



Minutes of the Executive Council meeting

Held at

Totara Room, Brentwood Hotel

16 Kemp St, Kilbirnie, WELLINGTON

on

21 June 2019

1. INTRODUCTION/MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC)

Nigel Trainor (NT) President
Jill Brooker (JB)
Keith Brown (KB)
Fiona Hodgson (FH)
Clinton Hoeben (CH)
Paul Robinson (PR)

Geoff Collins (GC)
Stephen Meredith (SM)
Karen McIntyre (KMcl)
Lisa Slade (LS)
Brian Harris (BH)

STAFF

Steven Thompson (ST) – Director Secretary
Nicola Wood (NW) – Executive Assistant/Administrator

APOLOGY

None

Moved Chair; – Adopted

WELCOME

GC welcomed all to the meeting. It was noted that NT and PR were late due to flight delays.

LATE ITEM FOR AGENDA

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved SM; Seconded BH – Adopted

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI)

CH declared his wife is a Bulldog Club secretary.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGISTRY

CH updated his COI.

EMAIL VOTES

None

OBITUARIES

R.Stanton – (Ashburton), C.Dodson, (Foxton), U.Georgantas (Levin).

CONFIRMATION OF 27/28 APRIL 2019 MINUTES

Minutes taken as read.

GC spoke to the minutes.

Corrections:

Sentence on page 2 of the minutes to be removed, "ST to ensure that any Agility / Obedience committee email voting is included in minutes".

Dates under Events Coordinator and Obedience Committee to be amended to read 20/21 July 2019.

Rama OB/8346 Heading Dog owned by N Beketova, seconded by NT not NL

Moved: BH; Seconded: JB – Passed

Matters arising:

EC noted the 2020 NDS Ardmore budget needs to include Obedience and Agility in the budget.

LS questioned IT Contactor Support and the dew claw regulation. LC noted funds resurrected at Pencarrow Kennel Association & Upper Hutt Kennel Association.

JB noted Kumeu was still seeking approval for an additional show. ST to discuss with Colleen Begg (CB).

EC clarified the Wellington Welsh Corgi Club is not a recognised club so they do not need our permission for any name change.

GC asked for agreement that Rosemary Cleator will be able to compete in Obedience Rally-O and breed as long as she did not associate with judges before competing.

Moved: GC; Seconded: SM – Passed

GC noted Obedience Judges Association will review their rules at next years' AGM.

2. IMPORTANT ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

April List of Action Items still to be actioned:

1. EC protocols to be placed on website & sent to any new successful E.C. nominations
2. Legal review of key rules & regulations identified in Smith case
3. Explore alternative sponsorship partners prior to going to market
4. Museum Trust Deed amendment re: E.C. Representation
5. Move location of Breed Standards & Judges Panel on website
6. Recommendation paper on Show Regs 19.13 Exclusion of Dogs

Action: Director Secretary

BULLDOGS BREED STANDARDS DECISION

ST presented a paper to the EC recommending updating the NZ Bulldog Breed Standard to the current UK Bulldog Breed Standard. The recommendation is based on the results of a survey monkey poll with Dogs NZ bulldog owners which favoured adopting the current UK standard. Retaining the country of origin UK Standard was favoured by public submissions to the 2018 consultation on adopting the FCI breed standard.

To provide the scientific rationale on the health imperative to update the Breed Standard a report from Canine Health & Welfare (CH&W) which addresses the claims made in correspondence by the Bulldog Taskforce to Executive Council on 4 June 2019 was presented.

The report also outlined a bibliography of available research papers on the effect that extreme breed features can have on the health of the breed. This bibliography is only a sample of the available scientific literature on the subject.

Loretta Lovell (LL), Coordinator Bulldog Taskforce and Carla Peck (CP) were present for this discussion.

LL spoke of the key issues arising and the need to come together with the clubs. They would like to find a process to move forward and engage with Dogs NZ in good faith. LL proposed to defer the decision of adopting the UK Standards so a conversation with breeders can be had.

NT responded by noting that extensive consultation had taken place last year on proposed Breed Standard changes and we had solid scientific information from CH&W of the desirability to remove extreme confirmation language from the Breed Standard. However, he has no issue with another round of consultation if that was the wish of E.C.

It was agreed that a meeting consisting of representatives of EC, Canine Health and Welfare Committee, Breed Standards Committee and Bulldog breeders and owner's will be scheduled in July so that E.C. would have all the information to make a final decision in their July 2019 meeting.

Moved: LS, Seconded: KB

FCI ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

ST reported on the current state of negotiations between both parties regarding Dogs New Zealand's Associate membership:

- Dogs New Zealand has officially confirmed, in writing, that a serious administration mistake has been committed and that Dogs New Zealand officially wants to retain its FCI Associate Member status, by signing an associated membership agreement with the FCI (allowing, among other privileges that DNZ judges would again be allowed to officiate at FCI events).
- Brian Harris as Dogs New Zealand President will attend the FCI General Committee meeting on 4-5 September 2019 (city of Como, close to Milano, on September 4-5, 2019) to explain what happened and finalize the terms of the agreement.
- The FCI has delayed the decision to suspend Dogs New Zealand which will be postponed to 30th October, 2019 so that the General Committee and Dogs New Zealand have time enough to draft and sign the Associate Membership agreement.
- A draft Associate Membership contract has been sent to Y.De Clercq on 21 March which will form the basis of discussion for a new contract between both parties.

