

SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 25 June 2024

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

A conflict interest on two agenda items was declared by Duncan McAllister noting:

- No discussion was required on one item.
- Duncan McAllister left the meeting when the second item was discussed.

No other conflicts of interest were declared.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 28 May 2024

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 28 May 2024, as amended, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of Previous Minutes – 23 April 2024

The Summary of Minutes for 23 April 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. Further discussion followed on:

- Continuing the approach of contacting breeders noting the opportunity provided to update records. It was highlighted semen registrations were also required. George Sofronidis was now visiting Brisbane in September 2024 with the suggestion a meeting be arranged around the Orivet screening seminar scheduled for 8 September 2024.
- Term deposits, noting a summary was provided in the financial reports, with Directors requesting the General Manager contact the bank to discuss term deposits and higher interest rate options.

Ongoing Matters

Dogs Queensland/Knose Insurance Proposal

Directors noted the information provided and discussions held on the matter with the insurance broker.

Directors resolved, by a majority, not to pursue the Knose Insurance Proposal.

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

Directors noted the report provided with Directors agreeing Dogs Queensland complete the Australian Animal Welfare Survey. The issue would continue to be monitored to ensure Dogs Queensland were involved in the consultation process and any discussions on the issue.

CWLO - Annual Submission from Breeders

Noted prior discussions on the matter.

Club Annual Reports

Clubs which had not lodged the required reports had been advised their events for 2025 were suspended. Should any of the clubs with outstanding reports advise the documentation could not be provided due to administration issues, the matter was to be referred to the Board for further consideration.

Ekka 2024

Directors noted and discussed the information provided with the location of the Dogs Queensland stand the same as the prior year. It was unlikely the RNA would agree to relocate the stand to a premium area this year with the consensus of Directors being the stand location remain as is for 2024. If the site proved to be unsuitable, a complaint would be immediately lodged with the RNA following the show.

REPORTS

Finance

Financial Report – May 2024

Directors noted the information provided with discussion following on a third party membership system with the General Manager requested to provide a report on the system for further consideration. Directors agreed other system options needed to be considered to reduce any risks associated with the use of only one service provider.

Work was underway on the messaging for next year's membership fees with an education piece likely to be issued around July/August 2024.

Financial Summary – May 2024 - noted.

Office Reports

Office Report – Week Ending – 21 June 2024

The report was noted with the General Manager advising emails were answered and cleared every day by the office staff.

Social Media Report – June 2024 - noted.

Welfare Officer Reports

Welfare Officer Reports - Meeting with RSPCA - Breeder Code Review & Dangerous Dog Legislation

Noted.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Wagz Café Renewal of Contract

Directors noted the information provided including the additional paper circulated. Further time was required to consider the information, with the matter held over to the July 2024 Board meeting.

ANKC (Dogs Australia) Matters

Notice of Meeting - October 2024 State Administrators Meeting

Directors noted the information provided. State Canine Controlling bodies were working on amending rules and regulations to be in compliance with legislation noting any rules or regulations imposed for the health and welfare of dogs should not be in breach.

Notice of Meeting: October 2024 ANKC Ltd Annual General Meeting

Directors noted the information provided with Dogs Queensland continuing to stand firm on the issue of not allowing the use of cold game.

Notice of Meeting – October 2024 ANKC Ltd Board Meeting

Directors discussed the information provided noting issues to be raised included minimum breeding age and collection of semen, use of Dokken and adding 'general specials' to Judges contracts.

COMMITTEES

Durack Grounds

Durack Grounds - Quote broken pipe leading from Campers' Toilets

A verbal update was provided by the General Manager noting two quotes had been received, with a third quote expected. A comparison of the quotes and work to be undertaken would be reviewed and references also obtained. This would be new work, not a fix and the cost of the work was ~\$150k.

Durack Grounds - LED Lights for grounds

An inspection of the LED lights for the sporting grounds was yet to be conducted.

Dates for moving profilings

The profilings needed to be moved with suggested dates of 4 August, 25 August, 7/8 September or 14/15 September 2024 provided.

Grounds maintenance update

Discussion followed on subcontractors undertaking, at times, general maintenance work rather than grounds staff. Subcontractors may be required at times, depending on the workload. It was suggested gutter guards be installed to prevent rubbish collecting in the downpipes.

The General Manager was responsible for managing staff and the grounds team. Should any maintenance or grounds issues be identified by Directors, an email should be forwarded to the General Manager to action.

Queensland Dog Sports

Procedure for the Conduct of Novice and Fun Runs

Directors noted the information provided and the prior Board decision that no training was permitted for dogs under 15 months in lure coursing. The issue had initially arisen due to six month old puppies being allowed on to the lure course. It was noted obedience and track and search rules allowed six month old puppies to compete, however a submission had been recently lodged to change the minimum age to 12 months. The minimum age requirements were to protect the welfare of the dogs and puppies whilst they were still growing. It was suggested any training for puppies in a vigorous sport like agility should not be permitted.

