

**SUMMARY**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday 23 November 2021**

Prior to the opening of the meeting, the Chair noted this would be Sharron Taylor's last Board meeting. The Directors acknowledged and thanked Sharron for her work, contribution and support of the Board and Dogs Queensland during her time as a Director. In particular, Directors expressed their appreciation for Sharron's considerable and exceptional work on Covid documentation and compliance.

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

**Previous Minutes**

Minutes of Board Meeting – 25 October 2021

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 25 October 2021, as amended, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of previous Minutes

- 27 September 2021

The Summary of Minutes for 27 September 2021, as amended, were accepted and were to be published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

Notes from Exec Meeting

Noted.

**Action Items**

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The Action Items were noted, including updates provided and items completed, with the revised Action Items attached to these Minutes.

**Ongoing Matters**

Zone 2 and 3 Meeting – Zoom Meeting

Directors noted a positive meeting was held with differing opinions between the two Zones on the One State Entity issue. General Manager advised he was preparing a report on the discussions, with the report to be circulated to Directors upon completion.

Minutes from PST Meeting

Noted.

### Blue Card Requirements

Directors noted the information provided by each State, the Statement of Commitment and Code of Conduct, effectively a risk management strategy, prepared by the Junior Handlers Committee.

Discussion followed on:

- The standing of judges and if fees were paid, noting the contract terms refers to 'incidentals, travel and accommodation', not 'fees'.
- Extending the Blue Card requirement to those conducting junior handler classes.
- Whether to add an asterisk against those who hold Blue Cards, noting a Club Secretary contracting judges would be aware of the standing and reputation of the judges.

The Board resolved that any person conducting official child/junior handler classes was required to hold a Blue Card, effective from 1 January 2022.

The Board resolved by a majority that an asterisk be placed against the names of those judges who held Blue Cards.

### Vaccination at Dog Events

Directors noted the information provided, with discussion following on how to monitor or verify the vaccination status of attendees at any Dogs Queensland. Qld Health have advised Dogs Queensland shows were 'events', therefore the Government Covid guidelines had to be followed. Noted upcoming Christmas shows scheduled, with all certifications and a list of attendees to be provided by registering parties, with the onus on the individual to ensure compliance with Government guidelines. It was suggested information be published that random checks may also be conducted throughout events to verify the vaccination certificate status.

### ANKC – National Dobermann Council – Request for action against Tanya Hill

Noted ANKC matter.

### Starlight Foundation Charity Show – Presentation of Funds

Noted matter raised about status of the organisation, with the registered charity details noted. General Manager said arrangements were yet to be finalised for the handover of the funds.

## **REPORTS**

### **Finance**

#### Financial Report – October 2021

Directors noted the Financial Report.

#### Financial Summary – 31 October 2021

The strong financial position of Dogs Queensland was noted, with the number of litter registrations continuing to increase.

Noted the recent notification from ACCC on 'pet scams', with some \$3.5M lost this year.

Directors were asked to forward any questions on the financials to the General Manager.

## **Office Reports**

Office Report – Week End – 19 November 2021 - noted.

### Communications Board Report – 19 November 2021

Noted filming had been undertaken for the Dogs Australia launch, with positive feedback and a treasure trove of resources produced. An initial Dogs Australia launch would occur on 8 December 2021, with a larger launch and promotion undertaken in February 2022. The Chair commented national resourcing would be required to continue the media messaging.

## **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

### Incident at the Innisfail Show

Directors noted and discussed the report provided. There was no rule to prohibit payment of junior handlers to show dogs, with the suggestion information be included in the next Newsletter to highlight the issue of duty of care to children and need to liaise with parents should anyone want junior handlers to show dogs.

### Insurance Renewal for 2022

Directors noted the renewal premium of \$66,613.34. Discussion followed on whether the amount of income cover provided in the event of injury or illness, which was currently \$1,000 a week, should be increased.

Directors resolved that the insurance renewal be approved, subject to increasing the amount for income cover under the policy. However, should the additional income cover increase the premium payable to \$73,000 or more, a flying minute would need to be circulated to obtain Director approval.

### Board Meeting Dates for 2022

Directors discussed, noting no meeting would be held in December 2021, with the next meeting to be held on 10 January 2022. Directors indicated Vero were to be retained to undertake the election process.

### Transferring from a suspended member

Noted the Constitution and Rules Committee had reviewed Rule 79.5 and agreed the wording be retained to cover any extenuating circumstances to justify an exemption from the Rule, with each situation to be dealt with on a case by case basis. A recent circumstance where a litter transfer was issued in error during a suspension period was discussed, with the Board noting the transfer could be removed from the record if a mistake had occurred.