2019 NDS UPDATE

KB spoke to the National Dog Show 2019 report.

We hoped to return a profit of over \$30,000 and our committee is carefully monitoring costs and exhibitor income which is based on 800 dogs for each event.

EC noted the paper and requested an updated budget for this event at the next EC.

Moved SM, Seconded; KMCl – Received.

2020 NDS ARDMORE UPDATE

PR spoke to the NDS 2020 Auckland – June 2019 Update paper noting that the planning committee is still waiting for approval from EC that the 2020 NDS will be allocated to our management team and be held at our Ardmore venue. Given the need for us to commence planning approaches to external funding organisations and locking in the hire items that we will require, I urge EC members to formalise the allocation to our group so we can commence the planning and organisation of this event.

Proposed:

That the 2020 NDS show be held at Admore and organised by 2020 NDS Auckland Management team.

Moved SM: Seconded; KB – Approved

GC asked if Obedience would be included in the show. EC need to revisit minutes and check whether or not Obedience is incorporated as at the moment they are not. PR to look at how Obedience can fit in and come back to EC in July 2019 as stressed Obedience is not in the current budget. GC and PR will have a discussion off-line as he would like to accommodate Obedience in if they can financially stand on its own as well as have their own committee. The EC noted Agility is also not included.

Report be received Moved LS: Seconded; KB – Received

2019 ACOD: PREVIEW

The format for the 2019 ACOD weekend 21-23 June is:

Friday, 21 June:	Executive Council meeting
Saturday, 22 June:	ACOD
Sunday, 23 June:	NZDJA AGM/Conference
	Dog Obedience Committee meeting
	Agility Committee meeting

There will be the traditional one hour meeting between Executive Council and the Agility & Dog Obedience Committees at 8 am on Sunday 23 June.

Remits, Recommendations & Discussion Papers

We have two Remits from Executive Council regarding fees and one regarding changes to Section V: Constitution and Election of Officers.

There are four recommendations for consideration:

- Two Re: Exhibitions of Dogs: 19.11 Neutered Dogs & Spayed Bitches
- One Re: Show Regulations Order of Judging: 13.10,13.10.1, 13.10.2, 13.10.3, 13.10.4, 13.10.5
- One Re: Show Regulation 19.4 and 19.4.1 Dogs owned, co-owned, or shown by Show Manager, Judges Stewards and Assembly Stewards

Life Memberships/Breeders Hall of Fame/Certificates of Appreciation

There will be one presentation of life member award.

The agenda for Saturday 22 June 2019 was discussed and confirmed.

4. OFFICE REPORTS

DIRECTOR/SECRETARY REPORT

1. Staffing Resources

We have completed the interview and appointment process for the three remaining staff positions to be filled:

- Publications & Communications Manager (Derek Johnston)
- Administration & Executive Assistant (Nicola Wood)
- Finance Manager (Clive Phillips)

Having these staffing resources on-board will allow us the flexibility to:

- Free Sue Connor to drive the Database / website improvement projects.
- Explore launching a permanent Dogs NZ social media presence.
- Free the Director Secretary to concentrate on the business development tasks and driving the implementation of the business plan.
- Provide administration support to the work of the Canine Health & Welfare Committee and the Health Testing Registry databases.
- Develop better internal reporting structures so we have a more accurate picture of the performance of the various components of the business and to aid us in future strategy planning.
- Provide more meaningful reports to E.C. on the operational health of the organisation.

2. Key Relationship & Reputation Activities

Membership Relationships:

It is clear with the current Bulldogs Standards issue that we have much work to do to repair the loss of trust in the organisation by some breeders while continuing to accommodate both the imperative to prioritise health and welfare alongside the preservation of breed standards.

Members need to understand the big picture, and the strategies Dogs NZ is employing on their behalf to further the interests of the entire organisation. E.C. also need to take responsibility for the process inadequacies around the Bulldog Standard decision and put in place some clear communication policies for future consultation that will avoid unnecessary confusion and antagonism for future breed standard changes

Canine Health & Welfare

Supporting the work of this committee will remain a focus of the National Office as welfare issues that benefits our entire membership, is critical to maintaining our relationship with key external stakeholders.

Key areas of focus will be:

- Expansion of club led LRL schemes to include other breeds.
- Enforcement of BCOC and refinement of the process of dealing with exemptions.
- Review of the Accredited Breeders Scheme now that we have an expanded BCOC.

- Development of Judges Association Health & Welfare training modules in conjunction with the Judges Association.
- Inclusion of Fit for Function – Fit for Life statements in all Breed Standards to deal with the new definition of "Sentient" in animal welfare legislation.
- Establishment of the Boas Chamber research projects with Massey University.
- Stakeholder discussions on Dew Claws / AI policy concerns of our membership.

Local Government

To continue the work of developing a good working relationship with local government organisations so that we are well placed to have a strong voice in shaping council dog bylaws and be a potential active partner in any establishment of compulsory dog breeding registries we will be meeting with the Chief Executive of the Local Government NZ.

3. Key Revenue Activities

Members Research & Surveys

To help guide our investment in our membership growth programmes we plan to undertake a number of targeted research surveys with membership to provide feedback on the following:

- What is the key reason that new members are joining Dogs NZ, how did they find out about Dogs NZ and what is their experience as new members?
- What marketing collateral would be useful to clubs to help recruit new members?
- What support would Breeders like to market their dogs to the public? How can we better promote pedigree dog ownership and link buyers with breeders?
- General membership survey on what social media platform would they best like to interact with Dogs NZ and receive new information.

