



Minutes of the Executive Council meeting

Held at

Dogs NZ

11 Prosser Street, PORIRUA

on

November 24/25 2018

1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Nigel Trainor (NT) President
Jill Brooker (JB)
Keith Brown (KB)
Lisa Slade (LS)
Clinton Hoeben (CH)

Geoff Collins (GC)
Stephen Meredith (SM)
Karen McIntyre (KMcl)
Paul Robinson (PR)
Brian Harris (BH)

STAFF

Peter Dunne (PD) – Director Secretary
Graeme Sugden (GS) -- Treasurer

APOLOGY

Bevan Dale (BD)

Moved KB; Seconded JB – Accepted

The absence of a replacement person from the AC was noted.

WELCOME

NT welcomed all to the meeting and noted Beth Warman's resignation. BH was welcomed back to the table with NT acknowledging the insight he would bring.

LATE ITEM FOR AGENDA

Breed Standards Committee report on the Bulldog Breed Standard review.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved NT as Chairperson - Adopted

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI)

NT, KMcl & CH noted items to be updated.

BH to be provided sheet to populate.

On the matters pertaining to Staffordshire Bull Terriers CH & SM will have the opportunity to speak but not vote.

EMAIL VOTES

Three since September 15/16 meeting

1. Ratification of Breed Judge appointments (from June 22)
2. Ratification of Junior Showmanship Judge – Karla Magnus
3. Ratification of Junior Showmanship Judge – Kieran Webster

Moved KB; Seconded LS – Ratified

OBITUARIES

Colin Tourelle – Life Member and former NZKC President (CHRISTCHURCH), Margaret Northcott (NEW PLYMOUTH), Noelene Taylor (AUCKLAND), Adele Hazelton (PORIRUA), Jane Black (INGLEWOOD), Dawn Gardiner (DUNEDIN), Jody Harrison (PALMERSTON NORTH) & Colin English (AUCKLAND).

The meeting noted with regret the passing of Colin, Margaret, Noelene, Adele, Jane, Dawn, Jody and Colin. Former Director Secretary George Mills is preparing an obituary on Colin Tourelle to feature in the Dog World.

CORRECTIONS/CONFIRMATION OF SEPTEMBER 15/16, 2018 MINUTES

Minutes taken as read. All notified amendments had been made other than that pertaining to the Agility on-line show programme. The amendment as agreed between GC & PD was read. The minutes were then confirmed.

Moved GC; Seconded KB – Passed

Matters arising:

From Page 25 BH questioned the decision to approve an application to judge in America. NT noted that the decision would not be re-litigated and that it had generated considerable discussion both within the NZDJA and EC. It was determined that the NZDJA will be written to for a view to be attained on the Dogs NZ regulation. This will be reviewed by BH & KMcl with a recommendation to be tabled for EC to confirm a decision.

PR noted the Championship certificates have yet to be updated as requested. PD put this down to the fact Sue Conner is currently covering the Dog World editorial role in addition to her own.

2. IMPORTANT ITEMS

ACOD Minutes

A draft version of the ACOD minutes was placed in the EC papers for perusal. It was agreed in the first instance that the Action Items will be extracted to show in these minutes. In addition the minutes, showing as draft, will be placed on the Dogs NZ website.

Action Items

1. Website

A plea was made from the floor that the website showcase not just the principal centres in Ardmore, Porirua, and Dunedin, but all centres. That would help greatly when talking to potential funders and in attracting new members. The President said that considerable time had been taken to redevelop the website. He agreed more could be done to promote the *Dog World* through the website, although it would cost time and money. The Director Secretary reminded the meeting that there was an open invitation to send information to National Office.

2. In discussion of the President's Report, the Director Secretary confirmed that people who did not have an email address received a membership invoice by mail. However, he will look at that again to ensure it is happening.

Action: Director Secretary

3. Brian Harris said there were many ways of raising money – for example, a Visa card for club members whereby a fee came back to the organisation. The Executive Council and Management need to start thinking about new and different ideas of raising money.
4. A question was asked from the floor whether the accounts for the New Zealand Kennel Club and Dogs New Zealand could be separated. The President suggested that the Audit and Risk Committee look at how they can be presented differently.

Action: Audit and Risk Committee

5. Rob Ellis suggested that consideration be given to reinvigorating the Gazette by amalgamating it with another publication. It could also be an opportunity to cut costs and increase revenue by increasing market reach. He suggested talking to John Bryson. The President said the Executive Council will take that suggestion on board.

Action: Executive Council

6. In reply to a query on the submission made on "bitches in season" being forbidden from attending or competing in shows, the President said that, if it was the will of the membership, the Executive Council will modify its recommendation for discussion at next year's ACOD.
7. Cryptorchidism/Monorchidism - The Executive Council was asked to look at getting uniformity in the Rules and Regulations as regards age. In the Regulations it was 9 months and in the registration rules it was 6 months.

