



**SUMMARY**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, 27 February 2024**

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

A declaration of conflicts of interest were noted for Duncan McAllister and the General Manager, both of whom left the meeting during discussions of the relevant matters. No other conflicts of interest were declared.

**Previous Minutes**

Minutes of Board Meeting – 23 January 2024

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 23 January 2024 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of Previous Minutes – 28 November 2023

The Summary of Minutes for 28 November 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.

An update was provide on the Dogs Queensland Trademark application noting an extensive specification had been prepared to cover as many areas and uses as possible now and into the future. The application would be lodge once the logos were checked.

**Ongoing Matters**

Dogs Queensland/Knose Insurance Proposal

General Manager advised a meeting with the Insurance Broker was yet to be arranged to discuss what Dogs Queensland may be able to, or not, undertake under the Knose Insurance proposal. General Manager was to advise Knose Insurance their proposal was still being addressed.

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

A further productive meeting had been held with the RSPCA on the matter and engagement would continue to ensure a common and united stance was taken on any standards and guidelines to be implemented. The RSPCA had accepted Dogs Queensland's proposed wording regarding carriers of particular heritable conditions and also agreed to take brachycephalic breeds out of the review. The RSPCA were also positive about the work the British Bulldog Club had completed on their health scheme and were considering how to develop a similar health scheme or code for other breeds. It was noted another RFG day was being held on 8 April 2024 which RSPCA would be informed about.

One possible point of difference may arise on line breeding and Dogs Queensland would continue to highlight the positives, noting the RSPCA stance on line breeding for dogs should be applied to all other species of animal, for example racehorses.

### Member Assistance Flood/Cyclone Relief

Directors noted the information provided noting the Executive Committee had assessed the applications with payments of \$500 for each approved applicant processed. A further three applications had been received and would be assessed.

Discussion followed on ceasing the scheme with no further advertising required, noting \$4,950 had already been paid out from the Dogs NSW donation of \$5,000. Directors suggested Dogs Queensland should match the \$5,000 donation by Dogs NSW, with the claims revisited to assess whether additional funds should be provided. It was noted a limit of \$500 had initially been set as the number of claims which may be made was unknown at the time.

Directors agreed:

- a) Dogs Queensland to match the \$5,000 donation by Dogs NSW for flood/cyclone relief.
- b) The relief applications be revisited by the Executive Committee to assess those who were meritorious of further assistance to increase the payments up to \$1,000 per applicant.
- c) If the claim was up to \$500, no further amounts would be paid unless the claim was amended by the applicant and the amount increased.

## **REPORTS**

### **Finance**

Financial Report – 31 January 2024 - noted.

### Financial Summary

Directors noted the Financial Summary, with the following highlighted:

- January 2024 profit was \$66k below Budget principally due to reduced membership renewals, although on par with the prior year and lower litter registrations. There had been delays with Orivet testing and it was expected the number of litter registrations would vastly improve in February 2024. General Manager advised some 1,200 to 1,400 members had not renewed with various communication methods used to prompt renewal. Shortly after the Annual General Meeting, it was proposed the outstanding memberships would be divided up and a list of names allocated to office staff to telephone the member.
- Discussion followed on ways to prompt members to renew, noting December was sometimes a difficult period for people with additional expenses, or alternatives to assist members who may be experiencing genuine hardship. It was noted payment plans were not practical for Dogs Queensland due to the increased administration required and added costs. The consensus of Directors was the General Manager had the discretion to offer options should a member be experiencing hardship.

### **Office Reports**

Office Report – Week Ending – 23 February 2024 - noted.

### February 2024 Social Media Report

Directors noted the information provided with discussion following on:

- Social media forums utilised, the number of responses and time taken to upload material. It was noted Instagram and Tik Tok were utilised by younger members under 35 years whereas Facebook tended to be used by older members.
- Who was being marketed to on the social media platforms and building the audience through various means such as shares, likes, hashtags for other organisation, for example Royal Canin, sending invite requests and so on. It was suggested opportunities should be pursued by Dogs Queensland and all clubs to

increase the views with further discussions able to be held with the General Manager and office staff on the matter.

