

SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Monday 25 July 2022

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of interest in agenda items were noted for the Chair and Netta Bainbridge. The relevant Directors did not participate in discussions on the conflicted items.

The Chair, on behalf of the Board, offered her sincere condolences to Marg Norton on the recent passing of Tony.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 27 June 2022

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 27 June 2022, as amended, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of previous Minutes – 23 May 2022

The Summary of Minutes for 23 May 2022 was accepted and was to be published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

The Chair requested she be kept informed of upcoming meetings for the Canine Health Committee.

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

Gordon Mayne provided a verbal update on arrangements for the Northern Tour 2022 with the members looking forward to meeting Directors. Directors acting as Show Manager and Show Stewards at the Woodstock Show was greatly appreciated. With the remote location BYO soft drinks and food should be taken. A BBQ would be held on the Friday with the CWA catering for the meal at \$20 a head. Notices would be issued to obtain numbers attending with Gordon Mayne to provide updates as needed. It was raised with the previous tour in 2016, a \$10 contribution to the meal had been paid by attendees. It was noted the Board had previously agreed to cover the total cost of the BBQ. The Chair thanked Gordon Mayne for his work behind the scenes for the Northern tour.

National Show Grants

Noted and discussed.

PST Meeting 2022

Directors noted the minutes, as amended, for the PST meeting held on 11 July 2022.

Ekka 2022

General Manager advised showbags would be packed on Wednesday and asked for anyone who was able to assist in completing shifts at the Ekka stand to advise him of the times available.

Proposed Amendments to the Animal Care and Protection Act

State Government was proceeding with implementing the original legislation, ignoring any submissions by Dogs Queensland on the issue. Efforts were underway to arrange a meeting with the State Minister on the issue as the legislation in the current form was not workable i.e. unable to use leads for dogs.

The Chair advised she had recently heard a radio program on the Oxley Creek Wetlands and international demand from tourists for birdwatching. The wetlands covered the Durack area and there may be opportunities to partner with a tourist organisation on walking pathways. It was noted the Premier was attending the graduation ceremony on 5 August 2022 and there may be an opportunity to raise the issue of the Oxley Creek Wetlands with her at that time.

Re-introduction of DNA Proof of Parentage for all Litters

Directors noted the limited responses received although there had been considerable exchanges on social media regarding the issue. No feasible arguments had been presented against introducing the DNA testing for the Limited register. Some valid points had been raised in the feedback with discussion following on:

- Whether able to issue registration earlier without DNA proof to enable showing and a period of socialisation for puppies. However, this may result in DNA testing not being completed if the registration number had already issued.
- Microchipping undertaken by vets before eight weeks noting the legislative directive a vet letter was required to support the earlier microchipping and it was safe to do. The question raised was whether a vet certificate was considered a 'letter' and certification of safety, noting the certificate has been signed by the vet and there was a bar code on the vaccination certificate. It was suggested breeders be reminded of the eight week period. If DNA testing was not completed at eight weeks, ownership could not be transferred and the four week period may need to be extended to enable compliance.
- Question of impact on suppliers of DNA testing with likely 70% to 100% increase on volumes which may result in delays. Plans needed to be in place to show the testers, Orivet and Massey, were able to cope with the increased throughput. Based on the expected significant increase in business, it was suggested discounts on DNA testing undertaken by the providers could possibly be negotiated for Dogs Queensland members. It was raised some regional vets were charging \$150 to process DNA testing although there was no proof the alleged charge was for DNA testing and not microchipping. Assistance could possibly be provided in some regional areas however care was required as Dogs Queensland could not be seen to be recommending a particular vet service.
- Continuing education issue for breeders that certain tests were not required dependant on the dog breed.
- Registration fees charged for both registers would be the same. General Manager advised work would be undertaken on the registration systems and the Budget figures.

The Board resolved unanimously that, following consultation with members, DNA testing for the Main and Limited Registers would be introduced for litters whelped from 1 January 2023 onwards.