Action: Executive Council

8. Live-streaming of Conference - The Executive Council was also asked to look at live-streaming conference for the benefit of those who were unable to attend.

Action: Executive Council

DISCUSSION PAPER ON FUTURE STRUCTURE OF DOGS NZ

Paper presented by PR and LS

A 4 page document had been compiled and was presented in the EC papers. The final document was completed following discussions with John Green, Bevan Dale and Owen Dance. John (in particular) and Owen had been heavily involved in such a review in 2009/2010 which involved extensive consultation across NZ. A key finding then and now is that the election of officers and changes of rules is not representative of the membership. A number of recommendations were set out for consideration by EC. Comments from the meeting:

- Noted that some of the numbers within the report were not accurate so need to be verified.
- A fundamental take from the numbers is that the membership does not lie within the All-Breed clubs.
- Careful consideration needs to be taken of the impact on the current club structure in any proposed changes.
- What is currently in place needs to be formalised and set out very clearly as it is highly probable the membership does not fully understand the current structure and the challenges that brings to Dogs NZ.
- Key question is "are we a club of clubs (as originally set up) or a club of individuals?"
- We need to understand what we are here for?
- Likely process from here is a call for submissions which will be published and presented at ACOD.

Agreed that the group to move the project forward will be comprised of PR, LS, CH, Owen Dance (TBC) and the new Director Secretary.

Report received; Moved PR: Seconded; CH – received

REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PROTOCOLS

PR had drafted changes to a number of the EC protocols and these were tabled for consideration.

EC 1 – Travel, accommodation and Expenses – minor changes approved with retention of receipt for toll accounts and addition of all receipts.

EC 2 – Dress etc. – minor change approved. Optional use of badge of office whilst judging to be retained negating line where it must not be worn.

EC 4 – Date and Venue of Meetings etc. – Reinstatement of email voting as it already applies though no need seen for caveat if vote not unanimous. Email votes are ratified at the following EC meeting.

EC 6 – Conduct of Meeting – As tabled

EC 7 Minutes and Reports – recommended changes to reflect approval by email of the minutes allowing more-timely posting on the website.

EC 10 – NZ Kennel Gazette Ltd – Removal of compulsion of EC members to be directors of magazine. Approved subject to compliance with rules.

EC 11 – National Events – substantive change was recommended. On the matter of EC members exhibiting at the NDS:

Moved PR: Seconded; LS – lost

It was further recommended that the restriction on family members or exhibitors normally residing at the same address exhibiting at the NDS be removed.

Moved PR: Seconded; LS – NT casting vote - lost

EC 12 – Life Members – recommendation to reject nominations if a clear majority is not attained was not supported. The status quo i.e. secret ballot by the President and Vice

President's remains in place. It was further recommended that "more than 50% of those present" be replaced by "Six or more Councillors"

Moved BH: Seconded; KMcl – passed

There was further discussion on EC members exhibiting under other EC members and whether or not a policy actually existed. BH to investigate but the majority did not support such a practice. Whilst it does challenge the integrity of our judges the reality is sadly one of perception. The meeting did not support the restriction being imposed on family members or exhibitors normally residing at the same address.

2019 NDS

The minutes of the 2019 NDS Committee meeting as held on 31.10.18 were tabled with it noted the Southern Bull Terrier Club would more likely be Bulldog.

The next meeting is being held on 27 November where Black Hawk will be represented by Nicole Harrison.

A request from the committee to have the ability to revert back to the old format for BIS was tabled.

Moved CH: Seconded; JB – lost

A recommendation was then put forward to add Best Baby Puppy to Best Puppy and Best in Show.

Moved NT: Seconded; KMcl – passed

KB noted that 4, 3, 2 and 1 will apply at the Group level as well as in Best in (3 categories) level. It was suggested that the 7 dogs be removed from the ring during the final adjudication. A question remains as to whether this detracts from the event itself.

It was clear from 2018 that the changes to the format were not well understood and therefore well communicated. KB will undertake to ensure these steps are followed in relation to 2019.

As requested the query on the \$12k budgeted for prizes in 2019 was qualified with a full breakdown of the actuals from 2018.

Report received. Moved KB: Seconded; CH – received

2020 NDS VENUE HOST/VENUE APPLICATION

One proposal was received and tabled for consideration. This was from a group led by Paul Robinson (PR) looking to utilise the Dogs NZ facility at Ardmore. A first cut draft budget was also lodged in support of the application.

The first discussion held was on whether the rotation of the NDS should continue. Whilst no actual vote was taken PR, KMcl, LS and JB supported a one venue option being reinstated. Preferences appeared to lie with Wgtn or Akld as the one venue.

