

SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 23 February 2023

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 24 January 2023

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 24 January 2023 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of previous Minutes – 28 November 2022

The Summary of Minutes for 28 November 2022 was accepted with the Summary to be published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

Action Items

Action Items – 23 February 2023

The Action Items were discussed, including updates and information provided in the Board papers. Items completed were noted with the revised Action Items attached to these Minutes.

Further discussion was held on:

Joint Shows P&L - Directors noted the information provided and recommendation to increase the Ground Levy payable by the Joint Entity. The increased levy would be applied from the first joint show held which was the Western suburbs weekend in May 2023.

Directors resolved the Ground Levy payable by the Joint Entity be increased from \$5.00 to \$5.25.

Pet Show Brisbane - The Pet Show, which was to be held at the Convention Centre, was scheduled for the same weekend as the Brisbane Valley KC Show. Contact would be made with the Brisbane Valley KC, via the President, to discuss holding the Show at the RNA with updates to be provided to Directors.

Club Reporting Requirements – The General Manager advised emails had been sent to all Clubs reminding them of the reporting requirements to Dogs Queensland.

Ongoing Matters

RAFT Issues re Artificial Game

The Chair and Senior Vice-President provided an update on discussions at the ANKC Ltd meeting. The ANKC Ltd had accepted there was a need to collectively address the flawed rules and a review was being conducted into the use of artificial and real game. A report was to be provided to the October ANKC Ltd conference to enable a solution to be determined on a set of rules to cover game and/or artificial game which was acceptable to all States. The only issue raised had been on the submission process.

Safety Work at Durack

Work had been completed with the area scheduled to be used for the show scheduled for 4 March 2023.

Canine Welfare Officer

Directors thanked Patrice Johansen for drafting the position description. The Chair commented a starting point was required with the new position likely to evolve over time as the Board developed more policies and guidelines on the management of breeding practices, breeding and the like. The aim was to be proactive rather than relying on complaints to be made, similar to the role of the Welfare Officer in place in NSW. It was noted there was ambit for the Queensland and NSW officers to liaise and learn from experiences. The Chair noted the idea of inspections of premises should not be a roadblock to progressing the role with the suggestion membership renewals should have an acknowledgement or approval to enable checks to be made on kennels or a dog keeping set up.

Feedback was sought from Directors on the position description with the Chair suggesting the position be advertised to ascertain interest.

Lengthy discussion followed with the role noting:

- Permanent part time position commencing with three days per week although the array of responsibilities outlined indicated it was a full time role.
- Salary to be offered noting an independent review had not been sought. It was anticipated the amount paid would be \$80k to \$85K per annum full time and additional costs for use of a motor vehicle, meals and travel across Queensland would not be involved as the position would be Brisbane based at Durack dealing with issues specifically referred by the Board or General Manager. The work would involve education and conducting online seminars which could be undertaken from the Durack office.
- Aim to be a facilitation, liaison and support role for members and breeders and involve all situations involving the welfare of dogs and people. The existence of the Canine Welfare Officer may encourage people to be more responsive with contacting the organisation for support or to raise issues without the need to lodge a formal complaint.
- As policies were developed there would be three people involved in the inspection of properties, one of which would be the Canine Welfare Officer. Protocols would be put in place with a panel of volunteers and experienced people to assist with inspections. This practice was occurring in NSW and there did not appear to be issues with recruiting volunteers to assist.

Directors required further time to consider the information and undertake research on the role with feedback to be provided to enable the matter to be considered at the March 2023 Board meeting.

Election of Directors

The Chair noted the election results with congratulations to Barbara Murfet and Gordon Mayne on their re-election. The Chair noted she, Ainslie Carius and Patrice Johansen had not been re-elected. The Chair commented good governance and the effective functioning of the Board had been her priority over the past four years with an array of challenges faced. David Weil thanked the Chair for her contribution over the past nine years.

Patrice Johansen and Ainslie Carius noted the election was a democratic process and change was beneficial with best wishes offered to the Board and Dogs Queensland to continue the progress onto greater achievements. The Chair offered her best wishes for the continued success of Dogs Queensland and for the new Board to be unified in moving the organisation forward.

It was noted the Dogs Sports Awards had been held on Sunday 19 February 2023. The Dogs Sports Awards had been advertised however it appeared there was a miscommunication issue with the Dogs Sports Committee to be informed Directors had not received any invitations to the Awards night.

Durack Undercover Area

Directors agreed not to progress the matter given the other priorities to address.

Final Stage of Sporting Field - noted.

Cyber Risk, Data Security & Privacy

General Manager advised some minor issues had arisen however work was progressing.

