

SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 26 November 2024

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The following conflicts of interest were declared:

- Duncan McAllister for one Agenda Item and he did not participate in discussions or vote on the matter.

No other conflicts of interest were declared.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 22 October 2024

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 22 October 2024 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of Previous Minutes – 24 September 2024

The Summary of Minutes for 24 September 2024 was accepted, as amended, with the Summary to be published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

Action Items

Action Items – 26 November 2024

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.

REPORTS

Financial Report – October 2024 - noted.

Financial Summary – October 2024 - noted.

Budget 2025

Directors noted the information provided and the fee recommendations. A conservative approach had been taken in formulating the budget noting the working papers were able to be circulated to all.

The Board agreed to the 4% increase in fees as recommended in the paper provided, with all other fees to remain 'as is'.

Office Reports

Office Report – Week Ending – 22 November 2024 – noted.

Social Media Report – November 2024 – noted.

Welfare Officer Reports

CWLO Reports – 19 November 2024

Directors noted the information provided with the Canine Welfare and Liaison Officer (CWLO) continuing to build a positive, working relationship with local Councils.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Mr J Mullins – Blue Card advice

Directors discussed the information provided noting any person involved in activities involving children must possess a Blue Card which included all judges, stewards, photographers, club management committees and Directors.

Additions to Emeritus Judges List

Directors discussed the information provided noting Jocelyn Croad would not be an addition to the list as she was taking up an overseas appointment.

The Board agreed Ley James and Shaneen Bendixen be added to the Emeritus Judges List.

Dogs Queensland Specialist List

Directors discussed the information provided noting the Board were able to remove people from the Specialist List if required.

The Board resolved Ros Seare be added to the Dogs Queensland Specialist List.

Royal Canin Allocation 2025 and Future Sponsorship

Directors discussed the information provided, noting it was proposed exhibitors would receive aprons, not food.

ANKC (Dogs Australia) Matters

Notice – Special Dogs Australia Board Meeting: 8 February 2025 - noted.

DA – October 2024 State Administrators Meeting – Minutes confirmed - noted.

DA – October 2024 ANKC Ltd AGM Minutes – confirmed - noted.

DA/FCI – Circular 5/2021 – Cropped/Docked Dogs of Breeds customarily Cropped/Docked Reminder

Directors discussed the information provided, noting for FCI Shows, cropped/docked dogs born from 1 January 2025 would not be able to be shown. It was suggested ANKC be advised to issue communications to members on the matter, as this was not a Dogs Queensland issue.

DA – October 2024 ANKC Ltd Board Meeting Minutes – Confirmed – noted.

DA – Expressions of Interest to conduct A20 Shows - noted.

COMMITTEES

Durack Grounds

New Ablution Block

The information provided was noted, with discussion following on:

- The location for the ablution block, quotes, longevity of the building and the designs provided.
- Whether a discount on the price could be negotiated with Panelfab given Dogs Queensland had a hiring arrangement in place.
- Uses for and refurbishment of the old toilet block which would be an expense to Dogs Queensland.

- Existing pipework to be used, however it was unknown if there were other issues which may arise requiring further repairs which would be a significant cost.

The Board resolved to progress the purchase and installation of an ablution block from Panelfab for a total of \$134,420 being the preferred recommendation provided by the General Manager.

Solar lighting for Durack - matter to be placed in abeyance.

SprintDog Track Proposal

Directors discussed the information provided, noting:

- The work required with the possible cost being around \$100,000 for earthworks, permanent fencing noting the damaged fencing in place was to be repaired by Dogs Queensland, provision of a sandpit and lighting. However the work could be undertaken in stages noting consideration should also be given to the costs of ongoing maintenance and repairs.
- Sprintdog track to be located near the Lure Coursing track with consideration given to the positives and negatives for alternate locations at the Durack grounds. It was noted the Sprintdog club acknowledged the area would be shared with all clubs.
- The club had raised \$10,000 to date and fundraising would continue, with the suggestion Dogs Queensland contribute \$10,000. If \$20,000 was available, the initial earthworks could at least be commenced noting the positive benefits of having a dedicated Sprintdog track for this popular and growing activity at Durack. The Grounds Committee would obtain quotes, with a summary to be provided. It was also suggested pricing for the track lighting be obtained as part of the grounds lighting quotes which may provide some bulk discount benefits.

The Board agreed in principle support was provided for work to commence on the proposed Sprintdog track, with a summary of the quotes for the work to be provided and an agreement obtained from the Sprintdog club on the contribution amount.

October Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes

November Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes

Directors noted and discussed the information provided, with the following highlighted:

- A Workplace, Health and Safety inspection had been conducted at Durack noting items identified in the report were:
 - i) A lock was required at all times on the Energex green box, noting a solution would be required when lights were to be turned on for certain areas.
 - ii) Standard safety checklist form was required to review prior to events.
 - iii) Conduit on the lighting pole damaged, possibly due to vandalism, was to be repaired.
 - iv) Food heater in Wagz, which had only been purchased one week ago, to be tested and tagged.
- The outcomes were positive and matters were being addressed.
- Show equipment from events had been left out in the weather and needed to be stored.

