

**SUMMARY**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday 23 May 2022**

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Conflicts of interest in agenda items were noted for Carolyn Ryan, Gordon Mayne and Ainslie Carius. The relevant Directors did not participate in any discussions on the conflicted items.

**Previous Minutes**

Minutes of Board Meeting – 26 April 2022

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 26 April 2022 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of previous Minutes – 31 March 2022

The amended Summary of Minutes for 31 March 2022 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 matters listed on the Agenda for discussion, updates provided and items completed.

**Ongoing Matters**

Zone 2/3 Zoom Meetings 7 March 2022

General Manager advised a Zoom meeting for Zones 2/3 had been scheduled for 6 June 2022, with Directors able to attend at Durack or join the meeting via Zoom.

Committee for ADSS Working Party - EOI

Directors discussed the EOI's received noting no ADSS event would be held in 2022. Barbara Murfet would provide support regarding any Dogs Sports events.

Directors agreed the ADSS Committee would comprise Carolyn Ryan (Chair), Kim Dawson, Tracy Hopper, Valley Horne, Debbie Goodwin, Cath Wardle, Aleisha Senior, Murray Senior and Lawrie Knauth.

EOI's for Canine Health Committee

Directors noted and discussed the EOI's received.

Directors agreed the Canine Health Committee would comprise Elisa McCutcheon (Chair), Ainslie Carius, Paula Morgan, Julene Brady, Kathy Prentice, Karen Vowell and Nicole Oldfield.

Chair advised she would be interested in attending Canine Health Committee meetings where able.

### Northern Tour 2022

Gordon Mayne advised a more social and relaxed meet and greet with members was preferred over a formal event for the scheduled dates of 29/30 July 2022, with a BBQ suggested for Saturday 30 July 2022. It was noted Directors would be able to assist with stewarding at the Woodstock show. Discussion followed on which Directors would participate in the Northern Tour 2022.

### Update on Disaster Relief Payments

General Manager advised an email had been received from Dogs SA indicating they would donate \$5,000 to Dogs Queensland for the flood appeal. It was suggested the General Manager liaise with Mandy Schelbach and Patrice Johansen on the assessment of applications and recommendations for further distributions of disaster relief payments. It was noted funds were also available through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF). Directors requested the General Manager contact the Brisbane, Pine Rivers and Ipswich Clubs to discuss applying for funds under the GCBF, with the matter to also be highlighted in Pawprints.

### National Show Grants

Directors noted and discussed the applications received.

Directors approved grants of \$1,000 to each applicant for National Shows as follows:

- Border Collie Club of Qld - 30, 31 August 2024 and 1 September 2024
- Bull Terrier Club of Qld - 4 June 2022
- Labrador Club of Qld - 8 and 9 August 2022
- Bullmastiff Club of Qld - 19 to 21 May 2023
- Rottweiler Club of Qld - 27 to 30 June 2022
- Qld Afghan Hound Association - 6 August 2022

Chair suggested the General Manager inform other States and Territories of the issue of grants for National Shows.

## **REPORTS**

### **Finance**

#### Financial Report – April 2022

Directors noted and discussed the Financial Report.

#### Financial Summary – April 2022

Noted.

### **Office Reports**

#### Office Report – Week End – 20 May 2022

Noted.

#### Communications Board Report – May 2022

The report was discussed, including the assistance provided by David Margan on communication matters noting he had useful political and media contacts.

#### Ipswich City Council - Removal of DQ Members Discount

Chair advised a meeting would be held with the Ipswich City Council early next week (either 30 or 31 May 2022) on the matter, with Carolyn Ryan indicating she could attend with the General Manager.

It was noted many Councils were unaware of the services and operations of Dogs Queensland. It was proposed 'meet and greet' functions be organised with various Councils to provide information on the services Dogs Queensland was able to offer and possible partnering opportunities, for example in areas of education and community work.

#### **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

##### Mrs Janet Scott – Show Manager for Rocky Agricultural Show

Directors noted and discussed, with Margaret Norton advising Tony Norton had offered to be the Show Manager.

##### Mr J Cook – Emailing Certificates

Directors discussed, noting this was a revenue stream to Dogs Queensland however the Certificates were an expense for Clubs. Directors requested the matter be investigated and suggestions brought back to the Board for further consideration.

##### Dr G Perry – Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill

##### Dog Training Qld - Proposed Amendments to the Animal Care and Protection Act

Directors discussed the information provided noting the use of prong collars was not acceptable. However, the use of 'another restraint device' was too wide and a common sense, balanced approach was needed. A meeting with the Department and Minister would be sought to enable Dogs Queensland to raise concerns and promote the utilisation of the resources and expertise available within the Club. It was noted the deadline for submissions was 1 June 2022. Elisa McCutcheon, Gordon Mayne and Barbara Murfet would work on the preparation of a submission by Dogs Queensland, with a draft circulated for Directors input. Directors requested the issue be publicised in Pawprints with members encouraged to lodge individual submissions. It was suggested the General Manager contact RSPCA to ascertain their views on the proposed amendments to the Act and advise Dogs Queensland would be lodging a submission.

