a breed show – needs to be earmarked.
- CGC promotion – clubs are active in this regard. Horowhenua Obedience DTC at A& P show and Titahi Bay COC at a school gala.
- Awaiting advice re 2018 Conference programme (LGNZ, NZCAC & Animal Control)
- CGC Conference – 21/22 July in planning stage.

Report received: Moved GC; Seconded ST – received

NZDJA

Report provided by Kaye Finlayson (Vice-President). Noted that Ray Greer (President) is currently laid up in hospital.

- Branch funding – to be discussed at 2018 AGM to ensure members are receiving subsequent benefits from training. Sub-committee set up looking at training syllabus with certain criteria mandatory for each branch to cover each year. To also be discussed with Australian counterparts.
- New Treasurer to be appointed following Jill Brooker's resignation.
- Complaints – new panel appointed with Theresa Lawrence (Chair) and Diane Riley (Deputy). Owen Dance has stood down.
- Promotions & examinations – applications are now closed and examiners have been appointed and papers written.
- Practicing certificate – number of applications sent in to feature on judge's list.

Notification received from Debbie Hull (Secretary) acknowledging receipt of Dogs NZ update from November 25/26 EC meeting.

Notification received from Kathleen Hardwick (Board member) listing those approved to sit Theory Exams and others for immediate application and promotion.

Aspiring Panel applicants (for immediate application)

Arvine Gamlin, Allison McArthur & Carrie Tolley

Promotion from Aspiring Panel to Ribbon Parade Panel (for immediate promotion)

Erica Jellyman, Kathryn Stewart & Sandie Meads

Moved CH: Seconded LS – ratified

Notification received from Lavina Diamante (Board member)

Promotion to Junior Showmanship Panel (for immediate promotion)

Kat Jackson

Moved SM: Seconded LS – ratified

Reports received; Moved: ST: Seconded MMCK – received

BREED STANDARDS

Pug

Seven submissions had been received on the proposed change and sent to the BSC for further consideration and a verbal submission was also considered. Recommendations:

1. That the current UK Standard for the Pug be adopted
2. That the change be advertised in the Dog World

Moved: SM: Seconded: ST – passed

Weighing of Miniature Dachshunds

Thirty four submissions had been received and sent to the BSC (Annette Buxton as acting Chair for this breed) for further consideration. Recommendations:

1. That there be NO change to the practice of weighing mini Dachshunds before being exhibited. The Steward shall advise the Judge of any exhibit which is over the 5kg limit. It is then the Judge's decision as to whether it is awarded a prize or not. No dog is disqualified even if it weighs more than 5kgs. The guidance to judges in the Standard that this is a Very Serious Fault to be retained.

2. The NZ Breed Standard be altered with the addition of the phrase used in the UK Standard "Exhibits which appear thin and undernourished should be severely penalised." The NZ Standard will now read:-
SIZE: Miniatures Ideal weight 4.5kgs (10lbs). It is of the utmost importance that judges should not award prizes to animals over 5.0kgs (11lbs). Exhibits which appear thin and undernourished should be severely penalised.
3. This change to be advertised in the Dog World.
4. All Breeds, Hound and Specialist Clubs be reminded of their obligation under Show Regulation 19.1 (in the Dog World and by email)
*19.1.2 Weighing shall be conducted on a weighing machine with a weight tray on which a Miniature Dachshund is capable of standing naturally. The scales shall be of a mechanical or digital manufacture and shall be checked prior to weighing against a standard 5.00 kg weight. **It is the responsibility of the club conducting the show to provide scales in accordance with this regulation.***
19.1.3 The scales shall be placed either on the ground on a stable hard flat surface (not grass) or on a stable table large enough to hold the scales in a stable position.
5. All Breed Clubs be asked to ensure that all overseas Judges contracted by them are familiar with NZ Breed Standards and Show Regulations. (in the Dog World and by email)
6. A further moratorium of 10 years be placed on the re-evaluation of the issue of the weighing of Mini Dachshunds.

Executive Council felt that there was inconsistency in the wording under recommendations 1 & 2 in relation to judges and the awarding of prizes. The matter is to be referred back for reconsideration. Recommendations accepted (subject to approval of rewording).

Moved: KMcl: Seconded: SM – passed

FORRESTER PARK

Report provided by Anne McLachlan (Chairperson).

- In process of finalising new venue fee (hireage) schedule
- New Benefit Show sub-committee working on August shows – 2 & 1 format being trialled.
- Have received Fire & Building Inspection reports. Reports indicate a good deal of work is required to meet fire and safety standards. This work has commenced.
- DCC cleaning of creek proved to be successful with no flooding during last major storm.
- On lookout for new committee members.

PD to request plan and costings for the work to be undertaken particularly in relation to fire and safety requirements (cc to H & S sub-committee).

Query to also be raised regarding the levelling of the (dog) park and in particular the amount of work that has been done in that area vs that done on the football grounds.