Queensland Dog Sports

Qld Dogs Sports Committee Financial Report for October 2024 - noted and discussed.

QDS Judges Elevations

The Board **endorsed** the following Judges elevations:

- Mechalle Anderson – DWD
- Silke Weyland – CCD Obedience

- Dr Katherine O'Brien - CDX

SprintDog Submission to National Working Party

The information provided was noted, with the Senior Vice-President and Vyvyan Mannion providing support and assistance on the matter.

Lure Coursing/SprintDog Heat Policy

The information provided was noted, with the policy to initially be reviewed by the Dogs Sports Committee before referral to the Constitution and Rules Committee.

SprintDog Trials for 2025 - noted.

QDS Committee Minutes

The information provided was addressed, noting:

- The Senior Vice-President would issue a reminder to all subcommittees to provide reports.
- The National Agility event scheduled for June 2026.
- Trophy presentation for all Dogs Sports on 22 February 2025, with all Directors invited to attend.
- Schedule bookings through Show Manager, with information viewed limited to the club's own booking and not others. Further discussions were required on the matter.

Conformation Judges & Events Managers

Minutes of the CJC meeting 12 November 2024

The minutes of the CJC meeting were noted, with discussion following on:

- New entrants 2024 – 2025 noting one candidate had extensive experience and would have the required eight years when training was completed.

The Board considered the points raised and the deviation from the requirements of the CJC training scheme and agreed Bill Moxham be permitted to participate.

- Difficulty obtaining Open Show judges for some of the Groups with the suggestion the CJC consider reducing the number of Open Shows held.
- Neuter BIS at shows with 1-4 placings noting an error had occurred with a step left out for 'best neuter in group placings' in the Dogs Queensland Rules. A submission would be made to ANKC on changes to the rules to reflect placings for neuters.
- Proposal for mock hands-on training for Zones 2 and 3. The Board agreed to support and cover the cost of airfares for two of the CJC Committee to attend a show in each of Zones 2 and 3 to assist trainees.
- FCI Shows noting the issue of ANKC constantly changing rules with the request the matter be included on the next ANKC meeting agenda to address consistency with FCI Rules.

Canine Health

Canine Health Committee Minutes – 15 October 2024

Directors noted the minutes provided, with a suggestion the GDV issue for larger dog breeds and dachshunds and new research may be a seminar topic of interest.

Constitution and Rules

Draft Financial Delegations Framework

The information provided was noted and discussed with the suggestion the framework adopted be reviewed after three months. The Board resolved to adopt and approve the Financial Delegations Policy tabled.

Draft Disaster Relief Policy

The information provided was noted and discussed. The Board resolved to adopt and approve the Emergency Disaster Relief Fund Policy tabled, with a cap of \$1,000 per household.

Show Dates Policy - Draft

The information provided was discussed noting the guiding principles. The policy was to be updated, noting the comments on limiting Open Shows, with feedback invited from Directors.

Government and Media Liaison

The local members of Parliament were being contacted following the recent State Government election.

Junior Handlers

Zone 2 and Zone 3 Junior Handlers - noted.

Marketing and Public Relations

Dog of the Year was to be held on 7 & 8 February 2025, with a Valentine's Day theme planned.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Show Dates for Approval

Directors discussed the requests provided which were either accepted or declined.

Discussion followed on the Toowoomba Royal changing dates without notification noting no schedule had been provided and no applications made for Judges' clearances.

The Board **agreed** the General Manager advise Toowoomba Royal the Ag Show must finish on the Friday.

Directors requested the General Manager update the Show Dates schedule to reflect the latest changes and to provide a draft Show Schedule for 2026 at the January 2025 Board meeting.

DogzCairns Trials for 2025

Directors discussed the information provided.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

Flying Minutes re Membership

The Board ratified the memberships accepted by flying minutes as tabled. Membership currently stood at 5,897 plus 981 Community Memberships.

LATE ITEMS & GENERAL BUSINESS

Amended Electronic Motion #213 – Code of Practice of Responsible Dog Ownership Clause 14 Amendment

The information provided was considered with the Board supporting the proposed changes to the National Code of Responsible Dog Ownership.

Show Dates 2025 – Laidley Ag Show – Request for a 2nd Show

The Board agreed to the request by the Laidley Ag Show for a second Championship Show.

Contribution for National Breed Show - Cocker Spaniel Club

The Board agreed to the request to provide \$1,000 to the Cocker Spaniel Club for a National Breed Show.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is to be held Tuesday, 28 January 2025 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and by Zoom teleconference.