Investment Projects

Key investment project work includes:

- Development of our naming rights sponsorship portfolio including initial renewal discussions with Masterpet and new naming rights prospect list.
- Confirmation of renewal of 2nd tier sponsorship deals with Interislander & Pet-n-Sur.
- Consultation with Dog Training Clubs on the Out Reach programme levy.
- Implementation of the Membership Growth programme based on the membership survey research.
- 5 -10 yr capex planning for our three facilities.

ST spoke to his report. The EC discussed and noted the July report can shape findings from the survey monkey research. The EC noted we could potentially start an advertising site for puppy sales like Trademe or as the Canadian Kennel Club and NSW do to market pedigree dogs.

Report received; Moved CH; Seconded KB – received

IT – Communication Report

Report provided by Sue Connor (SC).

NZKC Website

NZKC website has now been closed and archived.

Health Tests

All major work on the web based health test database is now complete.

As well as the admin uploading tests, members can also upload their own tests in pdf format on the home page, under my dogs. All tests are verified then results entered and the pdf uploaded against the dog. Members have been uploading tests for the last month or so with no issues.

Any breed can be tagged with LRL's in the system. Rottweilers are the next breed with LRL, these come into effect on the 1 August 2019.

The next step is to decide where and how tests show, what paperwork tests are printed on and what reports etc we require.

Online Litter notification (OLN)

As part of the closing of the old site and the building of the health database the next step was to incorporate this all into our OLN process. The new process had to be able to be used by all our breeders and cope with all the possible litter variables. Labrador LRLs, Accredited Breeders, Frozen Semen, Loan of Bitch, Non- member sire owners and incorporate and check our breeders Code of Conduct.

We are still in the testing mode with members and once we are happy that all bugs etc have been worked through we will be in a position to start promoting this to our members.

We will be looking at an automated application for registering puppies which should eliminate errors and ensure all paperwork goes to the correct person in the office.

The EC discussed the report and queried why individual puppy registration forms had to be completed for a litter of ten rather than just the one. They also queried the online payments system for Dog Training and requested Dog i.e. open rates to be included in the report. Capability resources of the registry office was discussed.

Report received

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial updates for 30 April 2019 were provided by Graeme Sugden (GS).

National Office

Receipt of club levies is ahead of budget, but this is a timing issue only. Of concern is the show levies which are well behind. However the phasing was based on last year where April was a very good month, so this may also be phasing. Total Income and expenses variation is negligible.

Auckland

The budget had a late amendment to reflect the \$10k donation received during April. Parking was budgeted for May at \$13k but during April \$18k was received, so a permanent favourable variance. Expenses were above budget due to further work on the roof.

Dunedin

Although the result is favourable to budget there was a deposit of \$5,000 paid for work on the entrance. This has been posted to WIP, so currently sits on the balance sheet. It is budgeted for later in the year and once complete a decision will need to be made as to whether this is opex or capex. It is budgeted as opex.

NDOA

Held in April and budgeted to break even, but no information received as yet, but I have heard that it may have run at a loss. Hopefully there will be some information to include in the May accounts.

Report received; Moved LS; Seconded KB – received

The EC noted this was GS last EC meeting and Clive Phillips (CP) is his replacement. NT thanked GS for his service over the past 4 years.

Proposed:

The EC approve the appointment of CP as Treasurer with full signing authority over all Dogs NZ / NZKC accounts.

Moved: KB: Seconded FH - passed

DOG WORLD REPORT

Report provided by Sue Connor (SC).

The EC noted the June magazine is at the printers and this will be the last issue SC produces entirely. Derek Johnson has been appointed as the new Dogs NZ editor and has extensive publication experience.

Report received

CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE OFFICER

Report provided by Dr. Becky Murphy (BM)

NAWAC Presentation 22 May 2019

Steven and I attended a NAWAC meeting on 22 May 2019 to present to the group on the progress made by Dogs NZ since the NAWAC opinion on animal welfare issues associated with selective breeding was released in March 2017 ON the animal welfare.

Gwyneth Verkerk who is Chair of NAWAC commented that Dogs NZ had done a fantastic job at addressing their concerns and that many other organisations could learn from the way we had approached their document.

The NAWAC Committee appeared to see the connection between both Dogs NZs willingness to accept and embrace their concerns and work hard to address them as best possible and the desperate need for addressing the outlying 85% of dogs in New Zealand who are bred under virtually no rules or regulations.

Following from this meeting I suggest it is a pertinent time to consider the future direction of Dogs NZ and if this involves developing the limited register as a "turn-key" breeder licencing system.

Surgical Artificial Insemination

There was a peak of interest in surgical artificial insemination following the decision by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons to make it a prohibited procedure. Prior to this interest, the subject had been raised in the MPI significant surgical procedures stakeholder meeting in 2018.

At that time artificial insemination by laparotomy was not even defined in the draft proposals. It was clear that the primary consideration was being given to production animals with definitions of laparoscopic AI (using a scope through the abdomen wall in goats, sheep, deer and horses), and embryo transfer being the only definitions provided.

The proposed regulation is:

"Surgical reproductive procedures may be performed by any person. The animal must be given pain relief at the time of the procedure. The owner of, and every person in charge of an animal, must not allow the procedure to be performed in breach of this regulation"

There is general agreement by Companion Animal stakeholders that because surgical AI in dogs is done by laparotomy that it would be a veterinary only procedure due to its very nature.