#### Proposal and Documents – Annual Submission Form Link for the Board

Gordon Mayne advised the Constitution and Rules Committee had not been able to meet in February 2024 to discuss the matter noting the proposal impacted various Dogs Queensland Rules. The matter was to be held over to the March 2024 Board meeting.

Directors noted the Canine Welfare Officer had been proactive on kennel inspection and monitoring program and was willing to discuss matters with members. Directors suggested consideration be given to ways to consult with members, for example setting up a Dogs Queensland stand or marque at some shows to enable members to obtain information, raise questions and discuss any issues face to face prior to the holding of any forum. It was highlighted Zones 2 and 3 were to be included noting Zoom meetings could also be conducted.

#### **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

##### Annual Report – Non Financial Section

Directors noted and discussed the information provided, with any identified errors corrected. Director bios were to be updated where required.

##### Annual Report – Audited Financial Section

Directors noted the information provided. General Manager advised the lead Auditor was expected to provide sign off shortly to enable the Annual Report sections to be amalgamated and released on Friday, 1 March 2024.

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

- 1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 27 to 60, 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 2023 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.****
- 2. In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.**
- 3. The President and Senior Vice-President be authorised to sign the Directors' Declaration.**

##### Royal Canin Food Sponsorship 2024

Directors noted the information provided.

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

##### Expressions of Interest to conduct an A20 Show

Directors noted the information provided with the General Manager noting up to four shows only were allowed. EOIs would be sought from all zones with the allocation as agreed at the 23 January 2024 Board meeting. The Shows would be conducted under Dogs Queensland Rules and International Judges were not required.

##### Expressions of Interest to conduct FCI CACIB Shows

Directors noted the information provided, with FCI CACIB shows allocated up to 2028. Discussion followed on conducting FCI CACIB Shows, the costs particularly if international judges were involved and clash of certain dates with A20 Shows.

Directors agreed a request for EOIs to conduct FCI CACIB Shows be issued.

### National Membership Strategy Working Party – Request for State Representatives

Directors noted and discussed each of the applicants for State Representatives. The aim of the Working Party was to propose ideas and suggest strategies to address declining membership noting this was a multi-faceted and complex matter. The representatives need to actively participate and undertake the required work. Julana Akers was recommended for the position, noting her experience and proactive engagement and involvement when running various clubs.

**Directors resolved Julana Akers be appointed as the Queensland State Representative on the National Membership Strategy Working Party.**

Electronic Motion #210 – Approval of 2023 National Scent Work Committee Meeting Minutes - noted.

April 2025 State Administrators Meeting - noted.

### Notice of Dogs Australia Special Board Meeting: 15 June 2024

General Manager advised the closing date for agenda items was 19 April 2024, with the matter able to be discussed at the March 2024 Board meeting.

### Draft February 2024 Dogs Australia Special Board Meeting Minutes & Meeting Summary: Confirmation Requested

Directors noted the information with the Chair commenting many items were either a work in progress or had been referred to Committees. The Chair and EMC addressed the items, noting:

- Sprint Dogs will now be recognised as a sport by ANKC commencing from 1 July 2024. Discussion followed on the definition of 'sport' and whether the term should be revisited noting the State Government Department considered activities involving dog and horse racing a form of gambling, not sport. Equestrian was defined as a sport, however this was a legacy matter. It was suggested the issue continue to be raised with the State Government's Regional Director and Minister for Tourism and Sport to recognise dogs sports as a 'sport' rather than 'gambling'.
- Judges being approved for a period of time had been referred to the Overseas Approval Board to review.
- Changing the order of Judging and including neuters with further discussions to be undertaken and a review of Conformation Regulation Part 5 required before the next ANKC meeting.
- Debate over the use of 'game' had been referred to the National RAFT Committee noting certain States were agitating to rescind the prior ANKC decision permitting the use of replica/artificial game to achieve titles.
- The ANKC refused to change its view on Canadian judges with further information from Canada required. It was noted there was an anomaly where a Canadian judge was being used at a Sydney show to judge all breeds, with ANKC to be asked for an explanation. However, the likely response would be previous approval had been provided.
- Competition for staff agreed, with advice obtained from Charles Sweeney to be reviewed by Elisa McCutcheon to elicit up to six questions. The June 2023 ANKC meeting would consider the matter.
- For FCI All Breeds International status, details had been requested from Dogs Australia Judges on the dates of theory and practical exams passed as well as the length of time actually involved in the training scheme. Discussion followed on whether Dogs Queensland retained such information noting the period may be in excess of 10 years. General Manager commented assistance could be provided for a small admin fee.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Durack Grounds**

Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes – 14 February 2024

Directors noted the information provided.

#### Update on renovation of Rings 1-10

General Manager advised the contractor hired to undertake the work was now unable to be contacted and although half of the fee had been paid upfront, only part of the work had been completed. It was noted the Grounds Committee had completed reference checks and three quotes had been presented to the Board, with a decision made on the contractor. Discussion followed on possible options to recoup the monies paid, including legal action, which would be a costly and time consuming exercise. General Manager advised the work now required had been externally assessed with grounds staff tasked to complete the project.

Directors noted rumours were circulating and suggested a communication be issued to members to explain the circumstances and outline the positive actions being taken by the skilled grounds staff, with a general timeline provided on finishing the work. Information on the work undertaken by the Grounds Committee, including the removal of rubbish, should be added.

#### Quote broken pipe leading from Campers Toilets

It was noted a direct pipeline could be installed across the grounds noting Council approval would be required. An inspection should be arranged to enable the contractor to provide a quote for the work. Directors requested the General Manager pursue further discussions on the matter.

#### **Queensland Dog Sports**

Old Dogs Sports Committee Financial Report for January 2024 - noted.

QDSC PST Meeting Minutes 2023 - noted.

#### QDS Judges Elevations

Directors endorsed the following Judges elevations:

- John and Christine Bourke – Master Class Earthdog

QDS Committee February Minutes - noted.

#### QDS Committee RAFT – Regarding Replica Game for Retrieving Trials

Directors noted the information provided was an issue for Dogs Australia to address. However, Ron Jackson was seeking clarification and direction from Dogs Queensland that the organisation would endorse Championships/titles using replica game.

Lengthy discussion followed on:

- The previous decisions by Dogs Queensland regarding the use of ‘cold game’ and ‘replica game’ in retrieving trials. Dogs Queensland had worked with ANKC to successfully change the ANKC Rules to include the use of ‘replica game’ and the National RAFT Committee was discussing changes on the use of replica game in awarding retrieving titles.
- If attempts were made by other States to overturn the ANKC Rule changes, Dogs Queensland should proceed regardless and use replica game to grant titles. This was an animal welfare issue which could potentially negatively impact the reputation of the Dogs Queensland and dogs sports long term and a strong stand was required. Should other States want to use cold game, Dogs Queensland would insist RSPCA be involved to provide appropriate certification at ANKC level on the manner of euthanasia. Other States would need to put forward processes and a licensed organisation to certify the animal had been humanely euthanised.

- Overseas countries were moving to the use of replica game.

Directors unanimously resolved, as of 1 March 2024, Dogs Queensland would:

- a) No longer endorse the use of cold game; and
- b) Grant Championships/titles attained on the use of replica game.

Directors further resolved if the matter was discussed at ANKC level and ANKC was not prepared to allow the use of replica game for Championships/titles, Dogs Queensland would require an approved person to certify the euthanasia process or the certification of a person licensed to supply the pre-killed game.

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

Directors noted exams were being conducted by the CJC on 27 February 2024. It was suggested consideration be given to the timing of next year's Board meeting to ensure the dates did not coincide.