The application as lodged would require capital expenditure by way of hard stand roading and drainage to cater for the number of self-contained Motorhomes. As it appears the application is conditional upon this being undertaken conversations need to be extended to involve the AEC committee as a whole. This raised another question as to whether there was a more ideal time of the year to stage the NDS in Akld i.e. during the summer months rather than post winter.

PR will work with the office in updating the budget to better reflect the 2018 actuals with a full update (application and budget) to be provided at the February meeting.

2019 REMITS TO ACOD

Two remits had previously been tabled from a member in September following the failed attempt to increase membership fees at the 2018 ACOD. As agreed the opinion of Ray Greer, Pam Douglas and Brian Harris was sought and consequently amended versions were tabled for acceptance to go forward.

Moved KB: Seconded; PR – passed

The member concerned will be contacted and if agreeable with the approved changes will be asked if they wish them to go forward to ACOD under their name with the right to speak to these.

CHALLENGE TO AUCKLAND PROPERTY RESTRICTIONS

PR requested that this topic be placed on the agenda given its importance to the organisation and its future. As it stands Dogs NZ's most significant asset is restricted to the staging of dog related events thereby limiting its ability to attract income which could be reinvested back into the property (nearly 65% of Wgtn's revenue is derived from commercial users). Unlike Wgtn only self-contained motor-homes can overnight at Ardmore. Next steps:

- AEC advised that EC wish to set aside 2 hours to meet with them in February. Noted that AEC are also aware of the challenges faced.
- AEC to meet with the member clubs in the region (all disciplines) prior to the EC visit.
- Need to understand the market value of the property and what impact current and future zoning has on that value. Auckland CC has just released its 30 year plan so guidance may be taken from that document.
- Dogs NZ will commission a current valuation to take into account the limitations placed on the property use by the environment court restrictions.
- There are Akld based members with expertise and experience who are keen to challenge the current restrictions.

2019 TRAVEL EQUALISATION LEVY (TEL)

As is the norm at the November meeting a recommendation was put to the meeting to adjust the TEL to apply at the upcoming ACOD by the rate of inflation. That the TEL be CPI adjusted (1.1 % to 31.03.18) in 2018 to apply for the 2019 ACOD.

2018	\$262.95 per All Breed Club
Increase	\$2.89 rounded up to \$2.90
2019	\$265.85 per All Breed Club

Moved CH: Seconded; PR – passed

NZCAC/NZCAT

Reports provided by PD (NZCAC Board Member) & BH (NZCAT Trustee)

PD provided an update on recent events:

- Successful "Human Behaviour Change for Animals" Conference held in September with Dogs NZ well represented.
- Excellent press release circulated leading into Guy Fawkes
- Board Meeting held on September 20 with next scheduled on November 21.
- Two position statements are being tabled on November 21 which Dogs NZ will not support the ratification of. PD to set out the reasoning for EC.
- As Dogs NZ representative responsibility has been taken for the chairing of the local forums (3 per annum). Dates have been set for 2019.
- It was agreed that the new Director Secretary will assume the role of the Dogs NZ representative on the NZCAC Board once they are appointed.

BH provided an overview of the last meeting held and confirmed that the Trust cannot fund capital expenditure. Whilst that has meant support from the Trust could not be attained for the BOAS Chamber the Trust does support research so this may be an avenue for Massey University. BH also noted that funding may be available to support the likes of Peter Bedford and/or the likes of the 2019 NDS judge (expert in genetics) to NZ for seminars.

Reports received. Moved BH: Seconded; KB – received

3. OFFICE REPORTS

DIRECTOR/SECRETARY REPORT

- Staff update provided. The Staff sub-committee has been kept abreast of matters as they arise. In effect matters have been kept fluid to allow the new Director Secretary to take stock of the current situation prior to longer term positions being taken.
- A short term contract has been offered for a part-time CH&W Assistant.

- Mandy Poore's contract has expired and consequently Lauren James's extended to 31 January. Lauren will continue to service Executive Council arrangements in addition to Canine Good Citizen, Breed Standards, Junior Dog Showing and any conference arrangements.
- Flexibility offered in terms of the hand-over to the new Director Secretary.
- EC and Dogs NZ wished the very best for the future.

Report received; Moved BH; Seconded KB – received

IT/On-line Show Programme (Sue Conner)

- Website very close to completion to include full shift to HTTPS, dogagility.org.nz to new server and new ssl security certificate for all websites installed and tested. Currently working on online litter notifications, kennel name application forms and pedigree look-up. Once completed all links to the old site will be severed completely.
- Office now moved over to fibre and firewalled.
- Shift of email server completed.
- New process in relation to Temporary Permission to Show working well and avoiding duplication.
- Members concerned that payments are not showing against entries made but this is dependent on when processed by the relevant secretaries. Office will continue to monitor.
- Looking to automate the process in relation to reporting sheets so they can be viewed by members and adding a "send reporting sheet" function to the programme.
- Looking at tidying up catalogue export file.