##### RNA – Dogs Qld Sponsorship Draft

Discussion followed on the information provided, including arrangements for the Ekka, the sponsorship amount of \$5,500, site location, preparation of Show bags, the sponsor of the Dog Show, parking contribution by Dogs Queensland of \$4,000 with the RNA paying the balance and attendance arrangements in place due to Covid. It was noted a possible extra day could be added for the 2023 Ekka, with RNA advising they would need to apply to Dogs Queensland if a third Dog show was to be held. General Manager advised there may be additional signage requirements with a proposal to be provided to the June 2022 Board meeting. Volunteers for the Dogs Queensland stand would be called for and a roster prepared. BM offered to assist the General Manager with RNA matters.

Directors resolved that the RNA-Dogs Queensland Supporter Agreement be signed.

##### RNA – Gundog Number Dispensation

Directors discussed the information provided.

Directors approved the application for dispensation for Gundogs in the upcoming Royal Queensland Show to permit each of the Judges to judge up to 275 dogs in one day as requested.

##### Re-introduction of DNA Proof of Parentage for all Litters

Directors discussed the matter at length noting the DNA proof of parentage for all litters had initially been in place for the Main and Limited Registers however had subsequently been removed for the Limited Register. It was noted the Limited Register was still required to permit dogs to be registered, for example wrong colour,

not able to breed from etc. However integrity issues needed to be addressed with the suggestion the proposal to reintroduce DNA testing for both registers be cautiously progressed and options considered to ensure supporting data was in place. Chair advised the President's message could include information that the issue had been discussed by the Board with strong support for the reintroduction for both registers.

#### Legal Chairperson List

Directors agreed Tony Morris be added to the Legal Chairperson list.

#### Mrs B Murfet – Virgin Australia Policy

Directors discussed noting concerns with the Virgin Australia policy and excessive costs for transporting dogs. It was suggested the matter be raised with Dogs Australia and other State and Territory organisations, with Dogs Queensland to progress lobbying for a change of the policy and reduction of costs.

#### Qld Bulldog Club – National Show – Request to consider Indoor Venue

Directors noted previous discussions on the matter and the request to reconsider Ipswich as a venue for the Qld Bulldog Club National Show, with an undercover facility required for brachycephalic breeds.

Chair advised she could include in the President's message details on the undercover facility at Morayfield.

Directors resolved that, following special consideration of the request, the Qld Bulldog Club would be allowed to hold the National British Bulldog Championship Show 2023 at the Ipswich Show Events centre.

#### **ANKC Matters**

##### Preliminary Notice of Meeting – October 2022 ANKC Ltd Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting

Noted.

#### **COMMITTEES**

##### Draft Minutes Constitution & Rules Committee Meeting 10 May 2022

Noted and discussed.

Directors agreed to the recommendations of the Constitution & Rules Committee and suggested alterations to Appendix 12.

Barbara Murfet advised she would forward to all the balloting process proposed to include in the Rules.

#### Clarification around Rule 20.2

Directors discussed the information provided with the wording of Rule 20.2 allowing a dog to be whelped in Melbourne and the litter registered in Queensland if the breeder was a resident in this State. It was noted any complaints should be lodged with the Office for referral to the Board for consideration rather than through individual Directors. It was recommended wording be added to the registration forms requiring certification of the place where puppies were born.

#### QDS Committee – Recommendations for Elevation

Directors discussed and agreed to the elevation recommendations for the following persons:

- Nicky Marr - Retrieving Novice
- Sharon Bamford - Retrieving Novice
- John Palu - Retrieving Novice
- Evan Mangan - Retrieving Restricted
- Don Nicol - Retrieving Restricted

- Lawrie Knauth - Retrieving Ability Test Novice & Open
- Geoff Dawson - Retrieving Ability Test Novice & Open

## **Grounds Matters**

### Grounds Matters

Directors noted and discussed the information provided including the preference expressed for the use of line markings rather than poles, ropes or PVC/equestrian fencing. It was suggested the issue be discussed at the Presidents/Treasurers/Secretaries meeting. Directors were asked to forward any questions on the grounds to the General Manager.

Directors agreed that:

1. Safedig Options be progressed with tenders sought on redoing the work properly. The option to cover with concrete paths was not acceptable.
2. Quotes to be obtained for replacement of the Canine Control Council sign at the front entrance.

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

### **Show Dates**

#### Show Dates Requests

Directors discussed the Show Dates requests, noting some flexibility was required on moving shows between Zones.

Directors **agreed** to all the Show Dates as requested.

### **Club Matters**

#### Labrador Retriever Club of Qld – Champion Puppy

Directors discussed and agreed the Rules did not permit a champion puppy under six months of age.

## **NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL**

### New Members for Approval

Directors accepted 87 new applications for membership received since the last Board meeting on 26 April 2022. Noted membership at the April 2022 Board meeting stands at 5,800 plus 728 Community Members.

## **LATE ITEMS & GENERAL BUSINESS**

### Letter from Zone 3 Candidates

Directors approved the request for an open show to be run in conjunction with the Ingham Show Society Dog Section on Friday 24 June 2022.

### Unauthorised Service Providers at Durack

Directors discussed noting the person was not an authorised service provider and was to be escorted from the grounds should he return.

It was suggested:

- Show Managers be provided with directions that any unauthorised service providers on grounds should be escorted off the premises.
- Publish in Pawprints a reminder for Clubs to ensure the appropriate insurances were in place for any vendors or suppliers on their grounds.
- Add issue to the Presidents/Treasurers/Secretaries Agenda.

German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Qld – Request for Affiliation

General Manager advised further information had been provided since the April 2022 Board meeting, with the plan being to re-open the old club.

Directors agreed the request for affiliation from the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Qld be approved.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting is to be held Monday, 27 June 2022 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.