

SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 28 March 2023

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 23 February 2023

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 23 February 2023, as amended, were accepted.

Summary of previous Minutes – 24 January 2023

The Summary of the previous Minutes of 24 January 2023 was carried over to the April 2023 Board meeting.

Action Items

Action Items – 28 March 2023

The Action Items were discussed, noting updates, information provided in the Board papers and items completed.

Ongoing Matters

Pet Show Brisbane

Directors discussed the information provided noting earlier notification should have been provided with Dogs Queensland unable to commit to the agreement presented due to a clash with scheduled shows. The organisation would be able to participate in the Pet Show Brisbane with a Dogs Queensland stand noting breeder clubs were able to attend the pet Show if interested.

Canine health -Ehrlichiosis Prevention – Presentation by Vet Margie Bale

The presentation was to be rescheduled.

Canine Welfare Officer

Directors discussed the Position Description provided noting the following suggestions:

- Organisational Chart to be added.
- Key selection criteria to be answered such as technical skills, capabilities and core and behavioural values.

The Canine Welfare Officer Position Description was to be updated.

Final Stage of Sporting Field

General Manager advised work was progressing.

Cyber Risk, Data Security & Privacy

Noted standing item with no update at this time.

AGM 2023

Discussion followed on arrangements and attendances, including the newly elected Directors, for the AGM on Wednesday, 29 March 2023 at 7.00pm.

Arrangements for ANZAC Day 2023

General Manager noted arrangements were in place with invitations to be issued. It was suggested media coverage be pursued to highlight the ANZAC connection and the donation of funds raised from the event being donated to Dogs NZ.

REPORTS

Finance

Financial Report – February 2023

Directors noted the Financial Report with the General Manager advising it had been a positive start to 2023. Membership renewals were due by COB Friday 31 March 2023 with follow ups underway.

General Manager advised scenarios for DNA testing had been developed, for example seven dogs tested with one dog failing noting under the current Rules the one dog could not be placed on the Limited Register. Dispensation may be required on a case by case basis particularly in remote areas or where the dog had been sold and could not be retested. Directors noted the overarching principle was the integrity of the breed register with any dispensation to be an isolated occurrence.

Financial Summary – February 2023 - noted.

Office Reports

Office Report – Week End – 24 March 2023 - noted.

Communications Board Report – February/March 2023 - noted.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

RNA Ekka 2023

Directors noted and discussed the information provided including the location of the stand. The consensus of Directors was a presence at the RNA Ekka 2023 should be maintained by Dogs Queensland to promote and showcase the organisation. It was suggested coverage of the Ekka in Pawprints be increased and EOI's called from breeders to attend the stand with their dogs for approximately an hour at any time. It had been shown public interest in the Dogs Queensland stand increased significantly when dogs were present.

Directors agreed the RNA Sponsorship agreement be signed.

ANKC (Dogs Australia) Matters

Electronic Motion #205 – Regulations Part 2 – Judges: Amendment - noted.

February 2023 Special Board Meeting Agenda Item – Rules of the Conduct of retrieving Trials for Gundogs – Amendment - noted.

Formation of Fast Cat Sprint Dog Working Party

Directors noted the information provided with nominations for the Fast Cat Sprint Dog Working Party to be provided by 14 April 2023.

February 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes - noted.

Notice of Urgent meeting of the Dogs Australia Board of Directors - noted.

COMMITTEES

Durack Grounds Committee

Final Grounds Meeting Minutes February 2023 - noted.

Conformation Judges Committee

Minutes of the CJC Meeting – 28 February 2023 - noted.

Change to Judge's Code of Practice and Conduct

Directors agreed to amend the Judge's Code of Practice and Conduct to adopt the Dogs Australia version with the inclusion of Clause (13) from the original Dogs Queensland Code of Practice, making it number (25).

National Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee

National Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee Meeting 17 March 2023 – Report on Meeting

EMC provided a detailed verbal report on matters discussed, noting:

- DNA testing was in progress with a copy of the original list of diseases circulated to breed clubs for feedback.
- Surveys to be issued to address regulations for minimum breeding age across all States.
- Professor Ballard report and advice provided on merle colour for bulldogs with results to be added to ORCHID.
- Ban on breeds and recommended steps taken with published results to be issued.
- Respiratory Function Grading scheme roll out occurring with a training day to be conducted for Queensland Vets in August/September 2023 with Clubs to provide a list of interested parties.
- Ehrlichiosis and considerable concern regarding the rapid spread of the disease. An urgent press release had been issued although there was confusion regarding the meaning of the second paragraph and the brand of tick collar to use. Clarification wording was required however it was suggested the release be included as an attachment in Pawprints given the urgency of the situation. Concerns had been raised about dog entries for the Ekka and the possibility of adding wording on the entry forms requiring anti-tick medication to be administered noting the Vet, Margie Bale, had expressed interest in assisting with the matter. It was suggested a trial of the dog show forms be undertaken by Dogs NSW at the Sydney Royal Show.
- Surgical insemination with some groups wanting a prohibition of the procedure.
- Other items addressed included Australian Canine Eye Scheme (ACES) issues for ophthalmologists, brachycephalic meeting summary and the screw tail gene, masticatory muscle myositis (MMM) with studies to be undertaken at the Sydney Uni and a commendation for the FCI booklets.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Show Dates for Approval

Directors noted the information provided which had been reviewed.

The Directors approved the requests for:

Northern Classic Kennel Club	Australian Shepherd Club of Qld
Dachshund Club of Qld	Old English Shepherd Club
Rottweiler Club of Qld	German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Qld

The Directors approved the request for the German Shepherd Dogs Club on the proviso guns were not to be used.

Discussion followed on the Central Qld Toy Dog Club and the Club's efforts to raise funds with the issue of maintaining consistency on decisions required. Directors agreed, by a majority, the Central Qld Toy Dog Club be permitted to hold one specialty and two all-breed shows as requested.

Club Matters

Evergreen Tracking Dog Club – Change of Reportable Financial year

Directors approved the request from the Evergreen Tracking Dog Club for a change of Reportable Financial year.

Closure of Southside Dog Obedience Club Inc

Directors discussed the information provided with Gordon Mayne advising further time was required to investigate the matter fully before reporting back to the Board. It appeared on initial review there were a number of discrepancies and proper processes had not been followed for the winding up of the Club in accordance with its Constitution and Incorporated Associations regulations administered by the Office of Fair Trading.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

New Members for Approval

Directors approved the 66 new applications for membership received since the last Board meeting on 23 February 2023. Membership at the point of the October 2022 Board meeting stands at 5,107 plus 864 Community Members.

LATE ITEMS & GENERAL BUSINESS

Media release – City of Logan Animal Management Plan 2023

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

Directors agreed proactive action was required with Mandy Schelbach and Vicki Schneider to liaise with and organise a meeting with the Logan City Council to discuss the Animal Management Plan. It was suggested approaches be made to local Councils to attend Council meetings or other forums to provide a presentation on Dogs Queensland and the assistance and advice the organisation could provide regarding the dog world.

Draft Minutes – Canine Health Committee Meeting – 14 March 2023 - noted.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is to be held Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.