Report received; Moved BH; Seconded KB – received

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report provided by Graeme Sugden (GS)

- Financial update to 30 September provided in the EC papers with the full October updates sent to A&R in past few days. EC was provided with the Group Report to 31 October at the meeting.
- Cash surplus to 30 September is \$108,535 against budgeted figure of \$71,885. Main variance remains National Office income and in particular registration items.
- AEC club income down with SM explaining more clubs are now staging two shows in the one day which is having an impact. Income from the restructured DOTY has also yet to be finalised.
- No progress has been able to be made in terms of treating the agility equipment in a different manner to provide less impact on the bottom line.
- As requested a summary of term deposits, (amounts, interest rates and terms) was set out in the EC papers as were the balances in all of the call and cheque accounts.
- The end of October accounts showed profits from the NDS (\$14.9K against budget of \$4.8K), Cash, Sash & Kai (\$5.2k/\$6.4k) and NZDAC (\$.6k/-0.5K). All results are provisional being subject to receipt of late invoices but are very pleasing and a positive turnaround from 2017.

Report received; Moved PR; Seconded SM – received

DOG WORLD REPORT

Report provided by Sue Conner

- Advertising stats set out (2017 & 2018 month by month) in addition to wrapper run stats (2014 to 2018 month by month)
- Financial performance to 30 September remains pleasing. Income \$5,746+ and Expenditure \$10,560+ giving positive overall variance to budget of \$16,306.
- Comment made from table on quality of public information set out in the October edition i.e. as made available FOC at the NDS.

Report received; Moved: CH: Seconded KB – received

CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE OFFICER

Report provided by Dr. Becky Murphy (apology for meeting)

- Rottweiler LRL scheme – Timelines were set out for consultation, submissions, survey and implementation. PD to note in Dog World files.
- Full report provided from attendance at 10 October, MPI Companion Animal workshop on Significant Surgical Procedures (3rd round).

Agreed that the CH&W committee should draft a position statement on the subjects within the two regulations considered to be signed off by EC. Further detail will also be sought on Regulation 1 – Abscesses.

Breeders Code of Ethics (BCOE)

- Following a request from EC the CH&W committee considered a number of factors relevant to the BCOE. A full table of current practices, recommended practices, a fine and penalty system, registration or not of progeny, where and when dispensations should apply and rationale was set out. The table was discussed at length with suggested changes made. PD will make the relevant amendments to the table for sign-off by EC before being returned to the CH&W committee for comment. The table will then be published in the February edition of the Dog World calling for submissions.
- The CH&W committee did not support a general dispensation applying to the BCOE as each situation was covered in full within the code and believed it would effectively turn the requirements into recommendations.
- Three additional clauses were recommended to be added and two of these were accepted
- It was also recommended that the BCOE re referenced of set out in full in the Registration Regulations. This had been previously agreed by EC but not in full. A recommendation was then put that the BCOE be referenced in the Registration Regulations in addition to being set out in full as Clause 19 (all others renumbered).
Moved CH; Seconded SM – passed
- A further recommendation that all litters must be notified and puppies registered within 6 months was discussed and put as a motion.
Moved JB; Seconded LS – passed
CH recorded as against
- A suggestion that the purpose of the BCOE be clearly stated in the document was agreed with. PD to draft wording from that provided.

DNA parentage

- The CH&W committee proposed that the requirement for DNA testing for parentage of dogs being exported be progressed to the notification stage. Previous concerns had been addressed in relation to cost, availability and speed of testing.
Moved CH; Seconded PR – passed

Proposal to be advertised in the February edition of the Dog World calling for submissions.

- BM attended the NZVA – Companion Animal Veterinarians Executive meeting on 29/30 October (as a Board member). Reference was made to the Vet Compass system as running in the UK. Detail will be provided in BM's article in the February edition of the Dog World.

Report received; Moved SM: Seconded; BH – received

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Report provided by Lauren James

- JDH winner Olivia Ross has been communicated with re Crufts JDH Final
- CH&W committee meeting & NZCAC Conference (Dogs NZ arrangements) organised of late.
- Pet Expo held in Porirua with CGC stand and support provided to Pat Dance's Pedigree Dogs group
- One 2019 NDS judge's contract yet to be returned. KB to follow up.

Report received; Moved JB: Seconded; CH – received

2018 NDS

Report provided by PD (Show Director)

A full 9 page report was included in the EC papers covering off all aspects of the show. Key points:

- Entries were down 16.3% on 2015 but significantly less than previous year – 24.7%
- There were no organisational issues with the new structure i.e. having emphasis placed on NDS as first event held.
- Grooming and parking both worked well and provided good income.
- Gate income was in excess of budget due mainly to increase in entrance fees.
- Venue looked excellent.
- There was very good volunteer support both locally and from outside of Wellington.
- Pleasing to report profits from NDS & Cash, Sash & Kai and collectively well in excess of budget.
- Representation from Canine Friends Pet Therapy personnel and their dogs was very well received from the public.