### **Canine Health**

#### Canine Health Committee Minutes

Directors noted and discussed the minutes provided.

### **Constitution and Rules**

#### Proposal for Rules 46.8 and 46.13

##### Rule 46.8

The proposed changes and reasons for the amendment were addressed noting the Conformation Judges & Events Managers Committee had reviewed and agreed to the changes. The feedback provided on the 72 hours timing had been people were withdrawing entries at the last minute which created additional work, inconvenience and uncertainty for show organisers of smaller clubs with limited resources.

Robust and lengthy discussion followed on:

- The proposed closing date of seven (7) days vs the current 72 hours and the negative impact this may have on entries, particularly smaller clubs. It was contended the change would take away the discretion or the flexibility for show committees to determine timing and accept last minute entries, which often occurred. It was noted most shows were conducted through Show Manager which effectively handled all the administrative tasks and produced required information.
- The consensus of the Directors was the advertised closing date should be the closing date. The reason the advertised end date was different to the actual closing date was because no refunds were issued after the advertised closing date. It was suggested information could be added in the Schedule no refunds would be allowed after a determined number of days, however entries would still be allowed up to 72 hours before the event.
- The wording proposed for Rule 46.8 was clear with only an amendment required to change the seven (7) days to '72 hours'.

Directors agreed to ratify Rule 46.8, subject to an amendment to replace 'seven (7) days' with '72 hours' where it appeared.

The change was to be referred back to the Conformation Judges and Events Managers Committee as the Committee had lobbied for the Rule change. There was a need to clearly articulate the reasons why the recommendations of the Committee were not all accepted given they were responsible for the Show Managers and Stewards.

Directors commented the rationale for the change was to allow clubs to have the right and flexibility to determine times as they so wished, noting some Clubs relied on obtaining entries up to 72 hours before events.

### New Rule 46.13

There was no rule on refunds noting Rule 72 only applied to refunds for postponement, cancellation or abandonment of events. Discussion followed on the information provided noting:

- The general desire for clubs to have the discretion to offer refunds in exceptional circumstances. It was noted providing a definition for exceptional circumstances was not possible.
- A refund of entries paid was not available after the scheduled closing date, except in the circumstances set out. The closing date was what triggered whether a person was eligible for a refund or not. It was suggested seven (7) days prior to the closing date of entries be provided, rather than prior to the event itself, noting different providers had differing availabilities which may cause issues as entries or payments could occur at different times.
- The wording of the new Rule was clear with a minor change required to the word 'circumstance' to 'circumstances.'

Directors agreed to ratify the new Rule 46.13, subject to amending the word 'circumstance' to 'circumstances'.

### Amendment to definition 3.1 Event Manager

Directors noted the information provided with the matter to be referred to the Constitution and Rules Committee to consider due to the broader impact on other Dogs Queensland Rules.

### **Junior Handlers**

#### Continuation of the Junior KC

Directors noted the information provided. Discussion followed on the purpose of the Junior KC which was to educate younger members up to 25 years of age, under the mentorship of older members, on how to run an organisation.

It was proposed the Junior KC be placed on hold until December 2024 to try and form a full Committee, noting all regions across Queensland would be canvassed. Show dates would be deferred and the finances placed into safe keeping on the proviso funds would be transferred to the new club/committee when formed.

Directors agreed and supported the proposal to provide additional time to revitalise the Junior KC.

### **Marketing and Public Relations**

#### PR & Marketing Committee Meeting Minutes

Directors noted the information provided with the General Manager advising the second set of minutes had also been circulated. The Financials and P&L would be presented at the next meeting.

The upcoming events and new options being pursued as outlined in the minutes were addressed, with discussion following on:

- The actions of RSPCA and monitoring Dogs Queensland at events.
- Anzac Day Show and creating an 'Anzac' feel including applying for permission to run 2Up. It was proposed funds raised including from PawsAid be donated to a charity called RSL Forest Lake Assistance Dogs Program which purchased/trained service dogs to match with RSL personnel. It was suggested checks be conducted to ensure the charity was registered and determine who was involved in managing the program.

