

**SUMMARY**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday 5 October 2022**

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

A conflict of interest in one agenda item was noted for the Chair who did not participate in any discussions on the conflicted item. There were no other declarations of conflicts of interest.

**Previous Minutes**

Minutes of Board Meeting – 30 August 2022

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 30 August 2022, as amended, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of previous Minutes – 25 July 2022

The Summary of Minutes for 25 July 2022 as amended was accepted with the Summary to be published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

Directors noted the Board minutes of 25 July 2022, Proposed Amendments to the Animal Care and Protection Act, contained an incorrect reference to the 'Brisbane City Council' and agreed the correct reference should be the 'State Government'.

**Action Items**

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Noted, with the General Manager advising Dogs NSW was again closing its grounds due to the ongoing wet weather and flood threat in New South Wales.

**Ongoing Matters**

Re-introduction of DNA Proof of Parentage for all Litters

Noted item progressing.

Mr J Cook – Emailing Certificates

Directors discussed the information provided with the General Manager advising an agreement with Show Manager had not been reached as yet. The lost revenue to Dogs Queensland from emailing the certificates was ~\$20,000pa which was net of expenses and would have to be sourced from other avenues. Any information belonged to Dogs Queensland and there was the need to ensure Dogs Queensland retained ongoing and continuing access to data entered on Show Manager.

Discussion followed on fraud issues and possible manipulation of the certificates and points received. Dogs Australia had removed the signature section and the ANKC had indicated signatures were no longer required on the certificates. It was raised iPad errors also occurred with the need to ensure all entries were correct and data transferred and backed up to a computer. The use of iPads by Stewards should be

included as part of the training noting the course was already detailed. However the training should be at appropriate levels to ensure Stewards understood the fundamentals and were able to meet the requirements. Stewards often felt under pressure at shows and a lot of time was spent on graphs however as the use of iPads increased, the use of graphs would eventually disappear.

The emailing of certificates had been successfully implemented elsewhere with the suggestion two well administered clubs could be selected to trial the system. It was noted Dogs NSW had already successfully introduced the emailing of certificates and Jeremy Cook/Show Manager had been involved in the process.

Directors agreed the General Manager discuss the emailing of certificates with Jeremy Cook and the issues raised by the Board as well as contacting Dogs NSW to discuss the system used, its operation and effectiveness with the General Manager to provide feedback at the next Board meeting.

#### Royal Canin – 2023 Sponsorship Contract

Directors noted the information provided. Discussion followed on the sponsorship terms by Royal Canin, the ongoing financial benefits to Dogs Queensland from shop sales of Royal Canin products, whether clubs should be able to make their own arrangements and what involvement Dogs Queensland would have in partnering in events noting Royal Canin did not recognise the sporting arm of the Club. Food sponsorships for exhibitors arranged by Clubs with other groups were often larger than what Royal Canin was offering to Dogs Queensland and these benefits would not want to be lost. It was suggested the issues of providing exceptions for other dog food sponsors, supplying additional products and supporting Dogs Sports be raised with Royal Canin noting these may or may not be accepted. Some Clubs and subcommittees had also felt short changed on dog food allocations with perhaps a dog food auditor required. General Manager advised the agreement with Royal Canin was still being negotiated and a meeting was to be held with Royal Canin on Friday 7 October 2022 to discuss the terms with any Director welcome to attend.

The Yuggera Sports Club had undertaken considerable work with a number of events being conducted, plans to involve certain specialities and run other sporting events for particular breeds. Billy Bonner was the Patron and the event supported the local community noting Dogs Queensland could perhaps offer behind the scenes support and work collaboratively with the Club.

#### Safety Work at Durack

General Manager advised the matter was still to be progressed. The encasing of the wiring in concrete was an issue and advice and quotes to rectify the problem was to be obtained from the electricians.

#### Items from Zonal Meetings

Directors discussed the following three issues, namely:

- i. Minimum Standards for venues noting these were not an issue for Durack and other well-resourced and established venues. However, other areas across Queensland had varied facilities available noting if a venue was substandard it was unlikely exhibitors would return. It was a difficult issue with a number of discussions so far unable to resolve the matter.
- ii. Heat policy noting the climatic variations across the State and difficulties arising should one policy be implemented. A fixed standard policy was not workable as it would not suit all situations as a range of issues needed to be considered depending on the location and it would also remove the discretion from Clubs. Clubs were best able to gauge the conditions and determine the best course of action to undertake regarding the welfare of dogs and people. For example, Far North Queensland Clubs were mindful of the heat with the first shows in Zone 3 not held until March 2023. The current heat policy

appeared to be adequate noting different conditions applied for dog sports sites. The heat/weather policy would be continually reviewed by the Board with feedback from Clubs welcomed.