Report received; Moved: JB: Seconded LS – received

CLUB & MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

Report provided by Colleen Begg

- Four clubs with outstanding accounts have all been invoiced with 10% penalty applying. Any with upcoming shows will not be able to proceed without having made payment and if not paid by year end will have club status cancelled.

Canterbury Bull Terrier Club – request to add the Bull Terrier (Miniature) to the list of breeds for the club.

Moved: JB: Seconded CH – passed

Club to be asked if they understand that BIS awards given at their shows will no longer count toward the title of Specialist Grand Champions.

Taranaki Working Dog Club – request to be reinstated as an associated club (have been recognised since 2015). As only one of five like-minded clubs provided a letter of support or other the views of the remaining four are to be sought within a specified time-frame as set out.

Specialist Grand Champions – Show Regulation 22.13 – query raised on previously discussed limitations of this award and it not being a level playing field. Given the reasoning it was recommended that the regulation be removed altogether.

Moved: NT: Seconded LS – lost

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the award could be restricted based on the number of dogs involved in the show i.e. it is also unfair to remove the award for breeds that attract large numbers. PD to place matter on the February agenda and CH to work on the numbers that may be applied.

Report received; Moved JB: Seconded; CH – received

Dogs on Report:

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

The dog has now completed its 6 observations without incident (with two observers on each occasion) and has fulfilled its requirements. The owner has been advised accordingly.

Glenaic Straight To The Point 06147-2017 Golden Retriever owned by A Cooper & G Jackson

The dog has now completed its 6 observations without incident and has fulfilled its requirements. The owners have been advised accordingly.

Glenmarric Cass A Nova 06353-2013 Labrador Retriever owned by L Todd

The dog has completed a further two shows under observation without incident (now 4 in total) and is entered in further events.

CH Osuno Magic Mambo 01635-2015 Swedish Vallhund owned by P Harris

This dog is on report for attacking at dog outside the ring at Southland Kennel Association's championship show in October 2016. The dog was entered and observed at the 2018 NDS with no problems reported. The dog was also observed at Southland Kennel Association's championship show on 27 October 2018 with no issues.

GR CH Waterlea 'S Mad About The Boy 02930-2016 Bullmastiff owned by V & W Mills

This dog was placed on report having been found at fault for an incident that occurred at the 2018 NDS on Friday 5 October 2018 when the dog was involved in a fight with a Schnauzer (Giant) outside the building and a person was bitten on the hand whilst trying to separate them. The person who was bitten went to the local hospital for treatment on the hand and a tetanus injection. The dog was scratched from the Cash, Sash & Kai on 7 October 2018 but permitted to be shown at the Dominion Bullmastiff Club Championship Show on Monday 8 October 2018 where it was observed without incident.

The dog has since been shown and observed without incident at Tauranga Kennel Association's Championship shows on 21/22 October 2018 and Taupo Kennel Association's Championship shows on 27/28 October 2018. The dog is entered at Wairarapa Kennel Association's two Championship shows on 10/11 November 2018 and observers have been appointed.

Report received; Moved GC: Seconded; KMcl – received

4. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT & RISK

Report provided by Ann Coulson (Chairperson)

- Report provided based on Statement of Financial Position to 30 September, 2018 noting steady as we go approach.
- Identified concerns are legal costs and building maintenance.
- NDOA losses are noted as concerning and a matter for addressing in the future.

Report received; Moved SM: Seconded; PR – received

IT & COMMUNICATIONS

Report provided by Geoff Collins (Chairperson)

- General on-line presence noted as matter for consideration with new Director Secretary as to on-going communication with Dogs Queensland and their smartphone app.
- Meeting re back-up to webcoda has not yet been held.

Report received; Moved CH: Seconded; GC – received

HEALTH & SAFETY

Documentation provided by Clint Hoeben (Chairperson)

PD noted the items contained within the extensive Risk management document provided from the committee. PD to provide current Dogs NZ document to the committee for cross reference and noted consideration needs to be given as to how such extensive documentation is treated in the future i.e. within the EC papers or in separate form given the size involved.

NDS JUDGES COMMITTEE MAKE-UP

Beth Warman is currently the sole person responsible for this portfolio and having resigned from EC had provided the current list of judges in addition to noting she was prepared to remain in place. It was determined that the make-up should remain in the hands of an EC member or members and subsequently BH & KB were appointed. BW's contribution to be formally acknowledged.

PD to circulate the list as provided to EC noting 1) names may be presented in time for the Feb EC meeting (placement on agenda) 2) judges should be contracted at least 3 years in advance 3) consideration be given to judges being appointed from the same "judging type" PD to provide BH & KB with copy of current NDS Judge's policy.