Mr J Cook – Emailing Certificates

General Manager advised he would review the revenue numbers and bring back to the Board for discussion. The Constitution and Rules Committee had discussed the issue and raised concerns certificates may be able to be altered using certain computer programs. General Manager advised spot checks only were undertaken.

REPORTS

Finance

Financial Report – June 2022

Directors noted and discussed the Financial Report.

General Manager advised litter registration numbers had reduced slightly however increased revenue was expected with the upcoming shows scheduled and a healthy Budget was expected for 2023. It was noted there had been zero legal fees incurred for the month.

Financial Summary – June 2022 - noted.

Office Reports

Office Report – Week End – 22 July 2022 - noted.

Communications Report – June 2022 and July 2022 - noted.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Correspondence from Jens Kollenberg re WDSA

Directors noted the correspondence.

Royal Canin – 2023 Sponsorship Contact

Directors noted the information provided with Elisa McCutcheon pointing out this was an exclusive arrangement. Should Royal Canin not agree to sponsor an event, another sponsor could not automatically be engaged. It was suggested any alternative sponsor/products be raised for approval by Royal Canin should they not wish to participate in any event. General Manager indicated Royal Canin had been excellent to deal with.

The Board agreed with the recommendation to proceed with implementing an agreement with Royal Canin for the period 2023 to 2025.

Director Elections – Quote from Vero Voting - noted.

Ms R Gersbach – Kaninchen (Rabbit) dachshunds

Directors noted and discussed the information provided which was an issue with existing clubs likely to want FCI standards rather than the UK standards. The Chair noted the matter had been previously discussed at ANKC however did not progress. A survey could be undertaken on the issue with consideration required on the questions and content.

Mrs U Greenwood – Addition of a Champion Class

Directors noted the information provided with the Chair speaking to the matter. If there was momentum to progress, a trial could be undertaken at two shows with feedback obtained from exhibitors. All Directors were asked to consider the matter and provide feedback to enable the Chair to issue an updated paper.

It was raised the system was in place in America and perhaps some ideas could be distilled from the US rules as well as obtaining feedback from members on the matter.

The Board were supportive of the idea except for one Director who noted the issue was with the judges and their judging. The Board agreed the matter be progressed with a small roundtable discussion to workshop some of the details that could be included in a proposal for Board discussion prior to consultation with Clubs and members as a precursor to raising the matter at the October 2022 ANKC meeting.

Submissions for FastCAT/Sprint Dog

Directors discussed the information provided noting the issue was also discussed at the PST meeting. A request would be made to obtain a copy of Rules from the American Kennel Club, with Dogs Queensland to approach Dogs Australia on forming a working party to investigate the matter.

Directors noted if the matter was to be taken to the ANKC to develop rules, only one submission should be made, with feedback provided to the two parties to work together on the matter. The two parties were also encouraged to hold Fun Days for the Sport.

Weight Pull Shed

Directors agreed a concrete slab be laid to house a shed for the Weight Pull equipment.

ANKC Matters

2022 Inductees ANKC RAFT Hall of Fame

Noted Dogs Australia approval of the inductee to the Retrieving & Field Trial Hall of Fame being Elio Colasimone.

ANKC Ltd – June 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes - Confirmed

Noted, with discussion held on the rules for Judges showing at Cluster Shows and definition. It was agreed the Dogs Queensland Rule remain as is.

COMMITTEES

Minutes - Constitution & Rules Committee Meeting 19 July 2022

Directors noted the Minutes of the Constitution and Rules Committee and action items arising. It was requested with any Rule changes, details of the old rule and the new rule be included for consistency and comparison purposes.