NZVA have signalled that they will release a position statement to include that at this time the availability of surgical AI is important to maintain genetic diversity with the use of frozen-thawed semen, but that they would signal to veterinarians involved in surgical AI that in the future they will advocate for trans-cervical insemination over surgical insemination.

BOAS Chamber – size

There are concerns from CHWC about the requirement for the BOAS chamber to be able to service every size of dog, from the Griffon to the St Bernard.

Studies have shown that the only BOAS affected breed that wouldn't fit in the chamber as it currently exists is the Dogue de Bordeaux – 1 litter of 12 puppies registered in 2018.

Since larger breeds using the WBBP chamber are rare there is no records of calibration or standardisation of results. To service all breeds, Dogs NZ would need to undertake a new design of chamber and would need someone at Massey to run tests on those specific breeds to determine what results correlate to level of BOAS affectedness. This is a significant amount of work and there is no indication that it is important considering the lower levels of BOAS issues in larger breeds.

German Shepherd / Pug LRL

Dogs NZ Canine Health & Welfare have received a request from the German Shepherd Advisory Council and the Pug Clubs to explore an LRL for their breed.

Health Testing – Database & Registry

This is progressing well and all Labrador LRL results are very close to being updated. As members load their dogs' health results they are being uploaded to the Registry within 24/48 hours.

EC discussed this report and LS spoke to and questioned both the Chamber project and dew claw policy. A paper on developing a turn-key non pedigree breeder registry system is to be presented at the September 2019 E.C. meeting.

Report received; Moved PB: Seconded; CH: received

EVENTS COORDINATOR

Report provided by Lauren James (LJ) for information only.

Annual Conference of Delegates

Travel and accommodation has been booked for delegates as required. Function rooms have been booked along with catering and equipment requirements for ACOD and the various committee meetings.

Function rooms and accommodation have been tentatively booked with Brentwood Hotel for 2020.

Domestic Dog Training Conference – 22-23 July 2019 - Wellington

On-line registration has opened and we have also received enquiries from non-members.

Information about the Club of the Year Award was circulated to all relevant clubs on 20 May and nominations close on 8 July 2019.

CLUB & MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB)

Annual Accounts

- A list of all clubs that have not yet paid their annual subscriptions were noted.

Franklyn Kennel Association – Change of judging order

- Dianne Rogers of Franklin Kennel Association to explain to SM and JB what they are wishing to do.

Upper Hutt Kennel Association & Pencarrow Kennel Association

- Following the holding of AGMs for both clubs at Easter, both clubs elected to go into recess. Dogs NZ has received from the clubs confirmation of this in writing.

Martyn and Lisa Slade will resurrect the Upper Hutt Kennel Association and Pencarrow Kennel Association.

EC need to be kept inform of future clubs at risk of folding and the process to manage the merging or removal of weak clubs is an issue for the Blue Skies team to investigate.

Mastiff Breeds Association

- Following EC approval of the association of this club, they have applied and been granted a date for their first championship show in Blenheim in conjunction with the Black Hawk National Dog Show.

Nelson District Kennel Association – Third Championship Show Application

- Application received from the club to have a third championship show to be held on 25 January 2020 in conjunction with their already granted two Championship Shows.

EC turn down the application for a third show and noted that the club will apply for a benefit show in July 2019.

German Shepherd Dog National – Change of Order of Judging

South Island German Shepherd Leaguer are hosting the 2019 German Shepherd National on 2/3 November 2019. Prior approval for this has been given by Executive Council.

Request a variation to Show Regulation 13 Oder of Judging as *“we recognise that a breed or variety is to be judged in its entirety prior to moving onto the next breed or variety however traditionally at this event all males have been judged first followed by all females, judging taking place over two days”*.

Proposed:

Dispensation to judge Long Stock males followed by Stock Coat males followed by Long Stock females and then Stock Coat females.”

Moved KB: Seconded; CH – approved

Dominion Chihuahua Club

This club held a Championship Show on 2 June 2019. Dogs NZ has fielded a number of calls from disgruntled exhibitors and members of that club. The concerns raised with Dogs NZ were that the venue was closed to the public, the floor of the hall was slippery for the dogs, entry was by named pass holders only, no filming was permitted (the club arranged for live streaming), the cost of entering the show (\$20 an entry, \$25 for a catalogue), the prizes were meagre and

apparently the doors to and from the hall were locked in contravention of Health & Safety Regulations.

The show manager was Pat Dance and she has, upon request of Dogs NZ, provided a report. We will be writing to the club expressing our concerns around a number of issues with this event and the post-show behaviour on social media.

Report received; Moved LS: Seconded; KB – received

Dogs on Report:

Lavidaloca King Arthur 04209-2016 Chihuahua (Long Coat) owned by D & P McNabb

This male Chihuahua has now been shown and observed at six championship shows and is no longer required to be on report.

Owners have been advised and endorsement "Dog Under Observation" has been removed.

Roma OB83/46 Heading Dog owned by N Beketova

This dog is on report for its aggressive behavior towards another dog outside the ring at Waikato Agility Group Championship Jumpers Event in March 2019 and has subsequently been observed at two events.

CH Toarus Runnin Down A Dream 01963-2018 Bulldog owned by T Toa

At McKenzie County A & P Society's Championship Show on 22 April 2019 this male Bulldog was excluded for attempting to bite a judge,

The dog has been subsequently observed at Marlborough Kennel Association's two championship shows, Wellington Kennel Centre's two championship shows and The Non-Sporting & Utility Dog Society's two championship shows. No problems were reported. Owner will be advised that the dog is no longer on report.

