

**SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Monday 27 June 2022**

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 23 May 2022.

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 23 May 2022, as amended, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of previous Minutes – 26 April 2022

The Summary of Minutes for 26 April 2022 was 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, with the revised Action Items attached to these Minutes.

Ongoing Matters

Northern Tour 2022

General Manager advised seven (7) Directors, plus Margaret Norton and Gordon Mayne were attending, with flights and accommodation organised. Gordon Mayne advised the Lions Club would be catering the BBQ and he would continue to liaise with all regarding the events.

Update on Disaster Relief Payments

Directors noted the information provided and discussed the assistance applications. It was confirmed the applications had been reviewed, with all claim forms and supporting paperwork lodged. No assistance applications had yet been received from the Brisbane, Pine Rivers or Ipswich Clubs, which would be followed up.

Directors resolved that further Disaster Relief Payments amounting to \$9,600 as recommended be approved.

National Show Grants

Directors noted the favourable response received from Clubs.

PST Meeting 2022

Directors noted the PST meeting to be held on 11 July 2022 with advertising to continue and agenda topics requested. Zone 2 and 3 meetings would also continue to be held to maintain communication.

Ekka 2022

General Manager advised EOI's would be issued to work on the Dogs Queensland stand during Ekka and a working bee arranged to assemble the showbags. An Office staff member would be on the Ekka stand each day and volunteers briefed at the time of acceptance regarding expectations on attendance at the Ekka stand.

Proposed Amendments to the Animal Care and Protection Act

Elisa McCutcheon provided a verbal report on the appearance and representations made by Dogs Queensland before the Parliamentary Committee. The Panel comprised about 8 to 10 people who were engaged and appeared to value the input provided by Dogs Queensland. Dogs Queensland was also requested to provide comments on the firing and blistering issue with interest in knowing the organisation's opinion of whether the wording of the legislation was correct. It was made known to the Committee Dogs Queensland had a pool of expertise to draw on and a code of ethics which is enforced. The Chair advised she had raised during discussions the absence of legislation on puppy farming and use of BIN registration being ineffectual. It was also pointed out legislators should not only contact the Animal Welfare organisation and pounds for input but include breed rescue groups which the Committee were unaware of. Overall it was a valuable exercise, there was good interaction and should assist with raising the organisation's profile. It was hoped the Committee would consult with Dogs Queensland going forward and not just the RSPCA, particularly regarding the breeding and welfare of dogs.

Re-introduction of DNA Proof of Parentage for all Litters

Chair advised the DNA issue had been discussed at last Thursday's Executive meeting with positive feedback received from members on the matter. Dogs NSW had been critical of Queensland not requiring DNA testing on the Limited Register. To maintain the integrity of dog breeds DNA testing should be reintroduced from a future date for both the Main and Limited Registers with one cost applied. A survey had not been conducted, only feedback sought and it was suggested members should be permitted to have a say on the issue.

It was the consensus of Directors a release be issued in Pawprints on Friday 1 July 2022 outlining the Board was considering the reintroduction of DNA testing for the Main and Limited Registers for all whelpings from 1 January 2023, with one charge applying for both Registers. Interested members would be invited to provide submissions with responses required before the 27 July 2022 Board meeting. It was also highlighted there was no exclusive arrangement for DNA testing, with two (2) DNA testers able to be utilised.

Mr J Cook – Emailing Certificates

Chair commented an issue had been raised at the recent ANKC meeting by Dogs NSW regarding the risks of fraudulent use of digital signatures. It was noted there was no requirement of ANKC or State regulations that a Certificate had to be signed by a judge however there was a designated signature area where a judge could just a stamp or handwritten signature. Carolyn Ryan advised the Constitution and Rules Committee had discussed the issue and it was proposed only the judge's name appear not an electronic signature.

Discussion followed on:

- Issuing Certificates was a core business item, with Directors requesting the General Manager provide figures to the Board on the potential loss of revenue to Dogs Queensland. Consideration was required by the Board on the risks and exposure to Dogs Queensland from outsourcing core business items to private enterprise.

- Aging demographic with a lot of the responsibility of running shows and events falling upon Dogs Queensland office staff. Entry and member renewal systems should be available on the market to purchase and adapt to suit Dog Queensland requirements. Numerous issues required consideration noting risks if relying on one provider for certain services should disputes or problems arise.
- Consider the terms and conditions with the Show Manager and review the contractual arrangements.
- People like to personally receive their Certificates and emailing copies was not considered appropriate.

