

SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 27 August 2024

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of interest were declared by:

- Elisa McCutcheon for one item and she did not participate in discussions or vote on the matter.
- Duncan McAllister abstained from discussions on one agenda item.

No other conflicts of interest were declared.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 23 July 2024

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

Summary of Previous Minutes – 25 June 2024

The Summary of Minutes for 25 June 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

CWLO - Annual Submission from Breeders

Directors noted the information provided and positive steps forward. The number of dog transfers being registered had increased.

Club Annual Reports

Efforts continued to obtain outstanding club annual reports with consideration to be given to sending reminders to the next group of clubs.

Ekka 2024

Directors noted the information provided, with Ekka 2024 being reasonably successful for Dogs Queensland. Discussion followed on the set up and area of the Dogs Queensland stand, access issues and suggested improvements for Ekka 2025. Ideas included obtaining additional space, playing videos, larger signage, banners and better publicity, Dogs Queensland representatives providing information and engaging more with the public, conducting demonstrations for one hour during lunchtimes and having dogs present at the stand at all times to attract more people.

Additional assistance was required from volunteers noting the area needed to have ready access, for example one or two vehicles allowed at lunchtime in the overflow section and more crew passes. Further work was required on possible options for Ekka 2025 with the General Manager flagging he would also like to attend RNA Canine meetings.

REPORTS

Financial Report – July 2024

Directors noted the information provided including the interest rates being received for the term deposits and monies which could be utilised for the work required on the toilets.

Financial Summary – July 2024 - noted.

Office Reports

Office Report – Week Ending – 23 August 2024

Directors discussed office staffing levels with the General Manager indicating the current numbers were sufficient to cover work in the office and on the grounds.

Social Media Report – August 2024

Directors discussed the report noting the work being undertaken and the Facebook posts promoting Dogs Queensland activities. Further opportunities should be pursued such as attracting other businesses to 'like' the Dogs Queensland page.

Welfare Officer Reports

CWLO Reports

Directors noted the CWLO Reports, with increased numbers of dog transfers being processed and more engagement occurring with members who now recognised Dogs Queensland was there to assist on any dog issues.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Wounded Heroes – Queensland Charity Partnership

Directors noted and discussed the information provided with the General Manager requested to undertake further research on the proposed partnering/relationship and provide a report to the Board.

Draft 2025 Election Notice

Directors discussed the information provided.

Request to form Canine Grooming Committee

Directors noted and discussed the information provided. Directors agreed EOIs be issued to ascertain interest in forming a Canine Grooming Committee. A report was to be provided at the next Board meeting to consider the appointment of Canine Grooming Committee members if the number of EOIs received were adequate.

COMMITTEES

Durack Grounds

Durack Grounds - Quote broken pipe leading from Campers' Toilets

Quotes had been received with Duncan McAllister and the Grounds Committee to assist the General Manager to assess the information provided to enable a way forward to be determined.

Durack Grounds - LED Lights for grounds

An inspection of LED lights for the sporting fields was to be arranged before the next Board meeting.

Queensland Dog Sports

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

QDS Judges Elevation

Directors **endorsed** the following Judges elevations:

- Sharon Daniels - Trick Dog Tests judging licence to judge all levels.

- Helen Williams - Track and Search judging licence to judge all levels.
- Tanya Hill – Tracking judging licence to judge all levels.
- Barb Murfet – Scentwork judging licence to judge Novice and Advanced Scentwork Classes.
- Ben Fraser – Scentwork judging licence to judge Novice and Advanced Scentwork Classes.

Future membership of the Tracking and Track and Search Subcommittee

Directors noted the information provided was considered acceptable, with the Senior Vice-President advising she would attend to the matter in the first instance.

Conformation Judges & Events Managers

A verbal report was provided noting the hands-on event conducted on 24 August 2024. Discussion followed on whether Show Managers’ Reports were read and how any incidents were flagged or brought to the office’s attention for follow up. General Manager advised issues raised by Show Manager were brought to his attention, with the suggestion the Show Manager program should contain a ‘red flag’ to highlight any matters. It was noted issues were not being passed onto the CJC with the suggestion Show Manager reports provided to the office staff be copied to the Chair of the CJC.

Canine Health

Canine Health Committee Minutes – 20/08/2024

Directors noted the information provided with the Canine Health Committee Chair speaking to the activities being conducted.

Constitution and Rules

Minutes C&R meeting 21/08/2024

The minutes of the Constitution and Rules Committee meeting were tabled with Gordon Mayne acknowledging the significant amount of work undertaken by the Committee members.

Discussion followed on each of the proposed Dogs Queensland Rule changes, noting:

- Rule 79.1 and use of 'the precinct' wording and whether defined distances may be more suitable. Consistency was required on the application of the precinct rule with agreement the definition wording remain as is and if issues arise, the Rule could be revisited.
- Rule 71.9 and issues should the Show Manager not accept the complaint noting the Notice of Intention to lodge a complaint should be made on the day as the incident would be fresh in people’s mind. Discussion followed on who was responsible for incidents during the time before or after shows noting the club/Show Manager would be responsible from the time people were allowed to enter the grounds and until everyone left.
- Definition for the word ‘sign’ held over.
- Rule 71.1 (2) and a dog suspended from Exhibition and all activities covered by the Rules for the period from the time of the incident until the hearing. It was noted Rule 71.4 allowed remedial training for dogs provided the Club agreed to allow the dog on the grounds.
- Rule 71.1 (3) with the suggestion the word ‘moral’ be removed.
- Appendix 11, noting extreme weather conditions including cyclones were to be considered.

Directors resolved to approve the amendments to Dogs Queensland Rules as follows:

Rule 40.2	Rule 44.11 (1)	Rule 49.1	Rule 49.7
Rule 20.2 (3)(ii)	Rule 71.1 (2)	Rule 71.9	Rule 79.1

Rule 71.2 (2)	Rule 71.1 (3), subject to removal of the word 'moral'.	Rule 44.9	Rule 28.1
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Directors resolved to amend Appendix 6 and Appendix 7 to align with the changes to Rule 71 and Appendix 11.

Directors thanked Gordon Mayne and the Constitution and Rules Committee for the work completed and requested the General Manager reprint a hard copy of the latest revised Rules with all changes incorporated.

Junior Handlers

A verbal report was provided noting a full financial report was not yet available, however, a spend of \$960 had been incurred. Work was ongoing with as many products as possible sourced from sponsors.

Marketing and Public Relations

A verbal report was provided noting there was a change of arrangements around the Anzac Day/Paws Aid show which was being run in conjunction with the Caboolture KC and Dog of the Year was progressing.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Show Dates for Approval

Directors discussed the requests provided and agreed as follows:

- Beenleigh Ag accepted.
- Australian Shepherd Club of Qld not accepted.
- Burnett Kennel Club/Murgon Ag clash of dates were noted, however the matter was outside of the control of Dogs Queensland.
- Paws Aid accepted.
- Gladstone Kennel Club accepted.

Changes in Ag Show Dates

Directors noted the information provided.

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Qld – Open Show – Saturday, 21 September 2024

Directors discussed the information provided noting the General Manager would review the dates for the Open Show later in the year and provide suggested dates. Elisa McCutcheon did not participate in discussions.

Club Matters

Request from GSDCQ for 2025 National Raffle

Directors discussed the information provided and agreed the request be declined.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

Flying Minutes re Membership

Directors ratified the memberships accepted by flying minutes as tabled. Membership currently stands at 5,743 plus 969 Community Memberships.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is to be held Tuesday, 24 September 2024 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.