Quotes to Alleviate Drainage, Light and Shades Area Problems on Rings 11-16

Lighting had been installed with the suggestion Directors visit the areas to view the work undertaken.

REPORTS

Finance

Financial Report – January 2023

Directors noted the Financial Report with the General Manager advising preliminary figures were encouraging. Membership and registration fees were ahead of Budget with numbers similar to the prior year. It was noted increased registrations may be result of the upcoming introduction of DNA testing.

Draft Financials 2022

Directors noted the draft Financials 2022 with the General Manager advising the figures had been finalised. Minor wording for other parts of the report, for example Director bios, were being finalised with the Annual Report scheduled to be uploaded on 1 March 2023.

The Directors of Canine Control Council (Queensland) Ltd resolved and declared that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 12 to 36, satisfy the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures applicable to the company; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
3. The President and Junior Vice -President be authorised to sign the Director's Declaration.

It was noted the successful year was a testament to the work of the Directors, office staff and General Manager.

Office Reports

Office Report – Week End – 17 February 2023 - noted.

Communications Board Report - noted.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Situation in NZ – Aid for Dogs NZ

Directors discussed the dire situation with flooding and the cyclone in NZ. The Chair advised she had, on behalf of Dogs Queensland, contacted Brian Harris, the President Dogs NZ to offer support. Discussion followed on providing assistance to Dogs NZ via a donation.

Directors resolved a donation of \$5,000 be made to Dogs NZ.

Directors noted the Paws Aid Show was scheduled for Anzac Day, 25 May 2023 with the suggestion the funds raised from the event be donated to Dogs NZ. Consideration was given to whether to conduct a second show involving Qld judges, however this would require additional work and reorganisation.

Directors agreed only one show be held with the proceeds to be donated to Dogs NZ highlighting the Anzac spirit and close cooperation between Australia and NZ. Donations for a raffle would be sought and media opportunities pursued to promote the charity day with the aim to increase attendances and raise more funds.

ANKC (Dogs Australia) Matters

FCI Committee for Dog Welfare and Health – Booklets for the everyday dog keeper - noted.

Dogs Australia Ltd – Professor Ballard Meeting – 25 January 2023

Directors noted the information provided and the need for more scientific resources to be available to Dog organisations to enable them to be better informed on 'hot' issues.

Notice of Dogs Australia Special Board Meeting: 17 June 2023 - noted.

Dogs Australia – National Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee: March 2023 Meeting Agenda & Referenced Documents - noted.

Dogs Australia – Handling Dogs at CACIB Shows

Directors discussed the information provided noting the application of FCI Regulation Part 12 Restrictions for judges at CACIB Shows effectively meant a judge could not handle anyone else's dog. In addition veterans and junior classes were also required to be included on the list for FCI/CACIB shows. General Manager suggested any enquiries on juniors be referred to the office.

COMMITTEES

Durack Grounds Committee - nil

Qld Dog Sports Committee

Sprint Dog Social Club – Name Approval

Lengthy discussion was held on:

- the proposed name 'Sprint Dog';
- whether registration as a trademark or business name and the entity or party to have ownership;
- the need to provide all required documentation for establishing a Social Club and if incorporated for consideration; and
- ANKC Ltd yet to consider the matter.

It was noted Dogs Australia should register the trademark, if it was registerable and the Board should not take any steps which may impair the process. It was suggested investigations be undertaken on whether

a reservation of the name was possible. The wording for Pawprints referred to the '100m sprint' to ensure it was grammatically correct to enable promotion to be undertaken. It was noted the Social Club wished to conduct its own bank account, therefore a legal entity would need to be established to satisfy bank requirements.

Directors agreed with the use of the name 'Sprint Dog'.

RAFT Committee – Donation for Dokken

Directors agreed a \$500 donation be made to RAFT for the purchase of Dokken ducks.

DOTY Committee

Submission from DOTY Committee

Directors discussed whether the Dog of the Year competition should continue or not progress with any monies paid to date refunded.

Directors agreed not to pursue the Dog of the Year proposal with the new Board to determine the future of the event in 2024 and beyond. The dates for the support shows for DOTY were to be retained in July 2023 and December 2023 noting Paws Aid events could be scheduled instead.

Conformation Judges Committee - nil.

National Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee

Summary of Health Survey Data

Directors noted the information and survey results with the following highlighted:

- Top three health conditions of concern being hips, heart and epilepsy.
- 70% of those surveyed were interested in attending a health screening clinic conducted by Dogs Queensland.
- Clinics of interest were identified as:
 - eyes
 - heart; and
 - titer testing for any antibodies present. Vet clinics undertake titer testing although access to the service may be limited and costly which added credence to the argument to vaccinate dogs. It was suggested it may be more about education and providing information on how, what to do, who to contact and where to send tests to obtain results. This was an issue for further discussion at the next Committee meeting.
- Education topics with the preferred method being livestreaming followed by webinars and then face-to-face.

