

SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday 23 January 2024

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

A declaration of conflicts of interest was noted for Duncan McAllister who had no involvement in discussions regarding the relevant matter. No other conflicts of interest were declared.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 28 November 2023

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 28 November 2023, as amended, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of Previous Minutes – 24 October 2023

The Summary of Minutes for 24 October 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 noted, including updates, information provided in the Board papers and items completed with the revised Action Items attached to the Minutes.

Ongoing Matters

Dogs Queensland/Knose Insurance Proposal

It was noted Dogs Queensland's Insurance Brokers had raised queries on the Knose Insurance proposal and numerous changes would also be required to Dogs Queensland Rules to accommodate the arrangement. General Manager commented all insurances were now in place and suggested discussions be held with the Insurance Broker to ascertain what Dogs Queensland may be able to undertake, or not undertake under the proposal.

SprintDog- Summary and Update for DQ

Directors noted the information in the Board papers with the matter resolved early at minimal cost to Dogs Queensland and the ANKC. The work by Elisa McCutcheon and the General Manager was acknowledged.

REPORTS

Finance

Financial Report – November 2023 - noted.

Financial Report – December 2023 - noted.

Financial Summary – December 2023

Directors noted the Financial Summary as at 31 December 2023, with the General Manager highlighting the key aspects, including:

- A profit of \$231,618.98 noting the comparative profit figures for the previous four years.

- Membership/affiliation/registration income was below Budget and reminders would continue to be issued for membership renewals. Discussion followed on consideration being given to adding a link in the Show Manager system to identify if a person was financial or not when trying to enter a show.
- Insurance premiums were higher at \$160k, with appropriate cover now in place and all policies available to view by Directors if required. More engagement would be undertaken with the Broker and if no issues arose during 2024, it was hoped the premiums would reduce.

Office Reports

Office Report – Week Ending – 19 January 2024 - noted.

December – January Social Media Report - noted.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

ATO Changes in reporting for Sporting Clubs

Directors noted and discussed the information provided, with the ATO link on changes in reporting for sporting clubs to be published in Paw Prints for all to access.

Review – Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for the Breeding of Dogs and their Progeny

Directors noted the extensive information provided, highlighting:

- The considerable work by the Canine Welfare and Liaison Officer on the matter.
- There was insufficient knowledge by the regulators on the issue of deleterious genes.
- Line breeding and questions on how the matter was to be policed noting genuine breeders would document the pedigree.
- Ongoing discussions and building the relationship with the RSPCA to present a unified stance on the standards and guidelines to the State Government.

Proposal and Documents – Annual Submission Form Link for the Board

Directors noted and discussed the information provided. The Canine Welfare and Liaison Officer had met with the Constitution and Rules Committee and her work on the matter was acknowledged. It was noted the power of entry was a major issue to address. The Constitution and Rules Committee supported the merit of the proposal, however further time was required to consider Rule changes and consult with members to ensure the right balance and correct messaging was achieved.

Member Assistance Flood/Cyclone Relief

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

Directors agreed the review and approval of applications for member assistance flood/cyclone relief be delegated to the Executive Committee. It was suggested a policy framework was required with guidelines developed to cover areas such as eligibility criteria, how to make an application, evidence to provide and limits on amounts applied for.

Directors agreed the matter be referred to the Constitution and Rules Committee to develop a policy framework for member assistance flood/cyclone relief.

ANKC (Dogs Australia) Matters

Mrs U Greenwood – Letter to the ANKC dated 12 October and Memorandum of Suggested Amendments

Directors noted and discussed the information provided. Directors agreed the matter be referred to the ANKC for the June 2024 meeting.

Dogs Australia February 2024 Special Board Meeting – Agenda Documents and Access to Zoom Meeting Link
Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

COMMITTEES

Durack Grounds

Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes – December 2023

Grounds Committee Minutes – January 2024 2023

Directors noted the information provided, with discussion following on:

- Additional fill on the grounds and building rectification work.
- Road markings noting the quote provided.

Directors agreed to proceed with the 'Emergency Vehicles Only' road markings by Line Markers totalling \$1,421.75.

Discussion followed on the stairs at the rear of the building and a post not being correctly bolted. Details of the work being undertaken and the design requirements needed to be viewed to be able to compare any quotes provided on a 'like for like' basis.

Update on renovation of Rings 1-10

Discussion followed on the renovation of Rings 1-10 noting mowing needed to be urgently completed. General Manager advised he would follow up with the contractor on undertaking the work prior to the weekend otherwise alternative arrangements would need to be made.

Quote to fix broken pipe leading from Campers Toilets

Directors noted the information provided and the urgency to fix the broken pipe. Discussion followed on the quotes provided and the variation in pricing, the proposed work to be completed, whether a full evaluation was required to assess the whole pipeline and possible alternatives such as relocating the pipes and/or pit. A further contact to obtain a quote on work required was offered.

Directors requested the General Manager explore options on relocating the pipework, changing the pits and to discuss the matter with the plumber to obtain advice on timeframes and whether Council approvals were required.

Durack Maintenance Issues

Directors noted the information provided and quotes for the required maintenance work. Discussion followed on:

- Whether three quotes were required, with the suggestion a threshold amount should be put in place given the amounts involved were small.
- Establishing a delegation framework, with the authority to approve and progress work up to a certain dollar amount able to be approved by a Committee or the General Manager.
- The Committee Charter would need to document the delegation of authority power. It was noted Committees reported to the Board therefore Directors would be kept informed on expenditure and work being undertaken.