CH Miquelon Rolls Royce Phantom 05539-2014 Newfoundland owned by T Neave

Dogs New Zealand were advised that the male Newfoundland bit the hand of the person who was to handle him at Ruahine Kennel Association's championship show on Saturday 13 April 2019. The handler sustained a bite to the palm of the hand and was sufficiently serious for the handler to be hospitalised for a number of days after the incident.

Dogs NZ was advised of the incident and after receiving club and show manager reports the owner of the dog was advised on 6 May 2019 that the dog was on report and the dog's records have been endorsed.

Chip Of The Block OB/7891 Labrador X owned by R Saville

This male Labrador was excluded following an attack on another dog outside Tokoroa Dog Training Club's Ribbon Trial on 19 May 2019.

The owner was advised on 20 May 2019 and the dog's records noted "Dog Under Observation". The owner has written a letter of apology to the club and to Dogs NZ. She advises that she was surprised by his behavior but will be on guard for the future.

Perpetual Dashing Dude 08139-2018 Cavalier King Charles Spaniel owned by S A Wright

This male Cavalier King Charles Spaniel has been placed on report following its aggressive behavior towards the judge, Keith Simmons, at Kapi-Mana Kennel Society's championship show on 28 April 2019.

The dog's records have been endorsed. The owner has sent a letter of apology and advised that the dog will not be shown in the foreseeable future.

Ronin Making A Big Impression 04819-2016 & Eseldown Drama-In-Motion 07351-2017 Boxers owned by J Blee

Dogs NZ were advised of an incident at Otago Kennel Association's championship show on 7 April 2019 involving the above Boxers owned by J Blee were they attacked a Clumber Spaniel in the carpark. The owner of the Clumber Spaniel submitted a letter to the show manager on the day and an eye witness report (from Donna Hailes) confirmed the details and the dogs were put on report on 24 April 2019 by Dogs NZ. The delay in placing both dogs on report arose from trying to get confirmation from Otago Kennel Association and the show manager.

Both dogs were shown over Easter weekend and although the dogs had not been put on report they were observed by Donna Hailes who says that "found them to be under much better control".

Report received; Moved KMcl: Seconded; KB – received

5. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGILITY

Report provided by Fiona Hodgson (EC representative).

Considerable effort is currently going in to future proof the Agility committee and ensure smooth transitions in the future after elections. SOPs are being written and we will have a full document register of them all. A document to help us plan projects with clear directions has also been developed.

- *NZDAC Cromwell* - The organising committee had a site visit on Saturday to get everyone familiar with the venue and check on the progress of the grass in the competition area.
- *NZDAC 2020* - There is now a Zone 2 NZDAC committee in place.
- *Agility In Schools Initiative* - Sponsorship of ribbons, trophies and product has been confirmed. Schools are very excited by the competition and have confirmed that it will be recognised as an official school event and therefore students will be eligible for award recognition in their school.
- *Judges* - The updated faults and refusals document has been out to judges with the goal to being written into the regulations in the second half of the year. Part two of changes is currently being worked on and will go out to judges in the next couple of weeks after AC approval.

Recommended Promotions for Judges Panels for approval.

Vicky Wilson – to Ribbon Trial Panel

Liz Barlow – to Trainee Panel

Moved: FH /NT Approved

- *Regulation Updates* – Attached re regulations changes which the Agility Committee would like ratified by the Executive and relate to either tidying up heights of equipment which were incomplete as of January and therefor under suspension or removal of equipment which is no longer used.

Moved: FH / NT Ratified

- *Equipment Sub-committee* - The ESC is continuing with research on the Collapsible Tunnel and. We are gathering quite a library of image sequences in variations of courses and have updated regulations for ascending spread jump and bi-directional long jump.

- *Club Support* - The Clubs Subcommittee has been consulting with agility clubs on key issues and what support they would like to encourage more people to keep training at clubs. The subcommittee is also coordinating a project for national volunteers' week in June to recognise and encouraging volunteers.
- *Agility Strategy* - A simple 3 question "survey" has gone out to members –What do you like about Agility? What do you not like about Agility? And what would you like to see it look like in 2030? The first to discuss the questions were the Junior Dog Training members at camp in January. The feedback was something which I think all adults in all codes should take note of. While the answers on what they liked were fairly predictable, the "don't like" answers outlined grumpy old women and infighting online as two of the repeating issues.
- *Incident Input* - In an effort to engage and get more input from competitors, the Agility Committee now has an online Incident Form.
- *AC SOPs* - Project to create Standard Operating Procedures for all positions and important functions within the committee. These can then run between committees and there should be much less adapting to new roles required.

Report received; Moved CH: Seconded; KB – received

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE

Report provided by Geoff Collins (Chairperson).

- **Confirmation of Election for Dog Obedience Chairperson and Northern, Central and Southern Region Representatives** - Arend van den Bos will take over as Dog Obedience Committee chairperson and will be the Obedience representative at Executive Council meeting.

The representative for the Northern and Central Representatives for the obedience committee were re-elected unopposed and we have a new person for the Southern Region Representative role:

Northern Region Representative: Sue Howe

Central Region Representative: Karen Sadler

Southern Region Representative: Richard van den Bos

Southern Deputy Region Representative: Ruth Thorburn

- **April 2019 Voting Round and Resulting Obedience Regulation Changes** - Voting for this round closed on 30 April and resulted in five changes to the regulations. These changes are listed at the end of this report for ratification by the Executive Council to take effect from 1 July 2019.

