

SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday 28 May 2024

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

A conflict of interest on two agenda items was declared by Mandy Schelbach and she left the meeting when the items were discussed.

No other conflicts of interest were declared.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 23 April 2024

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

Summary of Previous Minutes – 26 March 2024

The Summary of Minutes for 26 March 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.

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

The Federal Government were investigating a national framework for animal welfare standards, with a meeting scheduled for 14 June 2024 which the Canine Welfare Officer had registered to attend. It was suggested a co-ordinated approach with Dogs Australia be taken noting an update would be provided at the June 2024 Board meeting.

Club Annual Reports

General Manager advised he had written to all clubs with outstanding reports requesting lodgement of the required documentation. The documentation required to be lodged included Annual Reports, AGM material and minutes, financials and a list of members noting Dogs Queensland had no visibility on the operations or financial position of the clubs which had not complied. Discussion followed on the possible action to pursue.

The Rules of Association for clubs with outstanding reports to lodge would need to be reviewed to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and this may take time. It was noted financials were able to be completed

through Show Manager, with the suggestion a prompt be provided to clubs to highlight this feature was available.

The Board agreed the General Manager write to the clubs with outstanding Annual Reports and documentation one more time and advise, should the required material not be provided within the specified timeframe, no shows would be allocated for 2025 until the information was lodged.

AGM 2024

Directors noted the information provided, with discussion following on:

- The need for an effective microphone system at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to hear comments made.
- Information of the circumstances regarding the work on the grounds and contractor had been provided in the President's message prior to the AGM. It was noted the actions by the contractor were beyond the control of the Board.
- The unfounded allegations of fraud were made without any evidence provided and further action was considered. An independent auditor had signed off on the Financial Statements and no forensic audit was required.
- Planning for the 2025 AGM was required with the rules and agenda to be followed.
- QCAT action to recover monies for the unfinished work on the grounds noting the value of the finished and unfinished work by the contractor would need to be determined. It was suggested legal advice be obtained on the prospects of pursuing an action with QCAT noting considerable resources, both time and money, would need to be expended to prepare a case.

Directors agreed legal advice be obtained on the work to be performed and likely costs for a QCAT action.

REPORTS

Finance

Financial Report – April 2024

Directors noted the information provided with discussion following on the lack of compliance for transfers. The petty cash amount held in the office was noted, however there had been an abnormal number of shows held. Discussion followed on payments to volunteers noting this was a matter for the clubs to decide. The utilisation of a prepaid debit card may be an option going forward.

Financial Summary – April 2024 - noted.

Office Reports

Office Report – Week Ending – 24 May 2024 – noted.

Social Media Report – May 2024 – noted.

Welfare Officer Reports

ANKC Database Review Documents

Directors noted the information provided with consideration being given to rolling out, in batches, any direct correspondence with people who had not transferred dogs to minimise overloading the office. 50 letters had been sent to breeders with around 15 or 16 responses. The feedback had been mainly positive with the opportunity for breeders to update and organise records. Further feedback would be provided next month with Directors requested to send any contact details to the Canine Welfare Officer to enable another batch of letters

to be sent. The Canine Welfare Officer would visit people as part of a Breaches order and there should be no issues if the breeder was operating properly.

CWLO - Annual Submission from Breeders – noted.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Neuter Classes at Shows in SE Qld

Directors discussed the information provided noting neuters were not a mandated class and the matter was at the discretion of the club. Directors requested the General Manager advise the member to support the local club and offer assistance to promote or encourage a neuter class at shows.

Dogs Queensland Life Membership Working Party Report

Directors noted the information provided with arrangements being made for the Life Membership presentations. Discussion followed on awards with the suggestion recognising a Volunteer of the Year award be investigated. There was no limit in the Rules regarding the number of awards or life membership able to be issued each year, with the suggestion any awards should be presented at a Dogs Queensland event.

Directors requested the General Manager undertake work on developing a Volunteer of the Year award.

Vero Voting – Proposal for Elections

Directors noted the information provided and agreed to proceed with the Vero voting proposal for elections. Discussion followed on the upcoming Directors election with the suggestion the notice calling for Director nominations set out the capabilities and skills required for the Board.

Application for Championship Title

Directors discussed the information provided noting the anomalies in the transition from junior to full adult membership be added to the list of items to address when amending the Constitution.

ANKC (Dogs Australia) Matters

Dogs Australia – April 2024 State Administrators Meeting – Request for confirmation of minutes – noted.

Dogs Australia June 2024 Special Board Meeting – Agenda Documents and Access to Zoom Meeting Link

Noted.

Preliminary Notice of Meeting – October 2024 ANKC Ltd Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting – noted.

2025 CRUFTS Dog Show – Confirmation of Qualifying Shows

Directors noted and discussed the information provided. Directors agreed two EOI's be submitted for the Beaudesert Club and Festive Fiesta for the 2025 CRUFTS Dog Show.

COMMITTEES

Durack Grounds

Quote from Newcomb Earthworks

Directors discussed the information provided noting the upcoming June shows. The timing of the work to be undertaken would depend on the contractor's availability with the General Manager and Vicky Schneider to contact the contractor to discuss dates.

Directors agreed to proceed with the quote for further work by Newcomb Earthworks noting the selected quote was cheaper and the work was to be completed on the weekends.