Durack Grounds Staff and Maintenance Details - noted.

Lure Coursing Field Issue

Directors discussed the Lure Coursing Field Issue with the General Manager advising the final dumping of soil had occurred. It was suggested the Lure Coursing people be invited to check the field and advise if there were any issues to be resolved with the surface.

Queensland Dog Sports

QDS Judges for Approval

Directors agreed to the following Judges elevations:

- Tracy Bruhn - Scent Work
- Emily Brumming - Scent Work
- Tara Devonport - Scent Work
- Elizabeth Buchanan – Track & Search
- Heather Northover - Track & Search
- Ann-Maree Boyd - Track & Search
- Julie Combridge - Track & Search

Old Dogs Sports Committee Financial Report for December 2023 - noted.

QDS Committee – Lure Coursing Heat Policy

Directors noted and discussed the Lure Coursing Heat Policy.

Directors endorsed and supported the introduction of the Lure Coursing Heat Policy noting the policy was to be added to the Dogs Queensland Rules. The Constitution and Rules Committee was to consider the Lure Coursing Heat Policy and changes required to Dogs Queensland Rules.

Items from Nic Mather

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

Directors agreed:

- The suggestion of establishing a Dogs Queensland email address was acceptable, noting clubs would be responsible for their own email addresses.
- Building a shed near the lure coursing field to be referred to the Grounds Committee for discussion on suitability of items and requirements.
- To provide a letter of support for a Grant application to build a SprintDog track noting the Grounds Committee would need to be consulted as part of the process.

Conformation Judges & Events Managers

Trainee Judges from CKU

Directors discussed conflicting messages on the attendance at the Dog of the Year event by a judge from China and three trainees. It was noted no official training was offered by Dogs Queensland or the CJC and it was not a sanctioned event. Directors requested the General Manager forward a letter to the CKU to explain the attendance was unofficial, the correct processes which should be followed and engagement with Dogs Queensland was required beforehand.

Dogs Australia Junior CACIB Title

Directors discussed the matter noting the form being used was not to FCI standard, was incorrect and there appeared to be no Rules or Regulations to support the forms. It was suggested clarification be sought from Dogs

Australia on the form, when and where the Rules were changed and what was required to meet the standards as the Junior CACIB title had unrealistic expectations and would not be achieved.

Canine Health

Draft Minutes – Dogs Queensland Canine Health Committee Meeting 07.11.2023 - noted.

Draft Minutes – Dogs Queensland Canine Health Committee Meeting 12.12.2023 - noted.

Dogs Australia Health Matters

Directors noted the information provided with support provided on the four key issues outlined .

Dogs Queensland Canine Health Committee Meeting 16.01.2024 – noted.

Constitution and Rules

Minutes from the C&R Committee - noted.

Board Expenses Discussion Paper

Directors discussed the information provided noting the recommendation.

Directors agreed and supported the recommendation to develop a Board Expenses policy. It was suggested the special members list be consulted to select the three independent members to formulate the policy which would be at arms-length to the Board and also protect the integrity of Directors.

Further Amendment of Rule 71.2

Directors noted and discussed the information provided. General Manager advised he would issue a new Dogs Queensland Rule Book noting the Stewards and Show Managers were to be informed of the changes.

Directors resolved to amend Rule 71.2 as proposed.

Junior Handlers

Date for 2024 National Junior Handler Final

The date for the 2024 National Junior Handler Final was to be provided.

Marketing and Public Relations

PR & Marketing Committee Minutes

Matter to be held over to the next Board meeting. It was noted the Dog of the Year event had been a success.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Distribution of A20 Shows – Proposal for discussion and consideration by the Board from Burdekin Canine Club

Directors discussed the proposal provided noting only four A20 Shows could be held per year. Applications had already been received and approved for 2024 from the Burdekin CC, Northern Classic KC, Waterloo Bay KC and Beaudesert KC. It was noted the deadline for A20 Show applications for 2025 was June 2024, with the dates to be published in Paw Prints.

Directors agreed the proposal provided a fairer system, with the following system approved for A20 Show 2025:

- Zone 1 holds 2 x A20 shows yearly.
- Zone 2 holds 1 x A20 shows yearly.
- Zone 3 holds 1 x A20 shows yearly.

Should no interest be shown by Clubs in the relevant zones, a ballot would be held in the first instance and then rotational thereafter.

Alterations to Approved Show Dates

Directors noted the Show Dates had previously been approved.

Show Dates for Approval

Directors discussed and agreed to the requests listed, except for those Clubs which had not lodged the required Annual Report paperwork, any late requests or where the maximum number of shows had been reached.

Club Matters

Club Annual Reports in Arrears

Directors discussed at length the information provided.

General Manager confirmed the listed clubs had been requested multiple times to provide the required reports without success.

Directors agreed the clubs which had failed to provide the required annual report information be advised that, should the required documentation not be lodged with Dogs Queensland within 14 days, the club would be downgraded to a Social Club and Show dates would be lost.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

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Directors discussed and accepted new applications for memberships noting membership at the end of the year stood at 6,242 plus 950 Community Members.

Flying Minutes re Membership

Directors ratified the memberships accepted by flying minutes as tabled.

LATE ITEMS & GENERAL BUSINESS

Grounds Committee Minutes January - noted.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is to be held Tuesday, 27 February 2024 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.