Moved GC: Seconded NT – ratified

- **Timing of future NDOAs** -The survey results on whether we should shift the timing of the National Dog Obedience Assembly back to Labour weekend were:
Move back to Labour Weekend: 69.58%
Stay at Easter: 30.42%
The required majority was two thirds (66.67%) so we intend to move the NDOA back to Labour weekend from 2021 when the event will be in the Southern Region.

The EC requests that Obedience consult with Agility to avoid both events being on the same weekend and that after consulting with members come back to the EC July meeting with a recommendation.

- **National Dog Show 2019** - Planning for the Obedience, Rally-O and Working Trials events at the National in Blenheim is progressing well. The Working Trials (Utility Dog) competition will now be held in Blenheim and the Working Trials judge (Rosemary Cleator) has been contracted.

- **Domestic Dog Training Conference** - The details for this conference, being held on 21 and 22 July 2019 in Wellington have being finalised.
- **Scent Work** -Produced a final draft of our rules for a new Scentwork discipline under the Dogs New Zealand Obedience umbrella. Our draft rules do not yet cover a full trial but instead just consist of a container search at the Novice level which we plan to introduce as a novelty event at obedience shows later this year.

The draft rules have been sent to an organisation representing several of the groups currently running scentwork trials around New Zealand in the hope that they will choose to be part of the introduction by Dogs NZ and there will be cross-recognition of certificates and qualifications between the two organisations as well as cross-recognition of scentwork judges.

- **Judging Appointment** - The Obedience Judges Association Inc recommend promotion to the SB/Novice Panel for the following applicants:

Jo Anne Donachie
Bill Moffat

Moved NT: Seconded GC – approved

Report received; Moved GC: Seconded; KMCl – received

NDOA Date Correspondence

ST noted the correspondence received from members regarding the proposed change of date for NDOA 2020 from Easter to Labour weekend. The majority of letters are from members who attend both NDOA and NZDAC event and wish to avoid a weekend clash between two of our national events.

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Report provided by Rosemary Cleator (retiring CGC Chairperson) with a focus on more support required from E.C and the Director Secretary to help drive CGC.

EC noted Rosemary is to stand down as Chairperson of the Canine Good Citizen Committee and has recommended Sue Cooper as a potential replacement.

The EC agreed ST will formalise a response to Rosemary, thanking her for her service to CGC and invite her to attend the July EC meeting.

Moved SM: Seconded PR – received

MUSEUM TRUST

Report provided by Keith Brown (Chairperson Museum Trust).

I have over the last four years tried my very best with raising funds to allow our Museum to be able to move downstairs into the Boardroom area of the National Office. We currently have cash reserves of over \$20,000 for the Museum and are looking at back to back benefit show opportunities to raise more money.

Moved CH: Seconded SM – received

BREED STANDARDS

Report provided by Martin Hewitt (Chairperson).

- **Pembroke Welsh Corgi** - The committee considered a submission by the Central Welsh Corgi League regarding the possible adoption of the current Kennel Club (UK) Standard for the breed.

Recommendation: That the change be advertised for submissions in the Dog World which will allow submissions from any interested parties.

Moved CH: Seconded FH – approved

- **German Shepherd Dog Interbreeding of Varieties** - The committee considered a submission from the German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council regarding the interbreeding of varieties. This is currently approved for a period of 7 years which ends on 1st September 2020. They have requested an extension for a further Ten years to help establish a larger gene pool.

Recommendation: That this extension be approved; that the necessary amendments to Registration Regulation 10.10 be made and; that the GSD Advisory Council be advised and that a notice is placed in the Dog World`

Moved BH: Seconded LS –approved

- **Interbreeding of Coat types**

3.a Belgian Shepherd - The Director/Secretary had been approached regarding the importation and registration of an interbred Belgian Shepherd. As our Regulations do not allow for the interbreeding of the different varieties of Belgian Shepherd then this dog would not be able to be registered in New Zealand.

Recommendation: That an advertisement be placed in the Dog World stating that the Executive Council is of a mind to accept the interbreeding of Belgian Shepherds as recommended by the Breed Standards Committee. Also set out which varieties may be interbred as per FCI and ANKC.

Recommendation: That if there are no major adverse submissions that the Regulations as per ANKC be incorporated into our Registration regulations.

Moved BH: Seconded KMcl – approved

3.b Chihuahua - Following a request from a member regarding the importation of a Chihuahua which had been bred from the two coat varieties the committee was asked to look as to whether this should be allowed. Registration Regulation 10.2 is quite clear on this matter currently and the consideration was should there be any change.

The committee felt that as this is a contentious topic between breeders within the Chihuahua community in New Zealand the opinions of the wider membership should be sought.

Recommendation: That these submissions be referred to this Committee for further consideration and a final recommendation. The EC discussed and agreed to send the recommendation to the Breed Standards Committee and ask Canine Health and Welfare for their advice on any potential health issues.

Moved PR: Seconded JB – approved

Anatolian Shepherd Dog/Kangal

The Kangal Shepherd Dog is a breed of large livestock guardian dog in Sivas. Historically the Anatolian Shepherd was treated as a separate breed by many canine registries, but this is now generally treated as part of the same breed population and the Turkish Kennel Club has renamed all Anatolian Shepherds as Kangal Shepherds as has the FCI.