## **ANKC Matters**

Notice of Special ANKC Ltd Board Meeting: 12 February 2022 – noted.

ANKC Ltd Board and AGM Minutes from October 2021 – noted.

ANKC Disc Dog and FCI Dog Dancing - noted.

## **COMMITTEES**

### Constitution and Rules Committee Meeting - Minutes

Noted the Committee expected the Penalty Guidelines to be included in the Rules as an Appendix and be available to all members with the suggestion the matter could be included as an update in the Newsletter.

The matters considered by the Committee were noted, with discussion following on:

- The Appeal Procedure noting the Committee's concern around risk and possible insurance issues if Dogs Queensland were not adequately represented, with legal advice to be obtained on the matter.
- Ongoing work on the social media policy, with the General Manager advising he was currently working on the Facebook profile matter.

Minutes of RAFT Meeting November 2021 – noted.

QDS Committee Minutes - noted.

Donations from QDS Trophy Night

The Board agreed Dogs Queensland provide a donation of \$500 for the QDS Trophy night.

Items from QDS PST Meeting – noted.

Ms Kim Dawson – Approval Elevation to Trick Dog Judge

Noted recommendation, with the Board approving the elevation of Kim Dawson to Trick Dog Judge level.

Barbara Murfet advised of the recent death of Rohan Ally from a heart attack which had occurred at an Agility Trial event. Mr Ally was the sole provider for his young child and widow who was deaf and certified blind. Barbara Murfet suggested funds received from one of the Christmas/New Year events be donated to the family.

The Board agreed a fundraising event for the Ally Family be held on Sunday, 19 December 2021.

Directors noted the statistics on improved survival rates if defibrillators were available to use, with discussion following on:

- One (1) defibrillator was located at Durack, with information to be circulated on its location.
- Installing at least one (1) defibrillator at key Club locations throughout Queensland.
- Funding via Charity shows, grants or community sources, with research to be undertaken to prepare a list of funding sources for consideration at the next Board meeting.
- Dogs Queensland paying for the servicing, which was undertaken every two years, of defibrillators installed.
- Undertaking first aid training at Durack and regional centres, with Dogs Queensland assisting to subsidise courses.
- Counselling and communication of services available, for example phone number for Lifeline.
- Adding defibrillators to the minimum standards.
- Ensuring Show Managers and Judges were informed of the location of all safety/first aid equipment and also encouraged to attend first aid training courses.

The Board agreed to progress the matters discussed.

Junior Handler Committee Minutes

Noted, with reminders to be provided to Clubs to hold junior handler workshops.

## **Durack Grounds Committee**

### Grounds Committee Minutes

Directors noted and discussed the minutes provided.

### Electrical Issues at Durack

Noted electrical issues identified to be addressed.

### CJC

Directors discussed providing funding to support a professional panel of show managers and stewards for remoter locations. Noted the Clubs in remoter locations would need to increase entries, with a collaborative approach required as Dogs Queensland would not be paying all the costs.

## **COMPLAINTS MATTERS**

Nil.

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

### **Show Dates**

Nil.

### **Club Matters**

#### Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Qld

Noted information provided. The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Qld would be advised to progress the adoption of the new Constitution, noting a copy of any new Constitution was to be lodged with Incorporated Associations and Fair Trading.

## **GROUNDS MATTERS**

Nil.

## **NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL**

### New Members for Approval

Directors accepted the 43 new applications for membership received since the last Board meeting on 25 October 2021. Membership as at the 23 November 2021 Board meeting stands at 6,486 plus 640 Community Members.

## **LATE ITEMS & GENERAL BUSINESS**

### Forward planning for the Durack DQ Grounds

Directors noted and discussed the paper provided.

The Board agreed the Grounds Committee be requested to develop:

1. A draft list of capital works and other substantive work priorities on a one-year basis initially for discussion at the March 2022 Board meeting, with the aim to also develop two and five year plans. Input to the capital works plans would be sought from members, the Board, the Grounds Committee and employees.
2. A draft maintenance plan with costings for the Durack Grounds and Buildings for 2022 in consultation with the office for consideration at a future Board meeting.

Dogs Shows at the CCCQ Ltd Show Grounds

The paper provided was noted and discussed, with Directors to consider the issues and consult via email, with a focus on the Durack grounds. The matter would be discussed at the January 2022 Board meeting.

Extra Dates for Yuggera Canine Club 2021

Directors noted the request and agreed the extra dates for the Yuggera Canine Club were not approved.

**CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting is to be held Monday, 10 January 2022 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.