

SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday 23 April 2024

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Declarations of conflicts of interest were noted for:

- Duncan McAllister on two Agenda Items, noting there was no information presented or consideration required for the two items.
- Mandy Schelbach on two Agenda Items, with no involvement in discussions or voting on one matter and leaving the meeting during discussions on the other matter.

No other conflicts of interest were declared.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 26 March 2024

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 26 March 2024 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of Previous Minutes – 27 February 2024

The Summary of Minutes for 27 February 2024 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 these Minutes.

General Manager advised the Life Member Working party had provided a report including the suggestion to present Order of Merit awards/certificates to acknowledge meritorious service. Recommendations had also been made to award Life Membership to three individuals.

Directors discussed and endorsed the awarding of Life Membership as recommended with arrangements to be made to present the Life Membership awards at appropriate events for each of the individuals.

Ongoing Matters

Dogs Queensland/Knose Insurance Proposal

No updates to report.

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

No updates to report.

CWLO – Annual Submission from Breeders

No updates to report.

Club Annual Reports

Three clubs in Zone 3 were still to lodge the required Annual Reports with the Chair to review the outstanding list prepared. Once work was completed on the matter, any clubs which had not lodged Annual Reports could be asked to show cause, with no shows allocated until the required documentation was lodged.

AGM 2024

The Chair advised information as requested by members was being prepared with assistance being provided by the General Manager and Mandy Schelbach. The information would be presented to the Board for consideration and approval before any distribution.

Directors noted unfounded allegations of fraud were being circulated and the spread of disinformation needed to cease. The independent auditor had signed off on the Financial Statements and no forensic audit was required.

Discussion followed on the business to be addressed at an AGM noting 14 days' notice of Agenda items was required, otherwise matters would be taken on notice and not discussed. Recovery of monies for the unfinished grounds work by the contractor and claim to be lodged with QCAT was noted, with Tim Thomas and Belinda Thomas offering to assist with the claim. Updates on any claim made would be provided to the Board.

GM commented on the Corporations Act noting the protections provided to a Board for reasonable and responsible actions and decisions made rationally and in best interests of the company at the time. Two relevant areas of the Corporations Act included:

- a) Duty of care and diligence, with Directors making decisions to the best of their ability with the information in front of them; and
- b) The business judgment rule for a decision made in good faith and for a proper purpose.

All information was publicly available on ASIC with GM advising he would forward the information to the Chair to use as part of the response on AGM matters.

REPORTS

Finance

Financial Report – March 2024

Directors noted the information provided with the General Manager highlighting the lower registrations.

Financial Summary – March 2024 - noted.

Office Reports

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

Social Media Report - noted.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Durack Oodle Booking

Directors discussed the information provided noting the Insurers had no issue with the event.

Directors agreed the Durack Oodle play date booking for once a month at Durack be permitted.

Correspondence re Orivet

Noted, with a meeting to be held by the Executive Committee with Orivet.

2024 Dogs Queensland Supporter Agreement

Directors discussed the information provided, noting the correspondence also received from the RNA Chef Executive.

Directors resolved Dogs Queensland write to RNA to identify the show was outside ANKC Regulations, with future shows to be in line with ANKC Regulations and the award was for best in group only and any award for best in show would not be recognised.

Directors resolved, by a majority, to sign the 2024 Dogs Queensland Supporter Agreement with the RNA.

Dogs Queensland Insurance Workshop

Directors noted the information provided, with Directors agreeing to the suggestion to hold an Insurance workshop at a time to be arranged.

Emergency Flood Relief available from RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Ltd

Directors discussed and agreed a donation of \$5,000 be made by Dogs Queensland to the Emergency Flood Relief available from RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity Ltd.

New Signage – Royal Canin

Directors noted and discussed the information provided on the Royal Canin new signage and proposed placements on the grounds.

Directors agreed and accepted the new signage proposal, with the General Manager requested to progress the matter.

Director Expenses Policy

Directors noted the information provided noting the policy had been referred to HR Dynamics for review.

ANKC (Dogs Australia) Matters

2025 CRUFTS DOG SHOW – Confirmation of Qualifying Shows

Directors noted and discussed the information provided.

Directors agreed Expressions of Interest (EOI's) be issued for the 2025 CRUFTS Dog Show.

30 April 2024 State Administrators Meeting – Agenda Documents & Zoom Meeting Link

Noted.

Notice of Dogs Australia Special Board Meeting: 16 June 2024

The Board endorsed the attendance by the Chair and Junior Vice-President at the Dogs Australia Special Board Meeting on 16 June 2024.

COMMITTEES

Durack Grounds

Grounds Meeting Minutes

Nil.

Update on renovation of Rings 1-10

General Manager advised all concrete pads under the shelters should be completed by 24 April 2024 in time for the agility trial on Friday, 27 April 2024. Discussion followed on the encroachment of the pads on the agility area noting the area provided should be adequate for the trial. The Chair commented she would discuss the issues with the dog agility group noting they should have approached Dogs Queensland on the matter.

Directors queried the amount of bindi in certain areas noting spraying and then mowing resulted in the spread of burr weeds. General Manager was requested to check the area at the back of ring 16 for bindi. A further quote was to be received to finish all of the work to move the stockpiled roadbase on the grounds. However, the General Manager advised he was unaware of any comments or opinions by grounds staff to the effect the work had not been completed properly.