Canine Health Update – Canine Herpes virus Project

It was noted testing kits were yet to arrive. A webinar would be planned and the Project was considered a good investment of funds by Dogs Queensland.

Canine Health – Funding for Ehrlichiosis Prevention

Lengthy discussion following on the disease and although it not contagious it was easily spread noting ticks were the vector of the pathogens. The situation was chronic and needed to be urgently addressed with education required and information circulated. Concerns had been raised in relation to dog entries for the Ekka and the possibility of adding wording on the entry forms requiring anti-tick medication to be administered so many weeks before entry. This was problematic particularly for people who opposed

vaccination for their animals. A Vet had expressed interest in assisting with providing information on the disease and conducting seminars and presentations.

An email from Hugh Gent, President of Royal NSW Canine Council regarding Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC) and work in indigenous communities where the disease was endemic was read. If the disease was permitted to spread to the wider dog population this would be disastrous and potentially wipe out members' dogs. Dogs Queensland were encouraged to support the work of AMRRIC to stop the spread of the disease by implementing preventative measures such as education officers and anti-parasite programs to alleviate the suffering of animals from external parasites.

The Chair commented this would be a good cause for Dogs Queensland to support with funding provided to AMRRIC. A request should be made the focus of the research from the monies donated should be on remote communities in Queensland. Paws Aid Shows may be able to raise additional funds to contribute to the research program as well.

Directors agreed a \$3,000 contribution be made to the organisation Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities, with the request the funds be applied to benefit dogs in remote Queensland communities.

To compliment the funding to AMRRIC, the Vet could be invited to provide a presentation to the Board on information available and if resources could be provided for a members education program. This could be via a recorded seminar which all members in Queensland would be able to access. Initial discussions would be held via Zoom with the Vet to assess the best way forward with the aim for a presentation to the March 2023 Board meeting.

Directors agreed the matter was urgent and action needed to be taken now rather than wait for the new Board. It was also suggested lobbying of the Federal Government may be an avenue to pursue although Dogs Australia, as the national body, should be taking this action.

Constitution & Rules Committee

Disciplinary Tribunal Handbook

Directors agreed to endorse the Disciplinary Tribunal Handbook. All those who had been involved in developing the Handbook were thanked for their work and contribution.

Constitutional Query

Directors noted the wording in the Constitution 'or such other offices as determined'. The Board at the time of the office relocation would have determined the location change with the minutes reflecting the decision therefore no changes to the constitution were required.

Constitution and Rules Committee – Draft Minutes – 14 February 2023

Directors noted and discussed:

- The draft rules of association for the Cairns Club were ready to be lodged with the Office of Fair Trading.
- Work was underway on the grievance procedure.
- Inclusion of ANKC Ltd regulation 4.1 and change from 'proprietary interest' to ownership interest' reflected in updates for various Dogs Queensland Rules.
- Reserve in Group points situation still to be clarified.
- Review of Rule 68.17 noted.

Constitution and Rules – Rule 69.3

Directors discussed Rule 69.3 (1) and whether to alter the three month period back to six months. The CJC Committee was requested to consider the matter and provide a recommendation to the Board.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Show Dates for Approval

The Directors approved the requests, which had been reviewed, for the:

- Poodle Club of Qld
- Shetland Sheepdog Club of Qld
- Atherton Tableland Kennel Club
- Sporting Spaniel Club of Qld

Club Matters

Approval for Sports in Association with Shetland Sheepdog Breed National

Directors approved the request for a number of dogs sports to be conducted in association with Shetland Sheepdog Breed National.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

New Members for Approval

The 90 new applications for membership received since the last Board meeting on 24 January 2023 were approved. Membership currently stands at 4,636 plus 851 Community Members.

LATE ITEMS & GENERAL BUSINESS

Herding Rules Alteration

It was a mandatory requirement in Queensland for dogs to complete the herding test. This meant dogs had been tested against sheep and deemed safe to participate in a real trial with an extra level of observing the dog being for safety purposes. Further work would be undertaken on the required wording for the rules.

Directors agreed the Herding Test be made mandatory for Queensland and the qualification for the Herding Test be a prerequisite for participation in a PT test.

Health Committee Meeting – 17 January 2023 – noted.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The following upcoming meetings were noted:

- Board meeting on Tuesday, 28 March 2023 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.
- Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 29 March 2023 at 7pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.