- iii. The One State/One Entity concept had gained no real traction and Directors agreed the issue would not be pursued.

Discussion followed on arranging further Zone meetings to discuss operational issues. Directors agreed it was worthwhile to have a Zone Zoom meeting on 21 November 2022 with Barbara Murfet to chair the meeting.

The matter of Clubs having defibrillators available was an issue of interest noting Clubs would need to complete individual risk assessments of their requirements and also pursue funding opportunities.

## **REPORTS**

### **Finance**

#### Financial Report – August 2022

Directors noted the Financial report for August 2022. Litter registrations had again increased with August recording the highest numbers ever received and this trend had continued in September.

Discussion followed on current market pressures, Covid, return to work and the impact upon people's financial position which would affect puppy sales. The Chair advised she would raise the issues of welfare for members, puppies and providing support to breeders at the ANKC meeting. Desexing also appeared to be occurring at a lower age than usual although this was not supposed to occur before 12 months.

It was noted transfer forms contained a 'tick a box' and the wording on agreements such as 'not intended for export/use for breeding' was not a prohibition and was unenforceable. A paper would be required to present to ANKC on providing the right infrastructure, support and guidance for breeders on a national basis and possible solutions to road test. New measures and inspections were now occurring in NSW noting the issue of a Welfare Officer for Dogs Queensland needed to be progressed.

Financial Summary - August 2022 - to be circulated.

### **Office Reports**

Office Report – Week End – 21 September 2022 – noted.

Communications Board Report – September 2022 – noted.

## **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

### Board Meeting Dates for 2023

Directors discussed the information provided and possible alternate meeting dates and days. It was suggested the meetings be held Tuesday nights except for the February 2023 meeting which would be held on Wednesday, 22 February 2023 with a revised list of Board Meeting dates for 2023 to be circulated.

### Brisbane Lure Coursing Club – Donation collection for LC Field fund DQ

Directors noted the information provided with \$130 donated to DQ noting the money was in addition to the ground levy paid. Directors agreed an acknowledgement and thank you letter be forwarded to the Brisbane Lure Coursing Club and the donation also mentioned in Pawprints.

## Dog World Magazine – Combined December 2022/January 2023

Directors noted the information provided and agreed the Dog World magazine be combined for December 2022/January 2023.

## Judges Elevations – Track & Search and Obedience

Directors agreed to the following elevations:

- Lesley Affleck - Track & Search Judge
- Jackie Christensen – Judge Companion Dog Excellent
- Sharon Bamford - Judge Companion Dog
- Keith McGinn - Judge Companion Dog Excellent
- Kathy O'Brien - Judge Community Companion Dog

## Take the Lead

The Chair commented on discussions with an acquaintance regarding a member who had been affected by a series of dire, adverse events and the member's comment 'the Dog World did not care about her situation'. 'Take the Lead' was a US charitable trust started in the 1980's to benefit people who had fallen on hard times. Dogs Queensland funds were available for natural disasters however as a member organisation there were other areas to care for members noting the concept behind PawsAid was a working charitable arm of the organisation to provide support and address welfare issues for members and their dogs. The Chair advised this was a State and national issue and she would prepare a paper headed 'PawsAid' to submit to ANKC to consider.

Discussion followed on the concept noting the US model, consideration to any trademark requirements and establishing a separate charitable trust with its own board appointments of which one could be a Dogs Queensland Director. Directors supported proceeding with the concept noting checks and measures would need to be put in place, mission statements and guidelines established and members advised on the matter.

It was noted there were a number of older members who volunteered their time and made considerable contributions to the Dog World. Discussion followed on whether it was possible to introduce another membership category to provide people with a history of volunteering with a reduced membership fee, for example \$20, to keep them engaged noting they supported Clubs and worked at shows, although not as a breeder or exhibitor. Directors considered the issue was worth further investigation with the General Manager requested to contact other State organisations on the matter.

## **ANKC Matters**

### October 2022 Dogs Australia Meetings: Access to Agenda Documents

Noted including development of a miscellaneous register for non-pedigree dogs. It was suggested consideration be given to whether Committee members should be changed.

### Peruvian Hairless – Dogs Australia Agenda Item

Directors noted and discussed the information provided. The matter appeared to be a 'country of origin' issue and should be referred to the ANKC Breed Committee for consideration.

## **COMMITTEES**

### Queensland Dogs Sports Committee Minutes and Financials

Directors noted the minutes and financials provided with discussion following on:

- RAFT matters with directions to be provided on where the funds were to be banked noting it was Dogs Queensland money.
- Minimum required stewards for all disciplines.
- Judges and the number of dogs and hours expected to judge.