Report received. Moved ST; Seconded BD – received

AUCKLAND PROPERTY GROUP

Report provided by Christine Wood (Chairperson)

- February Benefit Shows held in conjunction with Hibiscus Coast. Sharing of judges (to include Nelson) worked well apart from issue with Finnish judge. \$440 collected in gate donations.
- Looking to introduce smarter system for paid car-parking.
- Working on funding/donations for new, high quality ring gazebos.
- Noted in report and at EC meeting by SM that new committee members are required.
- With Ken & Gloria Landon's retirements CW acted as Show Secretary using the Dogs NZ on-line show programme (OSP).

PD to pass on CW's comments re the OSP.

Extra advertising to be offered for new AEC committee members.

Report received. Moved SM; Seconded LS – received

JUNIOR DOG TRAINING (JDT)

Report provided by Sallie Remon (Chairperson)

- Very busy start to the year with JDT Benefit Ribbon Trial held on 20 January in Feilding. Profit made (towards camp) despite lower than expected entry.
- 2018 Camp ran at Ashhurst (from Sunday 21st to Thursday 25th). Record 51 children attended and 25 adults – largest camp ever and pleasing to see more children from top half of the NI.
- Attendance by leading dog trainers has resulted in outstanding performances by youngsters in events since the camp.
- Due to increasing numbers camp has now outgrown Ashhurst so will be looking for new venue in NI in 2020.
- AGM held during camp and minutes provided with elected officers set out.

Report received. Moved GC; Seconded BD – received

JUNIOR DOG SHOWING (JDS)

Resignation letter received from Margaret Rayner.

- Currently we have 4 SI based co-ordinators (Blenheim, ChCh, Dunedin & In'gill), 3 North NI and 1 South NI.
- Margaret's resignation leaves a gap in Manawatu/Taranaki region to fill in addition to a Wgtn based individual. Office to progress.

Report received. Moved LS; Seconded ST – received

JUNIOR DOG HANDLER (JDH)

Report provided by Kirsty Hubbard (Chairperson)

- JDH heats underway and going well.
- Preparation for Final in early stages.

Report received. Moved ST; Seconded KMcl – received

5. CLUB MATTERS

DOG SPORTS ROTORUA

The application for the club to become a member club of Dogs NZ was discussed. The matter in the first instance had been placed with the Agility Committee. They had sought the view of the Rotorua Dog Obedience Club who were not in favour and the Agility Committee supported that position given the close proximity of the clubs. BD is to have the appropriate material provided to PD for advice to be provided to Dog Sports Rotorua.

6. REGULATIONS

SHOW REGULATION 19.13 – EXCLUSION OF DOGS

A fourth draft was presented in the EC papers following further recommendations from the November meeting. The amendments were also reflected in the Incident Checklist as also tabled.

The changes to be implemented and as presented were:

- Show to be stopped when Levels 4 & 5 apply
- Report to be provided to EC when Levels 4 & 5 apply
- Observations undertaken must be at similar fixture (discipline) and by same handler
- Agreed that Dogs NZ has responsibility to report a Level 4 or 5 incident to the council where the dog resides

It was noted that there were some renumbering errors. In addition the new 19.13.4.5 is to be considered by GC and PD given discussions held within the Dog Obedience Committee and noted within their EC report. Adoption of the tabled documents was moved subject to the amendments and additions as discussed:

Moved LS; Seconded KMcl – received

The final documents are to be provided to EC for sighting prior to immediate implementation. The documents are to be sent to all clubs with the changes highlighted in the April edition of the Dog World.

7. REGISTRY

BREEDERS CODE OF ETHICS BREACH

An appeal was lodged following a breach under the BCOE and in this instance for the mating of a bitch under the age of 12 months. Following sustained discussion it was agreed that the breeder would be advised:

1. The appeal was declined
2. That the penalty system applying to breaches of the BCOE is being reviewed at the April EC meeting and should changes be made then they would be offered to the breeder.

Moved ST; Seconded CH – passed

In preparation for the April review the office is to look at situations that apply in the Australian states in terms of a fine system.

NAMING OF DOG

Correspondence pertaining to this matter was included in the EC papers. Consequently it was agreed that the dog could be renamed The Complainant but the breeder be given the option to put forward three alternative names. The breeder will at the same time be requested to address the other matters outlined in earlier correspondence.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

NATIONAL DOG SHOW LOSS

Correspondence was received from a Dogs NZ member in relation to the loss incurred. The letter is to be acknowledged noting the loss will be highlighted in the June edition of the Dog World leading into ACOD and at ACOD itself.

DNA TESTING

An update was requested from a Dogs NZ member on the matter of the DNA testing (for parentage) of dogs. This matter had previously been discussed by Executive Council with submissions sought from the membership. As a result of those submissions the matter was passed to the CH&W Committee for further consideration. The letter is to be acknowledged advising the same and to include an update from CH&W.

FCI ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

A request was received from FCI requesting information as to Dogs NZ's next steps regarding its status within FCI. As the matter is an April agenda item FCI will be advised accordingly.

9. OTHER

GENERAL BUSINESS

SPCA

Greg Reid (SPCA Auckland Chief Inspector) attended the meeting on Sunday, 25 February.

MASTERPET NZ

Aurelia Moly (National Marketing Manager) & Nicole Harrison (Breeder & Partnerships Manager) attended the meeting on Sunday, 25 February.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2017-2018 term)

Saturday/Sunday, April 7/8

Wellington

Friday, June 22

Wellington (apology NT)