GC took the chair for the Agility and Obedience reports with NT otherwise occupied.

AGILITY

Reports provided by Bevan Dale (EC representative) & Carl Ranford (NZDAC Chair)

- Work has now commenced in relation to equipment changes required as a result of the heights review.
- Clubs sub-committee established to work with clubs on training programmes and retention of members.
- AC elections underway closing on 29 November.

Report received; Moved GC: Seconded; BH – received

2018 NZDAC

- Very successful event staged noting however the issues encountered with the indoor surface.
- 4,214 entries, 83 camp sites, 16 stall holders, 160GB of internet data used and over 5,000 views on YouTube
- Technology bar lifted greatly.
- Qualified financial result shows profit of \$8.7k as against budgeted loss of -\$0.5k. Key component in result was financial support as raised by Sponsor Co-ordinator.

Report received; Moved GC: Seconded; JB – received

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

Report provided by Geoff Collins (Chairperson)

- Last meeting held by SKYPE on November 8
- Regulation changes (and one notification item) were set out in the EC papers for ratification as voted on in October and accepted by the membership.

Moved JB: Seconded; BH – ratified

As a consequence of the regulation changes a new Rally-O Encore Judges panel needs to be established with EC able to ratify the promotion of judges to the panel by email to allow judges to be on the panel for the new year.

Moved BH: Seconded; CH – passed

- In process of finalising Discussion Items to be circulated in February.
- 2018 NDS – Obedience component ran smoothly and to time.
- Timing of NDOA's. The move to Easter is not being supported by administrators in the Central Region in 2020. This challenges the original decision to trial the move over a three year period i.e. 2018-2020.

Considerable debate ensued as to possible options:

- NDS be held at Easter instead
- In 2020 NDOA & NZDAC be held at Taupo at Labour Weekend
- NZDAC change to Easter with NDOA reverting to Labour Weekend
- NDS, NZDAC & NDOA be held at Taupo during October school holidays
- NDS, NZDAC & NDOA be held at Taupo over Labour Weekend

In the interim GC will speak with the incoming Agility Committee.

- Venue yet to be finalised for 2019 NDS with main issue raised being the perceived lack of parking at the Convention Centre. KB was able to confirm the availability of the school grounds over the road. A decision needs to be made asap.

Judge Promotions and Appointments (for ratification)

Promotion of Katrina Roebuck to Test A panel

Appointment of Bill Moffat to Ribbon Trial panel

Moved BH: Seconded; KB – ratified

- Train the Trainers seminars – Palmerston North and Rotorua scheduled in 2018 and dates near to finalised in ChCh and Queenstown in early 2019.
- Second Domestic Dog Training Conference planned for July 21/22 in 2019
Report received; Moved GC: Seconded; BH – received

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Written report provided by Rosemary Cleator (Chairperson)

- Hastily arranged CGB session arranged at NDS where NT's Springer was put through its paces and passed. Advice had been received that there was no time for such sessions.
- Pet owners have been waiting for up to four months to receive their CGC certificates. EC needs to address the staffing issue.
- CGB is gaining popularity throughout the country with member clubs.
Report received: Moved JB; Seconded LS – received

NZDJA

Report provided by Ray Greer (President)

- Alterations to regulations finalised at last meeting being primarily a revamped credit point system and firming up of criteria when sitting first group. They took effect from 1 November.
- Board has undertaken to rewrite a new set of papers for the 2019 written examinations.
- Jean McErlane, Brian Harris and Chris Graham reappointed to undertake 2019 practical examinations in Christchurch (July 13/14) and in Auckland (July 20/21).
- Board has found 4 face to face meetings, one tele-conference and email correspondence has worked well in conducting business.
Report received: Moved JB; Seconded BH – received

As requested CB presented a paper outlining the time spent pertaining to NZDJA work in relation to examinations. A component is to be added for time on the phone and the NZDJA invoiced accordingly.

Approval of Speciality Breed Judges

This matter had been on the table since June 22 and conversations had seen 5 of six applicants ratified. The key issue was determined as being that any changes pertaining to the conditions for appointments or promotions to the Dogs NZ Judges panels should be presented to EC firstly for ratification. NZDJA to be advised accordingly.

Moved LS; Seconded CH – passed

The sixth and final judge was ratified for appointment to the Specialist Breed panel.

Moved SM; Seconded JB – ratified

Discussion ensued on audits of the processes involved being conducted on judges put forward for ratification by EC across all disciplines and it was agreed that this was sound business practice.

Moved KMcl: Seconded JB – passed

PD to advise all disciplines accordingly.