Quote broken pipe leading from Campers' Toilets

General Manager advised an insurance claim had been lodged noting Urban Utilities claimed the sewer out and rising main belonged to Dogs Queensland, which required clarification. The clogging of the pipe was due to the wrong materials being placed in the pipe, with the General Manager advising he had met with the plumber. The repair work was required as soon as possible and would be expensive.

The upcoming events for the next two weekends were noted, with the General Manager advising a bank of Portaloos had been organised. The showers would remain open, however the toilets would be locked.

Directors agreed the General Manager action the hiring of the Portaloos and fixing the broken pipe.

LED Lights for grounds

General Manager advised LED lights for the grounds were being investigated.

Queensland Dog Sports

Puppies competing at Lure Coursing Events

The Senior Vice-President commented there was concern with adding puppies to lure coursing events and Dogs Queensland should not be promoting the activity. Discussion followed on the age for dogs participating in such events noting there may be insurance cover issues. Lure Coursing Rule 4.1 stated a dog must be 15 months and over to participate in activities.

Directors requested a reminder of the Lure Coursing Rules and age requirement for dogs participating in fun days, trials or disciplines be published in Paw Prints.

Printing of QDS Certificates

Directors noted the information provided with a notice to be issued in PawPrints to remind clubs of the requirement to print QDS certificates, free of charge, if requested by a member.

Scent Work Permission to Trial in non-enclosed footwear

Directors noted the information provided with the Insurer advising there were no issues with non-enclosed footwear being worn.

Qld Dogs Sports Committee Financial Report for March 2024 - noted.

CCD and Agility Classes at the Ekka

Directors discussed and agreed no CCD and Agility classes would be held at the Ekka noting some equipment would also be removed.

RATG Judges for Approval

Directors endorsed the following individuals be added to the approved ANKC RATG Judges List:

- Anthony Turner
- Ron Jackson

Lure Heat Policy

Directors agreed the policy be referred to the Constitution and Rules Committee for review.

Conformation Judges & Events Managers

A verbal report was provided on upcoming training courses including an in depth Show Managers tablet course on 15 May 2024 and 23 May 2024 and a Ring Stewards course commencing from 6 May 2024.

Canine Health

RSPCA Ethical Breeder Accreditation Scheme Report

Directors noted the information provided with the following items highlighted:

- The Canine Health Committee meeting minutes were yet to be prepared.
- A successful RFG Clinic was held on 8 April 2024. The misbehaviour by one Queensland member after the event had recently been raised noting no complaint had been made. Obligations and reminding members about behaviours at meetings or health clinics were being considered by the Committee.
- Concerns were raised the accreditation scheme would be outside of the control of Dogs Queensland. The matter needed to be taken seriously with the need to address self-regulation, rather than having rules imposed by the Government or regulatory bodies.

DAF Dog Breeding Survey

Directors noted the information provided with the survey was due 15 May 2024.

JCU Project Report

Directors noted the information provided with results needed before any report could be published.

Constitution and Rules

Constitution and Rules Minutes

Directors noted the information provided with the following items highlighted:

- The considerable amount of work being undertaken on the review of the Constitution, identifying areas to address and marking up changes noting the flow on effect to the Rules needed to be considered also.
- The Chair was working on the Club Events Manager Book which had been circulated for comment.

Leave of Absence

The leave of absence request from Gordon Mayne as Chair of the Constitution and Rules Committee due to work commitments over the next few of months was noted. The Chair would step in to assist and coordinate matters for the Constitution and Rules Committee during the leave of absence.

Directors accepted the leave of absence request from Gordon Mayne and agreed the Chair assist on matters being undertaken by the Constitution and Rules Committee.

Government and Media Liaison

The Junior Vice-President advised she had completed an ABC Gold Coast interview regarding recent legislation passed.

Junior Handlers

Moorholme Pet Transport Draft Junior Handler Final

Directors discussed the information provided and proposed framework for the sponsorship of the State Junior Handler final.

Directors resolved the Moorholme Pet Transport National Junior Handlers Finals Agreement be accepted and signed.

Marketing and Public Relations

Katrina Santas provided a verbal report regarding the setup of the grounds for the Paws Aid/Anzac Day show. Trophies had been donated by Forest Lake RSL noting there was also a Best in Show Perpetual trophy. Extra events were being considered for inclusion in 2025.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Show Dates for Approval

Directors discussed the requests for Show Dates for Approvals.

Club Matters

Capricorn Coast Kennel Club – Consideration to waive Affiliation Fees

Directors discussed the information provided noting Dogs Queensland Rule 6.1 (d). Dispensation could not be provided and the Club would need to pay the fees to become a social club.

Directors agreed the Capricorn Coast Kennel Club become unaffiliated noting a Social Club status would be assigned with a fee of \$184 to be paid. It was noted the club could reapply to be affiliated when able. The club could also wind up and transfer monies held to Dogs Queensland.

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

Directors discussed the information provided noting the club had not been active.

Directors agreed the application for affiliation as a Social Club was not accepted.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

Memberships for Noting

Directors confirmed the new members applications noting membership currently stood at 5,310 plus 958 Community Memberships.

Flying Minutes re Membership

Directors ratified the memberships accepted by flying minutes as tabled.

LATE ITEMS & GENERAL BUSINESS

Affiliation of SprintDog Queensland

Directors discussed the information provided noting the registration of the trademark was expected soon with commencement of the club expected from 1 July 2024.

Directors **agreed** to accept the affiliation of SprintDog Queensland, subject to GM's approval of the Rules of Association.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is to be held Tuesday, 28 May 2024 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.