On January 1, 2012, the Australian National Kennel Club discontinued its recognition of the ANKC Kangal Dog as a separate breed to the Anatolian Shepherd Dog.

On June 25th, 2018, the FCI published the official Kangal Shepherd Dog breed standard to replace the previous Anatolian Shepherd Dog standard.

The main difference between the Kangal and the Anatolian is Coat Colour

Recommendation: That a Notice be placed in the Dog World calling for submissions on a proposal to adopt the position of FCI and ANKC that all Anatolian Shepherd Dogs be reclassified as Kangal Shepherd Dogs and that the Anatolian cease to be recognised breed; and that these submissions be referred to this Committee for further consideration and a final recommendation

Moved KMcl: Seconded CH – approved

FORRESTER PARK

Report provided by Anne McLachlan (Chairperson).

- The planning and organisation for the Benefit Shows in August are all in hand with all judges booked and the shows catalogued.
- The DCC called a meeting of all dog clubs in the Dunedin area to discuss the grounds at Forrester Park and their requirements. This was the first, of what will be several meetings, and included discussion around the shared use by the public and clubs during outside shows and camping requirements.
- Judith Hyslop has put together discussion documents covering Booking Policies and Conflict of Interest Policy.
- FPMC accepted the cheapest of three quotes for asphaltting a 60m² area for disabled parking along the right-hand side of the frontage. This will be done in about six weeks.
- Southern Steel Fabrication have starting work on the entry and fire-door on 17th June.
- The hall will be well used this winter with nearly all training continuing as usual
- FPMC has been looking at a new booking system and will consult with Dogs NZ so it is in line with what is being used at other venues.
- The Fire Service visited the building & confirmed that all safety requirements were met. An evacuation plan is being prepared.
- We have met the insurance requirements for the kitchen.
- Problem with DCC new security contractor. The building is in use at least four nights per week until 9.30pm & the new security people are demanding that everyone clear the building about 8.30-9pm. This is causing major headaches all round & despite several attempts by both myself and OCTC to contact DCC and/or the security firm to try to sort it out we have had no, success.

The EC noted ST will look to resolve the Security issue.

Report received. Moved KB; Seconded LS – received

AUCKLAND PROPERTY GROUP

Report provided by Christine Wood (Chairperson)

Maintenance Report

The winter tree chop/trimming is underway.

The shade sail that covers the deck area is due for its biannual take down repair and storage at a cost of \$1188.00.

The ring road driveway needs a new culvert and roading metal applied at a cost of \$4200 + GST.

General

Car parking invoices for the next financial year have been sent and all available car parks are selling quickly.

Event Hire Agreement

The financial subcommittee met recently with the representatives from the 2020 National team and the event hire agreement for this event is being finalised.

Report received. Moved LS; Seconded SM, – received

JUNIOR DOG TRAINING (JDT)

Report provided by Ceri Tarry (Chairperson)

- Several JDT agility classes are being held around the country. We are holding raffles, selling liver treats and dog treats for fundraising for camp and have a sponsored walk planed for July.

Report received

6. BREED STANDARDS

ROTTWEHLER BREED STANDARD UPDATE REQUEST

The EC noted the letter addressed to ST from WJ Patterson, President, Central Rottweiler Club. The EC agreed to send the letter to the Breed Standards Committee for their recommendation/s.

Moved SM; Seconded NT – passed

STAFFORDSHIRE BREED STANDARD UPDATE REQUEST

The EC noted ST letter recommending that the suggested change to the Breed description be circulated to clubs for their comment. Any club or member submission on the proposed breed description change should be sent to ST by 7 June 2019 so it can be considered.

The EC discussed and agreed to adopt the current English description:

Below is the breed description as per The Kennel Club of the United Kingdom:

“The Staffordshire Bull Terrier shares the same ancestry as the Bull Terrier, i.e. Bulldog crossed with the Black and Tan terrier, and was developed as a fighting dog.

When the founder of the Bull Terrier James Hinks added other breeds like the Collie to change the head shape of that breed, devotees of the original type of bull terrier cross remained loyal to their preferred type.

Because of its early association with fighting it was, for some time, difficult to get recognition for the breed and it was not until the 1930's that the Kennel Club recognised the breed.

It carried the name Staffordshire as the breed was developed in the “black country” of Staffordshire and northern parts of Birmingham.

Unlike other breeds it is shown traditionally in a broad leather collar ornamented with brass emblems, containing the Staffordshire Knot – as a tribute to its origins.

Despite its early function, the Staffordshire Bull Terrier is known as a wonderful family pet."

Moved BH; Seconded CH – Passed

7. REGULATIONS

REGISTRATION REGULATION 10.2 REGISTRATION & BREEDING OF CHIHUIHUAS – MEMBERS FEEDBACK

The EC agreed to send all correspondence to the Canine Health and Welfare and Breed Standards Committee for their consideration.

Moved FH; Seconded NT – Passed

SHOW REGULATION 15.0 SHOW CATALOGUES – MEMBERS FEEDBACK

A member has recommended to Executive Council that Show Regulations 15.1 and 15.6 be amended to avoid clubs from having to print unnecessary catalogues for sale on show day to the public.