MUSEUM TRUST

Report provided by Keith Brown (Chair)

- The AGM was held on Friday, 23 November and went well.
- AGM minutes will be provided for the February EC meeting
- Two extra trustees have been found and one was present at the AGM
- The Trust is looking at options as to how they may look to retain two struggling Wgtn All Breed clubs (Pencarrow and Upper Hutt) and their Championship Shows with profits allocated to the Dogs NZ Museum.
Report received; Moved: KB: Seconded CH – received

BREED STANDARDS

Report provided by Martin Hewitt (Chairperson).

- Staffordshire Bull Terrier – a member had submitted a change to the breed description (preceding the Breed Standard).

Recommendation:

That the suggested change by a member to the breed description of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier be circulated to the following clubs along with the reasoning.

Group Clubs: Canterbury Combined Terrier Club, Central Terrier Club, Hawkes Bay Terrier Club and The Terrier Club.

Multi-Breed Club: UBBA

Specialist breed: Northern Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club, Southern Cross Staffordshire Bull Terrier Society and Mainland Staffordshire Bull Terrier Society.

Moved PR; Seconded JB – accepted

PD to place matter on the February agenda for consideration of the club submissions

- Bulldog – A large number of submissions were received which were unanimous in not accepting the FCI standard as proposed and virtually unanimous in recommending the retention of the previous TKC Standard.

Recommendations:

1. That considering the opposition to the proposed changes that the previous recommendation to change to the FCI Standard be put aside
Moved CH; Seconded BH – accepted
 2. That Dogs New Zealand setup a Taskforce/Working Party to discuss the matter.
Recommendation not be accepted:
Moved BH; Seconded CH – not accepted
 3. The Working party should consist of representatives of the 3 Bulldog Clubs, A member from the Canine Health and Welfare Committee, a member from the Breed Standards Committee and the group be chaired by a member of Executive Council.
Not determined given decision on recommendation 2.
Given the outcome BH will speak with MH to determine the reasoning behind the recommendations and advise EC accordingly by email.
- Statement preceding all Breed Standards - An alternative was provided to that advertised in the Dog World and as such was treated as a submission considered later in the meeting.

Report received; Moved: CH: Seconded BH – received

Beth Warman had been appointed as an Executive Council representative on the Breed Standards Committee but has stepped aside as both. BH was appointed to take her place on the committee.

Anatolian Shepherd Dog

One submission was received in relation to the Breed Standard's Committee's recommendations as published in the Dog World. As it was not against keeping the breed standard as it is the Breed Standard's recommendation will stand i.e. no change will be made to the name of either breed – Kangal Dog and Anatolian Shepherd Dog.

Moved: CH: Seconded BH – received

Updates to all Breed Standards

Submissions had been called for on the Breed Standards Committee's recommendation to update all breed standards with common statements to be shown at the beginning and end of all standards. The Breed Standards Committee's recommendation emanated from an original recommendation from the Canine Health & Welfare Committee on a singular breed standard.

Two submissions were received from members and considered by EC. Furthermore, the Breed Standards Committee further recommended the addition of the wording as underlined to show at the beginning of all standards:

"Conditions and Exaggerations"

A breed standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament, and appearance of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function with soundness essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be careful to avoid obvious conditions and exaggerations as well as being mindful of features which could be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed.

Moved NT; Seconded KMcl – passed

As the addition of the wording did not substantively change the intent of the statement it was agreed that the changes could be implemented immediately. However, the CH&W Committee shall be advised out of courtesy.

FORRESTER PARK

Report provided by Anne McLachlan (Chairperson).

- Mechanical sweeper purchased from part of the proceeds of the August Benefit Shows.
- Preliminary quote received for improvements to entry to hall in addressing the fire egress requirements.
- Waiting for weather to improve for painting to commence. Delay has meant postponement of planting until autumn.
- Double booking issue has been resolved and now looking at how to eliminate human error factor.
- Electrical test and tag and scales calibrated to all meet show requirements
- Have request from Poultry Club to book in 2021 for two week period and need to work through matter of club booking during that period.

Report received. Moved CH; Seconded KB – received

Thought needs to be given as to EC meeting with FPMC as is happening in February in Akld with AEC

AUCKLAND PROPERTY GROUP

Report provided by Christine Wood (Chairperson)

- Kitchen given once over in preparation for new caterer.
- Annual removal of bird nests completed.
- New lawn mowing pricing sighted and approved for 2019 and beyond.
- \$15k seed funding sought in preparation for construction of new shed with project set to commence in January, 2019. PD to resend original application to EC for sighting and have confirmed that original quotes stand.
- The list of new committee members for the two year period (2018-2020) was submitted and ratified.

