

**SUMMARY**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday 25 October 2021**

Prior to the opening of the Board meeting, Directors met with Chris Graham from ABS Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd to enable questions to be raised and issues discussed regarding Dogs Queensland insurances.

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Netta Bainbridge declared an interest. There were no other declarations of conflicts of interest.

Sharron Taylor – Resignation from DQ Board of Directors

Noted the resignation tendered by Sharron Taylor which will be effective as at COB on 31 December 2021.

**Previous Minutes**

Minutes of Board Meeting – 27 September 2021

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 27 September 2021, as amended, were adopted.

Summary of previous Minutes - 30 August 2021

The summary of Minutes for 30 August 2021, as amended, were accepted and were to be published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

**Action Items**

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The Action Items were noted, including updates provided and items completed.

**Ongoing Matters**

Breeders' Code of Conduct & Education, Inspection & Welfare Liaison Officer

Noted work continuing on the matter.

Zone 2 and 3 meeting re Heat Policy, the One State Entity and the Social Media Ruling

Directors noted the limited input from the PST meeting on the matters, with discussion following on ways to communicate and consult with members including Zoom meetings for all Directors and Zones 1, 2 and 3 representatives and actual visits to Zones 2 & 3. It was a matter for the members if they wished to participate in any meetings arranged. It was suggested a Zoom meeting once a month to 'Meet Your Directors' could be organised, with a profile of a particular Director for the month published in Pawprints.

Townsville Local Law review

Directors noted the submission material prepared which Sharron Taylor would lodge in her capacity as a private resident by the cut-off date of 29 October 2021. A submission from Dogs Queensland is also to be lodged (utilising the material prepared by Sharron Taylor), with the Chair suggesting the issue be raised with the Local Government Association for consideration.

Minutes from PST Meeting – noted.

Dogs Queensland Penalty Guidelines - noted.

## **REPORTS**

### **Finance**

Financial Report – September 2021 – noted.

Financial Summary – 30 September 2021

The strong financial position of Dogs Queensland was noted.

### **Office Reports**

Office Report – Week End – 22 October 2021 – noted.

Communications Board Report – 22 October 2021 - noted.

Judges Fee – CJC recommendation

Noted the recommendation to reduce Judges fee by \$20, with the overall fee reduction being from \$100 to \$80. Discussion followed on whether to reduce or maintain the fee, noting the monies could be utilised to fund other initiatives. It was agreed by a majority that the Judges fees be reduced by \$20 as recommended by the CJC.

## **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

Neuter Class

Noted and discussed, with neuter information to be published in Pawprints (once a month) and included on the Dogs Queensland website.

Rockhampton Dog Obedience Club Inc – Constitutional Changes

Directors discussed the information provided and obtaining grants noting the ANKC had recognised the issue. The process may not be as simple as a wording change to the Constitution, with the matter held over for future consideration.

Transactions during Suspension

Directors noted the legal opinion provided, with discussion following on suspension periods, impact on third parties purchasing dogs and implementing criteria for the imposition of penalties for breaching the Rules and Regulations during suspension periods. It was agreed that no transactions would be processed for members on suspension other than when a mating date for a litter pre-dated a suspension being imposed.

Blue Card Feedback

Directors noted the feedback provided both in support and against Judges and Show Managers being required to obtain Blue cards. Lengthy discussion followed on:

- The level of authority held by Judges.
- Duty of care by Dogs Queensland.
- Whether trainers of junior handlers should also hold Blue Cards and possible requirements for interstate or international Judges.
- Confusion around the Blue Card application process and whether a fee was payable.
- The intention behind imposing the condition to obtain a Blue Card, whether the requirement was enforceable and the impact upon licence renewal for Judges.

Directors agreed that it be strongly encouraged that Blue Cards be obtained by Judges. It was the consensus of Directors that any changes requiring Blue Cards be steadily implemented as part of an ongoing education

and training process with the reasonings behind why explained. It was suggested the Chair could cover the issue on Blue Cards in the November 2021 issue of the magazine to enable members to consider the matter.

It was requested the matter be placed on the ANKC Agenda, referred to the CJC for consideration and for the General Manager to contact administrators in other States and Territories to obtain views on Blue Cards requirements.

