

**SUMMARY**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday 26 September 2023**

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

A declaration of conflicts of interests on Agenda Items were noted for Duncan McAllister who left the meeting during discussions on two items and had no involvement in any decisions made.

No other conflicts of interest were declared.

**Previous Minutes**

Minutes of Board Meeting – 29 August 2023

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 29 August 2023 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of Previous Minutes – 17 July 2023

The Summary of Minutes for 17 July 2023 was accepted, with the Summary to be published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

**Action Items**

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

The following items were discussed further:

- A verbal report was provided on the Sprint Dogs Trademark noting the application had now been advertised. It was recommended preparation commence to file a notice of intention to oppose the application, with the matter to be added to the agenda for the upcoming ANKC meeting to consider. Dogs Queensland Insurers would be notified of the matter when the proceedings were filed.

Directors resolved proceedings be commenced to file a notice of intention to oppose the Sprint Dog Trademark lodged, with ANKC to be approached to consider a joint filing.

**Ongoing Matters**

Canine Welfare Officer

General Manager advised the matter was progressing with confirmed interviews for candidates organised.

Cyber Risk, Data Security & Privacy

Directors noted the information provided.

Directors agreed the proposed Dogs Queensland email addresses for Directors be established effective from 1 November 2023, with instructions to be provided on set up.

### Dogs Queensland Knose/PD Insurance Proposal

Meetings had been held with PD Insurance, however no satisfactory resolution had been reached on the terms of an agreement. The proposal by Knose Pet Insurance was discussed noting there were more benefits for Dogs Queensland, breeders and puppy owners. Consideration was required on the indemnity clause, whether the Privacy Act was applicable to the organisation and advice obtained on what was involved in the authorised representative position.

Directors agreed to cease negotiations with PD Insurance and to pursue further discussions with Knose Pet Insurance.

### Director Expenses Claims

Directors noted the information provided with the examples accessed from AICD. Claims were to be made in compliance with ATO requirements. It was suggested claims for expenses be provided to the General Manager within a period of one month.

Directors agreed to accept the Directors Expense Policy, as amended, with the expenses claims process to be in place by the next Board meeting.

### Joint Shows 2024/PR & Marketing Dates

Directors noted the information provided, with lengthy discussion on the Joint Show and Sub-Committee dates listed as follows:

- Request to reconsider holding a second show on Friday, 26 April 2024 to raise funds following Paws Aid on Anzac Day, noting the benefits outlined.

Directors resolved, by a majority, to hold back to back Paws Aid Anzac Day Shows on 25 and 26 April 2024.

Discussion followed on :

- Agreement to hold the ADSS dates to allow the Committee to consider the matter further.
- DOTY support shows noting the proposal for the Festive Fiesta dates. It was highlighted the holding of events commencing 27 December disadvantaged members north of Proserpine as travel was required on Christmas Day. It was suggested moving the event back by one day or to the dates of 7 and 8 December 2023. DOTY and Puppy of the Year events were proposed to be held in each Zone and there may be the opportunity to undertake fundraising efforts to support Zone winners to attend the DOTY event. The CJC and Events Managers Committee were requested to consider the options suggested and separating the DOTY from Festive Fiesta.
- Any clubs requesting shows needed to have complied with requirements to lodge paperwork with Dogs Queensland, otherwise approval to hold shows should not be granted.
- KAQ requests received 26 September 2023, with consideration on the interpretation of the number of shows held by the club or in partnering with Dogs Queensland and the format. Concern was expressed about the number of shows being held, although financially it was of benefit to Dogs Queensland to hold more shows. However, numerous clashes were occurring on the same weekends noting Ag Shows were also being held. Resources were required to conduct the shows and the grounds also needed a break. It was suggested a concerted effort was required to review the number of shows being held going forward from 2025.
- API/Waterloo Bay KC details were unknown at this time.
- CJC Committee dates in May to be retained in information provided to Royal Canin.

- Caboolture KC working with Dogs Queensland on the November 2023 shows prior to a decision on future partnering. It was suggested the club and Dogs Queensland could partner on the Anzac Day show in 2025.

## **REPORTS**

### **Finance**

#### Financial Report – August 2023

Directors noted the Financial Report for August 2023 with the General Manager commenting the lower litter registrations continued to impact income.

#### Financial Summary – August 2023

Directors noted the Financial Summary as at the end of August 2023.

### **Office Reports**

#### Office Report – Week Ending – 22 September 2023

Directors discussed the information provided noting the year comparisons and downward trend in puppy and litter registrations. DNA testing may be impacting registration numbers with monitoring and consideration required on how to address the issues particularly where innocent parties were involved.

Social Media Report - noted.

### **Exec Items**

#### Alteration of Rule 14.1(5)

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

Directors resolved Rule 14.1(5) be amended by deleting the words 'ipso facto' where they appear effective from 1 October 2023.

## **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

#### DA Judges Badges

Directors discussed and agreed charges would continue to be imposed for the issue of Judges' badges.

#### Correspondence from Andrea Wohlluter – Tail Docking

Directors discussed the information provided noting the issue would likely be addressed in future rules and legislation.