Barbara Murfet recorded thanks to the Board for the rule changes on dogs in whelp and eligibility for competition and proposed this information should be distributed to members to raise awareness. The Board acknowledged the work by Barbara Murfet and assistance provided by Carolyn Ryan.

### **Durack Grounds Committee**

#### Grounds Committee Minutes from 14.9.22

Directors noted the minutes and the actions being progressed with discussion following on:

- A ramp for the kitchen area/cold room noting it would take up considerable room and any design and installation costs were not justifiable given the number of deliveries received. The issue presented challenges as an avenue for loading/unloading goods was required noting the stairs were a trip hazard and lifting onto a ramp was not ergonomic. It was suggested a simple lift for goods such as a tailgate loader may address the issue and was worth further investigation.
- Main field shelters, providing gutters and downpipes to take water away, additional concrete areas and shadows from the awnings with more effective lighting required such as LED or solar lights. It was suggested input be sought from skilled members who may have professional expertise on options or solutions regarding the water, guttering/downpipes and concrete issues for the shelters.

Directors agreed to the quote provided by Hot Flush Plumbing for bore linkages and additional holding tanks for drought proofing.

### **CJC**

#### Minutes of the Meeting CJC – 6 September 2022

The Directors noted the minutes provided with the following highlighted:

- Use of interstate judges at Open shows with Clubs to obtain CJC approval prior to contracting interstate open show judges.
- Fees for lectures and exams of \$200 per Group to be paid in advance and were non-refundable.
- No CJC show for 13/14 May 2023 however the date was to be retained.
- Champion judges being noted as an 'Accredited Assessor' and all breed judges would have this added to the ANKC judges list.

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

#### **Show Dates**

##### Request from SSCQ for proposed National Date approval

General Manager advised the 2023 dates had been posted and the 2024 show dates were being worked on.

Directors approved the request from SSCQ for the proposed National Date.

##### Dogs Sports Calendar

Directors noted the information provided and dates posted. It was proposed a legend be added and the information provided in an excel format.

## **Club Matters**

### Hound Club of Queensland – Constitution for Incorporation

Directors noted the information provided and acknowledged the steps being taken by the Club in applying to become an incorporated association. Members would be required to approve the Constitution noting the Office of Fair Trading would provide a response to the Club on whether the Constitution complied with legislation or required amendment.

### Sprint Dog Documentation

Noted and discussed with a letter to be forwarded requesting the parties liaise on the matter as the Board had decided only one FastCAT submission would be made to ANKC on introducing Lure Coursing Sprints

### Burdekin Canine Club – Social Club Status with Dogs Queensland

Directors noted the information provided and approved the application for Social Club status by the Burdekin Canine Club.

## **NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL**

### New Members for Approval

The new applications for membership received since the last Board meeting on 30 August 2022 were accepted except for one application requiring further review.

## **LATE ITEMS & GENERAL BUSINESS**

### Constitution & Rules Committee Meeting

Directors noted the Minutes of the Constitution and Rules Committee with discussion following on DNA testing of all registered puppies and suggested rule 69.3 (1) change from 'three months' to 'six months' noting the period reduced during Covid. It was questioned whether the change may be premature or an alternate time period required consideration.

The consensus of Directors was the proposed change to the time period in rule 69.3 (1) be approved with an exception provided for an emergency situation. The issue was to be reviewed in January 2023.

### Health Committee Meeting Minutes – 20 September 2022

Directors noted the minutes provided with the following highlighted:

- Canine Herpes project progressing with samples being collected and pursuing opportunities to promote canine research and display of the Dogs Queensland logo.
- Education, use of webinars, support for a conference possibly in mid-2023 which would be run online and consideration of a Health month.
- Keen to progress Health clinics however this involved considerable logistical work which required additional Committee members to assist. Advertising for additional members for the Health Committee was required.
- Survey proposed to determine member priorities for health issues with a draft being worked on for the Committee to consider for submission to the Board for approval possibly by the next Board meeting. It was noted the Board would be interested in the survey feedback.
- Breed specific health issues and how to liaise with all members and non-members to ascertain issues. A breed representative could be used and to include a survey question on whether members were aware of the ORCHID database/registers and other breed information. Information would need to be distributed and magazine articles published to ensure all were aware of the various avenues.

### Show Dates for approval

Directors discussed the Show Dates, in particular:

- Sporting Spaniel Club request for a third Champion Show when only two shows were permitted. Directors agreed a third show would not be approved.
- Request from Northern Rivers Region NSW and agreed dialogue be held. However, the Northern Rivers Region NSW was to be advised of the dates and clashes with the Dogs Queensland agenda which would not be changed.
- Proposed date for a show before the Australia Day holiday in January 2023 was not to proceed as it would be too hot.

Directors otherwise approved the Show Dates presented.

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

The next Board meeting is to be held Monday, 24 October 2022 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.