Moved JB; Seconded CH – ratified

Report received. Moved SM; Seconded CH – received

JUNIOR DOG TRAINING (JDT)

Report provided by Sallie Remon (Chairperson)

- Finalising numbers for 2019 camp (January 20-25) in Woodend, ChCh and looking to be popular once again.
- Camp fundraising Ribbon Trial being held on January 19 (Obedience & Agility).
- JDT AGM being held during the camp.
- JDT inclusion in the inter-zone team competition held no fears for the juniors with them lifting the trophy.

Report received. Moved JB; Seconded CH – received

JUNIOR DOG HANDLING (JDH)

Report provided by Kirsty Hubbard (Chairperson)

- Fantastic response from all on all aspects of the 2018 JDH Final.

- 2 Heats completed in 2018/2019 season with positive feedback on reduction to 10 heats and having no interviews at this level.
- Coordinators looking at ideas to increase the number of qualified JDH judges. Those at the EC table who are JDH qualified were surprised with comment given they have not been approached to judge JDH.
- Coordinators are working on new ideas to ensure JDH remains exciting and appealing to juniors.

Report received. Moved PR; Seconded CH – received
Suggestion from CH that the 2nd place getter at the JDH Final could get a subsidised trip to the World Dog Show.

JUNIOR DOG SHOWING (JDT)

- No report was included in the EC papers but had been sent by KB. PD to find and circulate to EC
- PD to ascertain from Margaret Rayner if she wishes to be involved in 2019 in Blenheim.

5. CLUB MATTERS

MASTIFF BREEDS ASSOCIATION

As requested by Executive Council the comments of two further clubs were sought in relation to the approval of recognised status of the new association. One club had not responded and the other was against leaving it one for (as previously received) and the one against. It was moved that recognised status be approved subject to the association being open to all Mastiff breeds.

Moved CH; Seconded JB – approved

6. REGULATIONS

ENDORSEMENTS RELATED TO HIP DYSPLASIA

Five submissions were received after these had been called for in relation to the recommendations presented by the Canine Health & Welfare Committee. It was agreed that the submissions be sent back to the committee for consideration with a request to provide final recommendations.

SHOW REGULATIONS 19.13 EXCLUSION OF DOGS

Three submissions were received after these had been called for in relation to the recommendations presented by Executive Council. As noted in one submission it was agreed that the submission period was limited. NT will note in his President's report that the submission period will remain open with all submissions considered at the February EC meeting.

REGISTRATION REGULATIONS – BOB TAIL ENDORSEMENT

A request was made by a member to have a Natural Bob Tail endorsement introduced on the Dogs NZ Registry subject to a verification letter being supplied by a veterinary surgeon. A copy of such a letter and how it is noted within ANKC was provided. The request was declined as it was believed that Dogs NZ need not be involved. Executive Council believed that if it ever became an issue for a member the veterinary surgeon's letter could be provided at that point.

Moved PR; Seconded KB – request declined

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Five copies of correspondence in were placed in the EC papers in addition to one letter out which was provided for councillor's information:

1. Copy of Beth Warman's letter of resignation. Though already responded to individually by most EC members a formal letter of thanks will be sent to Beth. The same will apply to Bevan Dale who is not standing again for the Agility Committee.
2. Letter of thanks received from Dirk Spruyt (NDS Judge).

3. Letter of dissent regarding the treatment of the Obedience judges during the highlight package on the final day of the NDS. PD to respond.
4. Feedback on aspects of the NDS. Already responded to.
5. Letter and material relating to electronic transmission from shows. It was noted that the grounds utilised for Dogs NZ shows and competitions are open to the public. Dogs NZ has no policy regarding such transmission and is not of a mind to put this in place. The Discipline and Settlement of Disputes Regulations are an avenue for members to complain of inappropriate behaviour or acts.

8. OTHER

GENERAL BUSINESS**Executive Council Meeting Venues**

It was agreed that the February meeting would be held in Auckland to coincide with shows being held at the venue and allow Executive Council the opportunity to meet with the AEC Committee and the membership on the future of the property as discussed earlier in the meeting.

Also agreed was the venue for the April meeting i.e. Blenheim to allow Executive Council to sight first-hand the facilities for the 2019 Black Hawk NDS. Cost comparisons were provided in the EC papers which required shared car travel for SI members. The office is to also to look at NI members flying into ChCh all travelling by van to Blenheim.

Executive Council vacancies

PR questioned the clarity within the rules regarding casual vacancies arising as was the case earlier this year. Whilst EC was comfortable that the interpretation in 2018 was correct it was agreed that PR would look to draft wording to remove any doubt. This would specify the year in relation to the voting held.

Receipt of EC papers

PR & SM noted that their couriered papers only arrived on Tuesday i.e. 5 days after dispatch. This compared to others receiving these 1 day after dispatch. Office to follow up.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2018-2019 term)

Saturday/Sunday February 23/24 **	AUCKLAND
Saturday/Sunday April 27/28 **	BLenheim
Friday, June 21	WELLINGTON

** Number of days TBC