Directors resolved to support in principle, subject to completing due diligence on the charity, Dogs Queensland donate funds raised at the PawsAid/Anzac Day Show to the RSL Forest Lake Assistance Dogs Program.

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

### **Show Dates**

#### Ekka 2024 Details

Directors noted the information provided, with the General Manager advising RNA were conducting two shows, with the second show being a group speciality covered by the new rules. The RNA had been informed the normal format for the show was to be used. General Manager also advised the RNA had requested Dogs Queensland advise its members they were allowed to bring additional dogs for the stand, even if the dogs were not entered in the show.

#### Show Dates for Approval

Directors discussed and agreed to the requests listed, except for:

- The Australian Terrier Club of Queensland should hold an open day, noting this was the second year with the same request.
- Clubs were able to hold multiple open shows if Judges were available.

#### Top 20 Boxer Event to be held in conjunction with Qld Boxer National – August 2024

Directors discussed the information provided noting the arrangement appeared unusual. No approval was being sought and Dogs Queensland had no involvement in the event.

Directors agreed there were no issues with the Boxer Club conducting the ‘fun event’ as proposed.

### **Club Matters**

#### Cattle Dogs of Australia Association – Application for Affiliation as a Social Club

Directors discussed the information provided noting it was not appropriate to use the term ‘Australia’ and there was also an Australian Stumpy Tailed Cattle Dogs Social Club in existence. The application for affiliation as a Social Club by Cattle Dogs of Australia Association was not accepted.

#### Future of DogzCairns

Directors were advised DogzCairns no longer had the use of a venue to conduct trials, noting DogzCairns may only comprise three or four members. DogzCairns was utilising a Council park for training only. It was noted the Cairns Council was supportive of clubs using public venues and Cairns KC had also tried to assist DogzCairns where possible, including the option to use the club’s grounds.

Directors agreed to write to DogzCairns to advise trial dates scheduled for 2024 would be removed to allow time for DogzCairns to organise another trial venue, the details of which would needed to be provided to Dogs Queensland along with assurances trials would be able to be properly conducted.

#### Bundaberg Canine Club – Request for dispensation re Canadian Judges

Directors noted the information provided, with the dispensation required as another Judge was needed to shadow the Canadian Judge. The use of Canadian Judges issue was before the ANKC to consider, however a resolution may not be reached before the event. It was suggested a drastic measure would be to cancel all contracts with Canadian Judges, which would require the Canadian Controlling Body to resolve the matter.

Lengthy discussion followed on the matter and possible solutions, including:



- The three all-breed judges who were Stewards were David Weil, Janelle Manelle and Sharyn Phillips. The dispensation would allow the Stewards to judge the all breeds, whilst still stewarding for the particular judge he or she was appointed to.
- The Steward watching the Canadian Judge rather than being the actual Judge with the understanding the Canadian Judge was not able to physically judge at all-breed level, however judging group in show was acceptable.
- Rotating the stewards to enable one to judge, with the Show Manager stepping in for a short time.
- The required breeds be judged first at the beginning of the group by the Steward/Australian Judge. The Steward would need to be assigned to a different Canadian Judge, not the one they were in the ring with when the Steward was judging.
- The need to emphasise the Stewards judging were unable to exhibit any dogs.

Directors resolved the request for dispensation by the Bundaberg Canine Club be provided for the three all-breed judges who were Stewards provided they were stewarding and not exhibiting and Dogs Queensland would waive the time/distance rule in case the person was a replacement judge.

### **Inwards Correspondence**

Correspondence re Oodles - noted.

### **NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL**

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There were no new applications noting memberships currently stood at 4,562 plus 954 Community Memberships.

Flying Minutes re Membership

Directors ratified the memberships accepted by flying minutes as tabled.

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

The next Board meeting is to be held Tuesday, 26 March 2024 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.