Discussion followed on:

- Timeframe for schedules with the Board agreeing with the proposal the timeframe should be no later than 72 hours with no refunds provided if cancellation occurred after the scheduled closing date.
- Change of Judge noting there were contractual issues to consider with the onus on the Club to refund fees if Judges were changed. It was noted some judges were cancelling and then attending other State Shows which was a breach of the Code of Conduct. The Constitution and Rules Committee to reconsider the wording of the Rule.
- An explanation be provided in Pawprints to highlight the impact of late cancellations for events.

Two items to include for the ANKC agenda were:

- Proprietary Interests and emergency handling issues, with clarification on the issues and requirements.
- Reserve in Group points when the winner is not a challenge winner, with clarification of the Rule required.

Discussion followed on the proposal to implement a lodgement fee for all member complaints with the matter carried over for discussion at the August 2022 Board meeting to enable work to be undertaken on the categories.

Directors noted the request to update Rule 70.6 and reduce the time period from 7 weeks to 4 weeks in whelp. There was a need to protect dogs, particularly in the agility field and it was raised a bitch should not compete after mating or whelping. Further time was required to consider the change.

Junior Handler Committee – Risk Management Strategy - 2022

The Chair noted the document was well prepared and suggested reference to Blue cards should appear earlier with the need to also ensure consistency throughout the document regarding the reference to the Canine Club of Queensland. Members, new members of the CJC Committee and new Judges should be informed of the Strategy, with information provided in dot point form, a brochure and Powerpoint presentation. The new membership form would be in place from October 2022, with the issue of any objection to photography of children to be advised by exception and juniors were able to opt in or out.

CJC

Minutes of CJC Meeting 14th July 2022

Noted and discussed.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Caboolture Kennel Club Partnership with Dogs Queensland

Directors noted the information provided with discussion following on the Show Dates Schedule for October 2022.

Show Dates Requests

Directors discussed at length the Show Dates requests.

Directors **agreed** to the following:

- Boxer Club of Qld National Show 2024, with Dogs Queensland to approach RNA to seek assurance Group 6 will be judged on 10 or 11 August 2024.
- Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Qld National Show 2023 request granted.
- Northern Classic Kennel Club date to be discussed 26 July 2022.
- Waterloo Bay Kennel Club request granted. There was a contract with Royal Canin as sponsor which may be an issue, with perhaps EOI's issued.
- Sunshine Coast Kennel Club, with rearrangement of some Shows around this period required.
- Dachshund Club of Qld request granted, with the Thursday night a one-off curtain raiser event.
- Ag Show Dates 2023 noted.
- Royal Canin requests for allocation to be put in place.

Club Matters

Zone 3 Burdekin Dog Club

Gordon Mayne provided a verbal update advising some Zone 3 members were keen to establish a dog club in the Burdekin region (Ayr/Home Hill). There would be an initial application to join as a Social Club for the first 12 months, with an application for affiliation possibly made thereafter.

The Board supported the idea and looked forward to assisting where possible.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

New Members for Approval

The 62 new applications for membership received since the last Board meeting on 27 June 2022 were accepted. Membership at the July 2022 Board meeting stands at 6,093 plus 750 Community Members.

LATE ITEMS & GENERAL BUSINESS

QDS Minutes and Financial Reports for March, April, May & June 2022

Directors noted, with discussion following on concerns raised by Agility Club members regarding the holes particularly for Rings 11 to 16, with some capped and others not. The PST meeting had considered the issues around line markings/equestrian style fencing/tape, with a survey to be conducted to gather opinions on the matter.

Directors **agreed** to the elevation recommendations to Judges for the following persons:

- Deb Smith – Scent Work Judge
- Julia Fenton – Obedience Judge

A query was raised on progress for Disc Dogs and whether the ANKC was introducing as a sport i.e. flyball. The Chair advised the matter had been referred to the ANKC Legal Committee and she would follow up.

Donation to Dogs NSW Disaster

Directors discussed noting the significant impact the floods had on Dogs NSW grounds and office.

Directors agreed a donation of \$5,000 be made to Dogs NSW Disaster appeal.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is to be held Monday, 22 August 2022 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.