Ipswich City Council - Removal of DQ Members Discount

General Manager advised a challenging meeting had been held with a representative from the Ipswich City Council on the matter. However the feedback provided was the Council were reviewing the matter. Dogs Queensland had requested another meeting with more senior Council officials on the issue noting the discount is already being provided to members of the Greyhound Racing fraternity.

REPORTS

Finance

Financial Report – May 2022

Directors noted and discussed the Financial Report. General Manager advised litter registration numbers had improved and this was expected to continue.

Financial Summary – May 2022 - noted.

Office Reports

Office Report – Week End – 24 June 2022 - noted.

Social Media Report - noted.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Zone 3 Update

Directors noted and discussed the information provided. Gordon Mayne commented the Cairns Club had received a second grant of \$25,000 from the Cairns Regional Council to replace pavers, with the Club having received \$47,000 in grants to date.

French Bulldog Club of Qld – Dispensation Request

Directors discussed the dispensation request noting the Club was in the process of being incorporated and considered the dispensation request reasonable. However, a remedial action plan or strategy was required by the Club on how it was going to rectify issues and comply with requirements going forward. It was requested Elisa McCutcheon and Gordon Mayne prepare guidance notes on the conduct and proceedings for future meetings of the Club.

Directors agreed to the dispensation request for the three items outlined on the proviso a remedial action plan was provided to address the Club's problems, ensure compliance going forward and a complaint was lodged with Dogs Queensland, together with all material, before the July 2022 Board meeting to enable an investigation to be undertaken. General Manager would need to set a specific date for the Club to supply the required material.

Life Member Dispensation Request – Waterloo Bay KC

Directors discussed and agreed to approve the request for dispensation to enable the Waterloo Bay KC to offer two life memberships.

ANKC Matters

NOTICE OF MEETING: OCTOBER 2022: ANKC LTD AGM

Directors noted, with the meeting to be in person and the close off for Agenda items being 8 August 2022.

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FCI Notification of Anti Competition Fine – noted.

Chair advised the ACCC matter may need to be considered. Work was ongoing to present, if possible, options to the ANKC in October 2022.

Items from June ANKC SGM

Directors noted and discussed the information provided and issues to be considered.

COMMITTEES

Draft Minutes – ADSS Meeting 7 June 2022 - noted.

Junior Handler Committee May Minutes - noted.

Draft Minutes Constitution & Rules Committee Meeting 10 May 2022

Directors noted, with discussion following on timeframes for the close of entries. From a Judge and Committee perspective details of entries needed to be received within a reasonable timeframe to enable preparations to be undertaken for a Show.

Directors agreed a minimum timeframe period of at least 72 hours for close of entries was reasonable.

QDS Elevations

The next QDS meeting was scheduled for 10 July 2022.

Directors agreed to the elevation recommendations for the following persons:

- Meade Oswald – Trick Dog Judge.
- Elon Curry – Full Rally Judge.
- Naomi Shaw – Agility all classes.

Durack Grounds Committee

Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes – 8 June 2022

Directors noted, with discussion following on:

- Line markings with the matter to be added to the PST Agenda for discussion and details provided in Pawprints for feedback.
- Members expectations for an undercover area and costs with the Chair reading the President's message on the issue. It was suggested a Committee could be formed to investigate the issue, with contributions requested to be sent to the General Manager.
- Work being undertaken on the camping area. General Manager advised the fill had been spread, scrapped and waiting for the ground to dry out to complete the work. The area numbers were being repainted to ensure camping area spots were clearly marked. It was recommended a map of the camping area be displayed on the Grounds and also posted on the Dogs Queensland website.

Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes – 20 April 2022 - noted.

CJC

Minutes of the CJC Meeting 3rd May 2022 - noted.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Show Dates Requests/Comments

Directors discussed noting the comments provided by Mandy Schelbach and agreed to the Show Dates as requested.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

New Members for Approval

The 99 new applications for membership received since the last Board meeting on 23 May 2022 were accepted. Membership at the June 2022 Board meeting stands at 5,966 plus 738 Community Members.

Submissions for Life Membership

Directors noted, with the Chair suggesting the matter be added to the PST agenda for discussion and for further nominations to be called for in Pawprints.

LATE ITEMS & GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes of the CJC meeting held 21st June 2022

Directors noted, with discussion following on trainees being required to attend Durack for Speciality nights but not for Field nights. Chair commented she had concerns around the organisation's duty of care should trainees be travelling long distances with events finishing late at night and monies were available to provide overnight accommodation. Consideration could be given to establishing draft guidelines with the matter to be discussed further.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is to be held Monday, 25 July 2022 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.