Quote broken pipe leading from Campers' Toilets

General Manager advised extensive cracking in the pipe had now been identified and with the pipe located 4 metres underground, the replacement costs would likely be significant. The suggested alternative was to rent a prefab toilet block, noting the current cost was \$270 per week for a 5m x 5m toilet block, which would be positioned near the vendors' area. The broken pipe would need to be capped and the current building was able to be used for showers and storage. There were a number of configurations for the prefab toilet block with the General Manager to undertake further investigations on the concept and block design. The prefab toilet block would also need to comply with Council rules and requirements.

Directors agreed the options on renting a prefab toilet block and the configuration be explored further by the General Manager. This proposed temporary fix was considered suitable with the General Manager requested to also obtain quotes on the cost to repair the broken pipe for comparison purposes.

LED Lights for grounds

Directors noted examples of LED lights for the grounds were to be inspected.

Grounds Meeting Minutes

Directors noted the minutes provided, highlighting:

- Sprint Dogs to commence from 1 July 2024 with actions being taken for a dedicated track.
- Work on clearly identifying the camping areas and repainting the block numbers.
- Follow up with the office was required on the missing Ring 9 signs.

Queensland Dog Sports

Procedure for the Conduct of Novice and Fun Runs

The reminder information issued was noted with the Chair commenting some members had raised concerns around consultation and input. Directors discussed the activities undertaken noting activities requiring quick changes of direction could cause ligament damage in a dog and the Canine Health Committee may wish to consider the matter.

Directors agreed the matter be held over to the June Board meeting for further consideration, noting the current process was to remain in place.

Elevation for Tracking Judge

Directors endorsed the elevation of Jean Joyce to Tracking Judge.

Conformation Judges & Events Managers

Minutes of the CJC Meeting 7 May 2024

Directors noted the information provided with discussion following on:

- Incidents relating to aggressive dogs noting the reporting procedures in the Rules needed to be followed. The obligation to report incidents of aggression applied to all attending the shows.
- Approach from the Taiwan Kennel Club, with further discussions to be held with Alex Zee.

Report from SACA

Directors noted the information provided with lengthy discussion following on the use of ramps, the list of applicable breeds, the relevant regulations and medical fitness to undertake judging. The relevant wording in Dogs Australia Regulation 5, section 2.7 stated the manner of judging was at the sole discretion of the judge, not the exhibitor. If one dog was ramped, all other dogs in the breed had to be judged in the same way. Judging

of baby puppies was however at the discretion of judges and exhibitors. The wording 'may only be examined on the ground' indicated the manner of judging was discretionary and common sense should be applied.

Canine Health

DQ Canine Health Committee Minutes of Meeting 21 May 2024

Directors noted the information provided. The name of an Ophthalmologist who may be available to travel to country areas was suggested for consideration.

Constitution and Rules

Constitution and Rules Committee Meeting minutes - 8 May 2024

Directors noted the information provided.

Rule Amendments for the Board

Directors noted the information provided with the Rule amendments addressed as follows:

- Directors agreed to the amendments to Rule 20.2 (7) (i) and 20.2.(7)(v).
- Proposed amendments to Rule 40.2 (7) to align with ANKC Rules were not included in the Board papers. The matter was to be held over with further information to be circulated to all.
- The proposed amendment for Rule 44.11 required an expanded scope, with the matter held over for the Constitution and Rules Committee to consider.
- Directors agreed to the amendments to Rules 43.1 (4) and 45.1.
- Proposed amendments to Rule 49, Certificates and Titles, with the amendments for Rules 49.1 and 49.7 held over for further review by the Constitution and Rules Committee.
- Directors agreed to create a new Rule 49.8, Qualifying Certificates.

Government and Media Liaison

Elisa McCutcheon advised she was to meet with the Federal MP and State candidate for the local electorate on 29 May 2024 regarding canine welfare matters. It was proposed the Canine Welfare Officer would attend later meetings.

Marketing and Public Relations

Continuation of the ADSS 2025

Directors discussed ADSS 2025 noting the limitations and requirement to prepare proper costings. It was agreed it was impractical to continue ADSS 2025.

The Dog Lovers Festival would not be held in Brisbane in 2025, with the focus being on Sydney instead. It was noted public days and events could be held in partnership with other organisations, for example the Cairns club worked with the Guide Dogs and the Animal Welfare League.

Ekka Show Bag/Raffle Update

Directors noted the information provided with the General Manager advising the location of the Dogs Queensland stand was yet to be confirmed by the RNA as it had been moved. Directors suggested a specific request be lodged with the RNA to consider the type of exhibitor located next to the Dogs section to minimise the impact from noise.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Show Dates for Approval

Directors discussed the requests and agreed as follows:

- Border Collie Club of Qld change of dates for 2025 accepted. Prior correspondence had been located and there was no mention of an ongoing annual date.
- Caboolture Kennel Club additional show date for the Sunday accepted.

Club Matters

Request from Rottweiler Club of Qld – July Championship Shows

Directors discussed the information provided and approved the request from the Rottweiler Club of Qld for the July Championship Shows.

Gold Coast Dog Obedience Club – Issues with older dog competing

Directors noted the information provided with discussion following on whether an upper age limit should be introduced for dogs competing in sports, agility trials and the like. There was a veteran class for obedience, however the activity was not demanding for dogs and did not involve jumping or intense exercise.

Directors agreed the matter should not be dealt with at State level with the issue of whether a maximum age limit should be imposed for dogs, particularly for sports and agility matters, be added as an agenda item for the ANKC October 2024 meeting.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

Flying Minutes re Membership

Directors ratified the memberships accepted by flying minutes as tabled.

It was noted membership currently stood at 5,445 plus 963 Community Memberships.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting would be held Tuesday, 25 June 2024 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.