SHOW CATALOGUES

- 15.1 For any Championship Show, Championship Obedience Test, Open Show, Open Obedience Trial or Agility Event held under New Zealand Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, a neatly printed or typewritten catalogue of such fixture containing the following details must be produced.
- 15.6 There must be catalogues available at the show, on the day of the show, for sale to the public and exhibitors, unless it is clearly stated in the schedule that "Catalogues MUST be pre-ordered and will not be available for sale at the show."

Proposed: That the changes to show regulations 15.1 / 15.6 be adopted

Moved LS; Seconded PB – passed

SHOW REGULATION 19.0 EXHIBITION OF DOGS – MEMBERS FEEDBACK

A member has asked the EC to include a new rule to cover the exhibiting of docked dogs since the change in government legislation regarding tail docking.

19.14 Docked Dogs

19.14.1 Since 1 October 2018 it is against the current New Zealand Animal Welfare (Care and Procedures) Regulations Part 2, R51 to dock a dogs' tail in New Zealand unless for prophylactic reasons.

19.14.2 The importation of dogs with docked tails into New Zealand for breeding and showing purposes is permitted. These dogs and their progeny are eligible to be registered with New Zealand Kennel Club and may be shown at Recognised Shows.

Proposed: That the changes to show regulations 19.14 be adopted

Moved LS; Seconded JB – passed

SHOW REGULATIONS 19 – EXHIBITION OF DOGS

The EC has been asked by a member to consider changes to the existing regulations regarding people exhibiting under a judge who they had acted as show manager or had billeted or been billeted by the judge in a six month period prior to the show.

Proposed: That the changes to show regulations 19.4.2 & 19.4.5 be adopted:

Moved KMcl; Seconded NT – Motion lost

SHOW REGULATIONS 19.9 – MEMBERS FEEDBACK

EC has been asked by members to address the issue of a lack of regulations that can be used by show officials when an exhibitor has deliberately thrown a large piece of bait that landed close enough to the dog in front to distract the dog for the rest of the class in show judging.

Proposed: That the changes to show regulations 19.9 be adopted

Moved BH; Seconded KMcl – Motion lost

SHOW REGULATIONS 19.13 – EXCLUSION OF DOGS -MEMBERS FEEDBACK

CH spoke to this item. The EC noted KMcl and FB to be involved. The EC requested the paper be tidied up and come back to EC.

SHOW REGULATIONS 22.13 – SPECIALIST GRAND CHAMPIONS – MEMBERS FEEDBACK

The Executive Council would like consultation from the members on changing regulation 22.13.

A dog having won 50 New Zealand Kennel Club Challenge Certificates plus three “Speciality Best in Shows’ or “Best of Breeds” awards won under three different judges at Championship Shows where more than 25 exhibits are present (including baby puppies) and the judge awarding the Speciality Best in Show or Best of Breed has a proven reputation in the breed, having owned, bred, and exhibited the breed in question, may upon application to the Director/Secretary of the New Zealand Kennel Club be entitled, subject to the approval of the Executive Council, to the prefix of Specialist Grand Champion (Spl.Gr. Ch.), provided however that at least ‘one’ Challenge Certificate was gained after 1 January 2014 and provided also that the original Challenge Certificates and proof of the judges standing within the breed are forwarded to the Director/Secretary of the New Zealand Kennel Club in support of the application.

After much discussion it was decided that show regulation change be referred to E.C. July meeting for more clarification and discussion.

8. REGISTRY

KENNEL NAME APPEAL

Report provided by Colleen Begg (CB)

An objection was received to a kennel name recently issued and published in the May 2019 NZ Dog World because the kennel name was the same as the objector’s surname.

E.C. declined the objection and the Kennel name stands as issued.

Moved JB; Seconded NT - passed

SHOW DOG APPEAL

A letter was provided from the president of the German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council, requesting some leniency regarding a joint ownership issue (were one of the party is no longer a financial member) to allow a young member to continue showing the dog. :

Recommendation: As it is unlikely, in the foreseeable future, that the co-owners' membership will be reinstated, it is recommended that the Executive Council exercise their power under Registration Regulation 6 above and transfer ownership of the dog into the ownership of the other co-owner for showing purposes only.

Moved BH; Seconded KMcl – passed

DNA TESTING OF EXPORTED DOGS

ST provided an update on this issue. The CH & W Committee believes that the previous concerns raised in the 2017 submissions have now been addressed in relation to cost, availability and the speed of testing.

Consequently, their recommendations that all pure-bred dogs being exported shall have been DNA tested to confirm parentage before a Certified Export Pedigree will be provided was tabled at the November 2018 Executive Council and was supported. (For the sake of clarity, the same requirement will apply where frozen semen has been utilised).

Motion: That all pure-bred dogs being exported shall have been DNA tested to confirm parentage before a Certified Export Pedigree will be provided

Moved CH; Seconded FH – Motion lost

The EC noted that rules and regulations around semen storage of deceased dogs need to be reviewed.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

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Nothing to report

10. OTHER

GENERAL BUSINESS

PR requested an update on live streaming of ACOD as it was put forward to the Committee in February 2019. ST will look in to whether or not this will be a possibility at the next ACOD.

PRESIDENT SUM UP / EVALUATION OF MEETING / NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

NT closed the meeting by thanking all the Committee and handing over to BH. NT noted it was important to have the Bulldog meeting to finalise an outcome that is fair and transparent and protects the health of the breed.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES (2019-2020 term)

Saturday / Sunday, July 27/28	WELLINGTON
Saturday / Sunday, September 14/15	WELLINGTON