#### QDS Judges Elevations

It was recommended the elevation to Judges level for four people. Elevation to Judges level was approved for:

- Matthew O'Reilly (night endurance trials)
- Annette Luck (all levels of herding)
- Karen Winzar and Tricia Williams (Jumping)

#### Vaccination at Dogs Events

General Manager advised all office staff were now double vaccinated. Dogs Queensland would comply with State Government requirements and continue to monitor the situation for the health and safety of members, exhibitors and staff.

#### Animal Ethics Committee Inquiry

Directors noted concerns with this type of matter.

#### Advanced Notification – Development of an Animal Management Plan by Moreton Bay Regional Council

Directors noted the plan was similar to the laws proposed in Townsville, with the opportunity to influence outcomes and involve other organisations.

#### Fundraising

A verbal report was provided on fundraising events including:

- ADSS event scheduled for 18 and 19 November 2021, holding of a Christmas function on 19 November 2021, catering, ice cream van, activities and having stalls present to sell goods to raise monies. Noted the sled had also been organised.
- Trash and Treasure sales for members.

#### Qld members Registering Litters Interstate

Discussed and noted Dogs NSW were investigating the litter registration matter.

#### The Qld Japanese Spitz Club Affiliation request

Directors discussed and agreed to the Qld Japanese Spitz Club Affiliation request.

#### New ASIC Requirements – Director Identification Numbers - noted.

#### **ANKC Matters**

##### September 2021 ANKC Ltd Urgent Special Board Meeting Minutes - CONFIRMED

Noted.

##### ANKC – National Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee 2022 Meeting: Call for Agenda Items

Directors noted the Herpes research item be added to the Agenda.

The Chair advised the National Data Base matter was now progressing forward and flagged consideration be given to Dogs Queensland developing its own online entry system to obtain the benefit of fees payable for registrations.

ANKC NBS Working Party Minutes - noted.

## **COMMITTEES**

Minutes of the CJC Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Directors noted the minutes and acknowledged the work by the CJC. Discussion followed on the issue of aggressive dogs, with a training module on handling possibly required for judges and if appropriate, introducing a Rule to address the issue. Noted this was an ongoing education and professional development matter, with the item to also be addressed in Pawprints.

Draft Minutes – Constitution and Rules Committee meeting 12 October 2021

The matters considered by the Committee and actions were noted. Directors agreed to the recommended amendments to Rule 69.3, the suggestion ANKC modify its Regulation 5, 1.2.6 in line with Dogs Queensland Rules and the changes for neutered exhibits. Concern was raised around the Appeals process, noting past Board or Panel members should not be provided with documentation. A legal opinion could be obtained and the rule amended if necessary.

## **Durack Grounds Committee**

Grounds Committee Group Meeting 13 October 2021 - noted.

## **SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS**

### **Show Dates**

Nil.

### **Club Matters**

Update on Situation with the French Bulldog Club of Qld

Carolyn Ryan provided a verbal update on the matter, noting she would be attending the upcoming AGM of the French Bulldog Club of Qld. It was hoped the issues would be resolved, noting a full financial audit would be undertaken and the Club required to abide by its Constitution and Rules.

Correspondence from Cairns City Kennel Club Inc

Noted.

Executive Committee – Great Dane Society of Qld

Directors discussed and **agreed** the dispensation could not be provided, noting the Club would be fined for admitting an interstate member.

## **GROUND MATTERS**

Rectification Works to Dogs Queensland Admin Building

Directors noted the information provided and agreed to proceed with the Dakien Group quote to undertake work on the Admin Building in the amount of \$64,780.85 (Option 1) plus \$1,934.20 for certification.

Dogs Queensland Lighting Quotes

Directors noted the information provided. Directors approved the upgrade of lights to LEDs on Field 1 only as recommended in the amount of \$68,200 (including GST).

#### Grounds Committee – Grooming Table Quotes

Noted the information provided, with discussion on the need to ensure all equipment was properly and safely stored, with instructions provided to Ground staff. An audit of equipment would also be undertaken to develop an Asset Register. Directors agreed to proceed with the purchase of 20 grooming tables totalling \$3,000.

#### Upgrade of Durack PA System

Directors noted the information, with discussion following on the need for training to be provided on how to operate the system. Directors approved the upgrade of the Durack PA System totalling \$7,442 (including GST).

#### **NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL**

##### New Members for Approval

The 57 new applications for membership received since the last Board meeting on 27 September 2021 were accepted. Membership as at the 25 October 2021 Board meeting stands at 6,443 plus 632 Community Members.

#### **CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting is to be held Monday, 22 November 2021 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.