#### Dogs Queensland Specialist Member List

Directors discussed the information provided including members to be excused, removed or appointed.

Directors agreed Andrew Greenwood and Sam McIvor be appointed to the list of Panel Chairs.

#### Membership Dispensation Requests re Titles

Directors noted and discussed the information provided. Directors agreed the dispensation request for points and Titles be granted noting the Dogs Queensland membership had now been renewed.

### **ANKC (Dogs Australia) Matters**

#### Dogs Australia - Expressions of Interest to conduct FCI CACIB Shows

Directors discussed the information provided and noted the 2024 show request may be too late as 18 months' notice was required.

## Dogs Australia – Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Show Amendments Effective 1 January 2024

Directors discussed the information provided, noting consideration may be required on providing assistance to clubs and having ramps located at specific areas. It was suggested the ramp providers be contacted to ascertain whether discounts could be negotiated.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Durack Grounds**

#### Grounds Committee Minutes - 13 September 2023

Directors noted the information provided, with the work scheduled for October 2023 being separate dates of 18 October 2023 and 25 October 2023, not a continuous period.

It was suggested changes be made to the cleaning times for the showers on the grounds, which had been occurring when people were using the facilities. Staff should also be instructed to use appropriate safety equipment when cleaning, for example wearing gloves.

### **Queensland Dog Sports**

#### Request from QDS Committee

Directors agreed to the request for Dogs Queensland to contribute \$1,000 each for the Trick Dog and DWD Nationals in 2024.

#### Qld Dogs Sports Committee Financial Report for August 2023 - noted.

#### Purchase of Additional Show Panel Picket Fencing

Noted no new show panel picket fencing would be purchased.

#### QDS Committee – Judges Elevations

Directors agreed to the following Judges elevations:

- Dan Neilsen – Tracking Judge
- Sharon Bamford – Open Class Obedience Elevation
- Dr Jeanette Durante – Scent Work All Classes
- Miss Stephanie Yoon – Scent Work All Classes
- Ms Katrina Santas – Endurance Test

#### QDS Committee – Sallyanne Peters – Issue with Walking Stick

Directors discussed the information provided noting consideration on the procedures, strategies and Rule changes were required to address challenges for people with a disability.

#### Qld Dogs Sports Committee Minutes and further Financial Report – August 2024 - noted.

### **Conformation Judges & Events Managers**

#### CJC & Events Managers Meeting Minutes

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

### **Canine Health**

Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Breeding Dogs and their Progeny - noted.

Canine Health Committee Minutes - 19 September - noted.

## **Constitution and Rules**

Minutes and Items from the Constitution and Rules Committee

Clarification of Rule 70.6 and 71.4

Information Sessions – Updated Rules of Association for Incorporated Affiliates

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

Directors supported the roll out of information sessions on the updated Rules of Association including face to face meetings and webinars. Directors agreed to the recommendations on the Exhibition Schedule and timing for a club to advertise and promote an upcoming event.

Directors resolved to approve the revised Constitution and Rules Committee Charter.

It was suggested all Dogs Queensland Committees ensure their Charters were up to date and in place.

Discussion followed on the proposal to amend the definition of ‘suspension’ and Rules 19.3(5) and 71. Directors agreed the issue was to be referred back to the Constitution and Rules Committee for further consideration.

Consideration of changes to Rule 68.17 and other matters outlined in the paper were to be held over.

## **Marketing and Public Relations**

Dog Lovers Festival Brisbane 9-10 March 2024

Directors discussed the information provided noting the contract terms were to be reviewed. Approaches had been made to involve Dogs Queensland first before approaching the clubs. It was noted care was required on the involvement of certain breeders at exhibitions.

Directors agreed to move forward with discussions on Dogs Queensland participation in the Dog Lovers Festival in 2024.

PR & Marketing Committee Minutes - noted.

DOTY Rules 2023 for approval

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

Directors resolved to accept the Dog of the Year Rules 2023 as tabled.

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

### **Show Dates**

Show Dates for Approval

Directors noted and discussed the information provided and changes requested.

Directors **approved** the requests as follows:

Mt Larcom and District Show Society	Sarina Kennel Club
Isis and District Canine	Nanango Show Society

Discussions were to be held with the Labrador Retriever Club of Qld on the reorganisation of dates.

Conditional approval was provided on the request by the Charters Towers Kennel Club, subject to the club forming a committee and holding an AGM by the end of 2023.

### **Club Matters**

Annual Reports in Arrears - carried over to the next Board meeting.

### **NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL**

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Discussion followed on the membership applications received since the last Board meeting on 29 August 2023, with 94 new applications approved. Membership as at the 26 September 2023 Board meeting stood at 6,010 plus 912 Community Members

### **LATE ITEMS & GENERAL BUSINESS**

Show Dates – Email from Ekka

Directors noted the information and prior agreement for the Club and the RNA to work together.

Proposal for Puppy Classes - carried over to the next Board meeting.

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

The next Board meeting is to be held Tuesday, 24 October 2023 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.