Directors agreed to maintain the minimum 15 month age directive for dogs for lure coursing and that the minimum age for dogs competing in obedience and track and search be increased to 12 months, with the rules and requirements to apply to Dogs Queensland grounds.

State Championship Retrieving 2024 Request for Support

Directors agreed to provide \$500 to support the State Championship Retrieving 2024.

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

Snake Bites in Dog Sports

Directors noted the information provided. The Canine Health Committee had discussed the matter noting there were too many variabilities and unknown circumstances to determine any course of action. If a Vet clearance was provided the onus was on the owner to be responsible for the dog to any continued participation in a Dog Sports event.

Appointment to RAFT Committee

Directors endorsed the appointment of Mrs Wendy Michalk as Secretary of the RAFT Committee.

QDS Judges for Approval and Elevation

Directors **endorsed** the following:

Judges for elevation:

- Jacky Christianson - Obedience – UD.
- Nicky Wright - Sled Sports - Backpacking

Initial SprintDog Judges

- Nic Mather
- Leah Perry
- Melody Darragh
- Karen Gordon

All Scentwork Judges

- Elevation to Ultimate Class

Conformation Judges & Events Managers

Dogs Vic insisting on official challenge certificates, signed by the judge, and not accepting Show Manager printed copies

Discussion followed on the matter noting there was no rule in place which required signed challenge certificates to be provided. An update was provided to advise the matter was being rectified and addressed and no follow up was required.

Old ramp apparently starting to fall apart and not usable

Replacements ramps would be organised noting a minimum of six ramps were required. Directors requested plastic covers for the corners of the ramps also be purchased.

Show Managers not reporting incidents reported to them on the day

Show Managers allowing dogs called absent into the ring to be judged

Directors discussed the matters arising noting procedures under Dogs Queensland Rules needed to be followed. The Event Managers and Stewards Committee recommended Show Managers should regularly undertake refresher courses on the rules. There were 23 qualified Show Managers in SEQ and information was regularly issued noting further educational material could be collated and circulated. Options for keeping Show Managers informed needed to be addressed, including regular meetings held in person or via Zoom.

Directors agreed the issues of aggressive dog behaviour and allowing dogs called absent into the ring to be judged were to be referred to the Event Managers and Stewards Committee to consider the options and report back to the Board.

Constitution and Rules

Submission to update DQ Aggressive Dog Rules.

Directors discussed the information provided and issues raised. The definition of a 'competent' person was considered noting, as a group, Directors were more than ably qualified and possessed significant skills, experience and knowledge.

Directors agreed the aggressive dogs policy and rules be added as an agenda item for discussion at the next ANKC meeting.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Show Dates for Approval

Directors discussed the requests and agreed as follows:

- Pioneer Valley KC accepted.
- Bullmastiff Club of Qld accepted.
- American Staffordshire Terrier Club of Qld accepted.
- Qld Bulldog Club accepted.
- Beenleigh Show Society accepted.
- CQ Toy Dog Club accepted.
- Sarina Kennel Club/Bowen Kennel Club accepted.

Further information from the Sunshine Coast KC was required on the proposed events as considerable work was involved and room required for the Saturday.

Expressions of Interest to Conduct an A20 Show 2025 and CACIB Shows

Directors noted and discussed the information provided with five expressions of interest (EOIs) received.

Directors approved the CACIB Easter 2026 Show for Bundaberg CC and four A20 Shows 2025 for Northern Classic KC, Proserpine KC, Mareeba KC and Waterloo Bay KC.

Club Matters

Request to Double Handle at the API Show in September

Directors noted the request for double handling on 21 September 2024 at the API event, with a verbal report provided on the background for the request noting the Judge was travelling from Pakistan. Dogs Australia Regulations Part 5, Section 4.3 was read noting 'breed speciality judging' was not defined. For the API Show, the breed was being judged differently to the group as a speciality judging in a separate area.

Directors endorsed by a majority, the request to double handle at the API Show in September 2024.

Amalgamation of Ipswich DOC and Lockyer Valley DOC

Directors noted and discussed the information provided. If both clubs were incorporated, the provisions of Division 2 of the Associations Incorporation Act were to be followed and forms submitted to the Office of Fair Trading. A special resolution approving the amalgamation was also required from members of each of the clubs. Should either of the clubs be unincorporated a merger may be problematic and the club may need to disband.

Directors endorsed the Ipswich DOC and Lockyer Valley DOC proceeding with the amalgamation, with the correct processes as required by the Associations Incorporation Act to be followed.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVALFlying Minutes re Membership

Directors ratified the memberships accepted by flying minutes as tabled. Directors were reminded to check their emails every day and respond as soon as possible on membership approvals.

Membership currently stood at 5,541 plus 967 Community Memberships.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is to be held Tuesday, 23 July 2024 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.